CONSTITUENT QUESTION

House of Assembly

ASKED BY: Janie Finlay MP

ANSWERED BY: Hon Guy Barnett MP

QUESTION:

I. Lynne from Launceston would like to know what progress has been made to relocate the current services operating out of the Allambi building so the hospice project can commence?

ANSWER:

The new hospice will be located at the current Allambi building at 33-39 Howick Street. I can confirm the Project's Lead Design Architect was appointed in March 2024, and I'm advised the design will facilitate contemporary integrated stepped-care models and support holistic, person-centred, family-oriented palliative care.

A Project Reference Group has been established of key internal and external stakeholders including Palliative Care Tasmania, Friends of the Northern Hospice, and the Northern Consumer and Community Engagement Council.

Wider community consultation is planned and the Department will provide details about how to participate in this consultation process.

In relation to the existing services, the Department is currently considering alternative options, and we will provide further updates once a suitable location has been confirmed.

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Hon Guy Barnett MP

Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing

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