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Dear Dr Broad

Thank you for your constituent question relating to the industrial action that was recently taken by some Tasmania Fire Service Firefighters.

Firefighting is one of the most demanding roles in our emergency services, and we are grateful for the dedication of firefighters who support Tasmanians when they need it most.

I have met with both the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner and representatives of the United Firefighters Union (UFU) to discuss how we can best support firefighters in serving our community.

The Department of Police, Fire and Emergency Management is committed to keeping Tasmanians safe and supporting its workforce. The Tasmanian Government also remains committed to working constructively with the UFU and firefighters as negotiations continue beyond the one-year agreement already reached. I am advised that the bargaining process has been productive and a formal offer on the Firefighting Industrial Agreement has been sent to the UFU for consideration for a three-year agreement.

Yours faithfully

Hon Felix Ellis MP
Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Management

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