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Ms Laura Ross Clerk of the House of Assembly Parliament House HOBART TAS 7000

Dear Ms Ross

Please find below a response to a constituency question asked by Mr Carlo Di Falco MP in the House of Assembly on 11 September 2025 regarding the pensioners downsizing to a new home duty concession. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I can confirm that the concession required the transfer of the home being sold to be completed by 30 June 2025, which has now passed. This expiration was legislated, and there is no flexibility or discretion to extend eligibility beyond this date without the passage of new legislation.

Consistent with taxation settings in the interim 2025-26 State Budget, the Government does not intend to introduce legislation to reinstate this concession.

This decision was not taken lightly. The cost to revenue of any time-limited taxation measure must be carefully considered, particularly in the current budgetary environment. The concession was not without cost to the State Budget, and decisions to forgo revenue are just as significant as decisions to increase revenue through changes to tax rates or the tax base.

Yours sincerely

Hon Eric Abetz MP

Treasurer