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Dear Mr ^{Vica} Bayley

In Parliament on 18 March 2026, you asked the following question of me as Minister for Housing and Planning:

Can you confirm what urgent action will be taken to address fire hazard risks at vacant public housing properties in Clark and across the state, and further will you commit to review the contracted housing maintenance arrangements to ensure work is completed to an adequate standard?

Thank you for this question.

Homes Tasmania undertakes routine landscaping on its vacant land, common areas of complexes and at its vacant properties, including properties that are subject to insurance works, to address potential fire hazard risks. Homes Tasmania also works with Local Government Authorities to manage any further areas of concern at Homes Tasmania sites.

Homes Tasmania has detailed contractual arrangements in place providing landscaping, general maintenance and essential building services maintenance to its managed property portfolio. These contracts all include provisions requiring quality outcomes at the point of delivery and provide mechanisms to ensure expected standards are reinforced through quality assurance processes.

Homes Tasmania regularly reviews its operations in the delivery of maintenance services and is committed to continual improvement. The rollout of the new operating model for general maintenance works in July 2025 in the South and the forthcoming rollout of the same model in the North are evidence of that ongoing commitment.

Yours sincerely

Hon Kerry Vincent MLC
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