

Emergency Care Funding

Mr GEORGE question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

My question comes from Siobhán in Kingborough. On Friday 24 April, Siobhán's 80-year-old mother fell in Kingston Library at 3.00 p.m., and no ambulance was available to attend. After seven hours of waiting, the family ultimately decided to drive her to the Royal Hobart Hospital themselves. The family have nothing but respect for the doctors and nurses who attended to their mother, who was found to have a broken arm, a potentially very serious injury for an octogenarian. Minister, do you agree that this is not an appropriate level of emergency care? Will you commit to more funding for emergency services so that our families are not left to look after themselves?