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Ms Meg Brown MP
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Dear Ms Brown

In Parliament on 4 November 2025, you asked the following question of me as Minister for Housing and Planning:

Many constituents in my electorate who live in Housing Tasmania properties have contacted me with serious concerns about their homes being riddled with mould, largely due to the age and condition of these homes. One resident has been forced to seek alternative accommodation due to mould making the home uninhabitable. What action are you taking to ensure essential maintenance is taking place and carried out with this serious health issue?

Thank you for this question.

The Tenancy Agreement specifies the responsibility for maintaining properties and ensuring they are free from mould rests with the tenant. Homes Tasmania provides information sheets to ensure residents are aware of the causes of mould and how they can prevent mould and condensation in their properties. This includes ensuring their properties are kept clean and well ventilated, to prevent the build-up of condensation and mould.

However, Homes Tasmania and Community Housing providers have responsibility for the remediation of mould in properties where the mould is the result of something outside the control of the resident. This could be due to a burst pipe, rising damp or a leak in the roof. Where this is the case, I encourage tenants to contact the maintenance services at Homes Tasmania or their Community Housing Provider as soon as they become aware of the problem.

I hope this answers your query.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Housing and Planning