

Constituent Question

House of Assembly

ASKED BY: Anita Dow MP

ANSWERED BY: Hon Bridget Archer MP
Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing

QUESTION:

My constituent question is from Chris on King Island.

Chris asks: Minister, are you aware that volunteer ambulance officers currently reside in the garage at the local police station, where they have a chair to sit on and no toilet or changing facilities?

Minister, do you think these are adequate conditions for our hard-working volunteer ambulance officers who provide a critical and vital community service in the absence of a permanent paramedic?

Minister, when will our volunteer ambulance officers on King Island be given adequate facilities to operate out of, and the dignity and respect that they deserve?

ANSWER:

- The new King Island Ambulance Station has taken an important step forward with the construction tender released in July 2026.
- This will deliver critical new infrastructure to support Paramedics and Volunteers in servicing the King Island Community.
- The new ambulance station will be built at 35 Edward Street, Currie, adjacent to the King Island District Hospital and Health Centre.
- It will be located on vacant land in the south-eastern corner of the hospital grounds, allowing direct access onto Edward Street.
- The new ambulance station will provide dedicated, purpose-built facilities for Ambulance Tasmania, which currently shares facilities with Tasmania Police and the State Emergency Service.
- It will offer improved amenity for staff with designs including a training room, modern office and storage facilities, dormitory accommodation for on-call staff, and a two-bay garage capable of housing up to four vehicles, providing capacity for service growth into the future.

- During the design phase, the Department of Health consulted directly with Ambulance Tasmania, King Island Council planners and the local community.
- Tenders for the construction contract closed on 19 August 2026, with construction expected to start before the end of 2026.
- Works are anticipated to take 12 months and be completed by late 2027.

APPROVED



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