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Dear Mr George

Thank you for your constituent question asked on 26 March 2026 in Parliament, regarding TasTAFE.

The Government has been clear that TasTAFE, as the State's public provider, must maintain a strong focus on skills for jobs and ensuring students are equipped with the capabilities Tasmania's economy needs now and into the future.

The Tasmanian Skills Plan provides a strategic framework guiding Government investment in vocational education and training. It ensures public subsidy is directed toward occupations in demand across key industries that rely on a VET-trained workforce, including construction, health and community services, manufacturing, agriculture, tourism and hospitality. This aligns with the broader national sector priorities such as Healthcare, Aged Care and Trades.

TasTAFE is expected to maintain a contemporary training portfolio that keeps pace with changing workforce needs and aligns with Government priorities. This includes regularly reviewing course offerings to ensure public investment is directed where it will deliver the strongest employment outcomes for learners and the greatest benefit to industry and the Tasmanian economy.

Regional access to training remains an important consideration for TasTAFE as the State's public provider, and the Government continues to invest in facilities and infrastructure that supports regional learners.

Some recent notable investments by the Government in TasTAFE infrastructure and regional training centres includes:

- **A New Student Management System** – Bringing TasTAFE's systems into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with our new \$20 Million learner management system, a significant investment from this government, to help TasTAFE operate more efficiently and deliver stronger outcomes for learners.
- **Alanvale Health Hub expansion** – A \$7.5 million investment in boosting training capacity in health, youth work, drug and alcohol support, supporting workforce demand in critical community services.

- **Tasmanian Clean Energy Centre of Excellence** – \$27.2 million investment in TasTAFE’s Burnie campus supporting emerging workforce demand in clean energy industries and including learner accommodation to improve accessibility. This investment is supporting regional learners to access specialised training in a growing sector of our economy.
- **New Automotive Training Centre** in southern Tasmania designed in conjunction with the Automotive industry. A new fit for purpose training facility that will offer an industry-aligned automotive training environment.

TasTAFE continues to play a critical role in delivering high quality training across the State, including in regional communities, and the Government remains committed to ensuring Tasmanians have access to the training they need to secure jobs, build their careers and grow Tasmania’s economy.

The Government is working closely with the arts and creative sector to ensure that its skills need continue to be met. An investment of \$300,000 has been provided to address workforce issues and identify training opportunities in the sector following an industry roundtable held late last year.

Thank you for raising these matters in Parliament, I trust this information is helpful.

Yours faithfully



Felix Ellis MP

**Minister for Skills and Jobs**

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