



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SESSIONAL COMMITTEE  
GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION A

**MEDIA ADVISORY**

13 July 2026

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**INQUIRY INTO THE FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

On 17 December 2025, Legislative Council Sessional Committee Government Administration A resolved to commence an inquiry into the financial and operational performance of the Department of Health, with the following Terms of Reference:

*To inquire into and report upon matters related to the Department of Health, including the Department's:*

- 1. financial performance;*
- 2. operational performance;*
- 3. budgetary control measures;*
- 4. fraud control measures;*
- 5. suitability and effectiveness of the Key Performance Information; and*
- 6. any other matter incidental thereto.*

The Committee advertised the Inquiry in Tasmania's three main daily newspapers on Saturday, 31 January 2026 calling for submissions to be received by 13 March 2026. Four submissions were received. The Committee received verbal and written evidence from the Auditor-General, the Department of Treasury and Finance, the Minister for Health, the Department of Health Audit and Risk Committee, Sphere Management Advisers and Consultants and RACGP (Tas). Three further written submissions were received.

The Inquiry is ongoing. The Committee is now seeking further evidence relating to its terms of reference, specifically the financial and operational performance of the Department of Health. There are two opportunities for interested individuals and organisations to provide evidence to this Inquiry - by providing a written submission or attending a private forum of the Committee.

*Written Submission*

The Committee advertised the Inquiry for the second time in Tasmania's three daily papers on Saturday 11 July 2026, inviting further written submissions from interested individuals or organisations responding to the terms of reference of the Inquiry. Written submissions are to be received by no later than close of business on 25 September 2026.

*Attendance at a Private Forum*

The Committee invites members of the community to participate in a private discussion forum as part of its inquiry into the financial and operational performance of the Department of Health. Participation in the forums is by appointment only.

The forums provide an opportunity for participants to share their views, experiences, and ideas in a respectful and confidential setting. Feedback from the forum will help inform the Committee's consideration of the issues under review.

The Committee will be conducting private forums in Launceston, Burnie and Hobart during October 2026.

Other relevant information is available to access via the Parliament of Tasmania website: (<https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/committees/legislative-council/sessional-committees/govadmina/current-inquiries/inquiry-into-the-financial-and-operational-performance-of-the-department-of-health>) or by contacting Inquiry Secretary via email on [fph@parliament.tas.gov.au](mailto:fph@parliament.tas.gov.au) or (03) 6212 2249.

Members of the Committee are:

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Hon Clare Glade-Wright MLC  
Hon Sarah Lovell MLC  
Hon Cassy O'Connor MLC  
Hon Bec Thomas MLC

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**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

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