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Ms Jen Butler MP  
Parliament House, Hobart, TAS 7000

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Dear Ms Butler

In Parliament on 19 November 2024, you asked the following question:

*This constituent question is from the people of Longford. Last week about 100 rose bushes along Tannery Road, South Longford, were poisoned with what appears to be a herbicide. The Bicentennial Rose Garden is exactly placed where consideration for a bypass lane has been discussed between State Growth and the developers of the proposed Lowes BP large truck refuelling depot. Whilst the people of Longford are not making any accusations regarding who was responsible, they do find it a remarkable coincidence that the rose garden, which formed a major part of their opposition to the proposed development, has been destroyed.*

*As a memorial garden, rose garden is on crown land and under the control of State Growth.*

*Could you reassure the Longford community that State Growth has no information about the poisoning and did not sanction what the group considered to be environmental vandalism?*

*As State Growth has ownership of the said verge garden, could State Growth confirm that it will report the poisoning of the roses to Tasmania Police for investigation?*

In response to your question, the Department of State Growth has advised that the Department's contractor has not undertaken any spraying of the verges at this location.

The roadside where the rose bushes are planted is maintained by the Northern Midlands Council in accordance with Section 11 of the *Roads and Jetties Act 1935*. Therefore, the reporting of any alleged criminal behaviour to Tasmania Police in that area would be a matter for the Council.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC  
**Minister for Infrastructure**