

CONSTITUENT QUESTION

House of Assembly

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Minister for Health, Mental Health and Wellbeing

QUESTION:

Kim Moran from Scottsdale has contacted me regarding the future of the James Scott Wing. Their message is really simple. Why leave the health facility sitting idle when it could be delivering care, supporting older Tasmanians, easing pressure on the LGH, creating local jobs and strengthening health care in the North East? As you consider your consultation and expressions of interest, Kim Moran and Tasmanian Labor urge you to prioritise proposals that put patients first and make the best use of this critical public asset.

ANSWER:

The Department of Health has sought Expressions of Interest for the future use of the James Scott Wing at the North Eastern Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Scottsdale. The EOI was open for six weeks and closed on Friday 11 September 2026.

Submissions received will be carefully considered to ensure the space is used for a service that meets patient and community need, contributes to state-wide priorities to enhance rural health services, and complements existing services delivered from the hospital.

Timelines for the commencement of any new service from the James Scott Wing are dependent on the scale and scope of the proposals received. The Department of Health will now review proposals and, if appropriate, enter negotiations.

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