

Department of Health Cost Savings

Dr BROAD question to MINISTER for HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH and WELLBEING

My constituent Tammy from Wynyard has asked: the Department of Health has been tasked with finding more than \$700 million in savings over the forward Estimates. Tammy, and many other Tasmanians, are understandably confused. On one hand, the Government is claiming record investment in Health. On the other, it is demanding hundreds of millions of dollars in savings from a system already struggling with workforce shortages, surgery waiting lists and Emergency Department pressures.

Can the Minister explain how both of these statements can be true at the same time and specifically identify where \$700 million in savings will be found without reducing services, delaying care, or increasing pressure on frontline health workers?