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Ms Kristie Johnston MP
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Dear Ms Johnston

Thank you for your constituency question asked in the House of Assembly on 5 May 2026 regarding a pilot wellbeing program for retired police officers.

I can advise that I responded to the Retired Police Association of Tasmania's (RPAT) letter on 19 May 2026, and I sincerely apologise to RPAT for this delay. In my response, I acknowledged that steps have not yet been taken to implement the trial program as originally planned, and I understand how disappointing this has been for RPAT.

As you would appreciate, this matter sits within a broader and increasingly complex landscape relating to workers compensation across the Tasmanian State Service. Ensuring that any new initiative aligns with these wider system settings, and does not inadvertently create inconsistencies or unintended consequences, requires careful consideration and planning. For this reason, it has been important to take the time needed to ensure the pilot is designed in a way that is robust and sustainable, and capable of being subject to proper evaluation.

I remain committed to ensuring the trial commences, and I can confirm that work on the program is continuing to progress. I will be seeking to provide a clearer timeline to you and RPAT once we have clarity on the way forward.

I am grateful for the constructive and patient approach that RPAT has taken throughout this process, and I thank both you and RPAT for your continued advocacy for this important matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Felix Ellis".

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

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