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Mr Marcus Vermey MP
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Dear Mr Vermey

Thank you for your constituency question asked in the House of Assembly on 24 March 2026 regarding safety in Tasmanian town centres.

Community safety is a core priority of the Tasmanian Government, and we recognise community concern about recent incidents of antisocial and violent behaviour across Hobart and other Tasmanian town centres. The Government is taking a multi-layered approach focused on prevention, visible enforcement and practical support.

This includes maintaining and increasing high-visibility police patrols in town centres, targeting repeat offending and problem locations, and supporting Tasmania Police with specialist resources to intervene early when behaviour escalates.

At the same time, the Government is strengthening whole-of-system responses that address the drivers of antisocial behaviour, particularly among young people. This includes investment in youth intervention programs, bail and support services, and closer coordination between police, youth justice, health and community services. Local safety partnerships with councils, businesses and service providers are also being reinforced to improve lighting, surveillance and rapid responses in public spaces.

These combined measures are aimed at reducing offending, improving perceptions of safety, and ensuring communities can confidently use and enjoy their town centres.

Community members are encouraged to report any unusual or suspicious behaviour to Crime Stoppers Tasmania on 1800 333 000 or online, or directly to police via 131 444. No piece of information is too small to assist investigations.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Felix Ellis".

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

Copy to Ms Laura Ross, Clerk of the House of Assembly

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