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Ms Jess Greene MP
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Dear Ms Jess Greene

On 3 September 2026 you asked me the following constituent question in the House of Assembly:

My constituent Jeff from Gravelly Beach regularly travels on the Spirit of Tasmania and has previously been able to book 11 months in advance. Jeff is trying to plan his next trip, but despite trying to book both online and over the phone, he has been told he can't book beyond June 2027. My question is: what is causing the delay of opening the bookings beyond June 2027 and when can passengers like Jeff expect more bookings to become available?

In the lead up to the full inventory of the new Spirit of Tasmania vessels being released, a brief pause was placed on releasing availability at the usual 11 months in advance. This was due to the new fares and new cabin and recliner types coming online, and the booking system changes required to enable it.

This inventory is now available and, in good news for our constituents like Jeff, the availability is now released day-by-day, rather than week-by-week, 360 days ahead. It also includes new options like the pet-friendly and family-friendly cabins, and the new business recliner seats.

I hope Jeff will enjoy travelling on the new Spirit of Tasmania ships, and I trust this information assists.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
Minister for Infrastructure and Transport