



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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The Hon. Eric Abetz MP
Treasurer
Leader of Government Business
Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal

Dear Mr *Eric* Abetz

MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF EXPECTATIONS

Congratulations on your recent appointment as Treasurer, Leader of Government Business, and Minister for Macquarie Point Urban Renewal Project.

Our Government must remain focused on delivery to keep Tasmania moving forward with certainty, stability, and efficiency.

The Tasmanian people have elected a minority Parliament, and a new approach is essential to make it work effectively. Communication and collaboration with the Crossbench and all MPs, both in the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council, will be critical, and I want you to play a positive, proactive role in ensuring this Parliament functions for the full four-year term.

As Leader for Government Business in the House of Assembly, it is particularly important to work transparently and collaboratively in relation to the scheduling of business in the Parliament.

I have attached the draft Foundations of Stability document, which includes the establishment of a ministerial engagement protocol. I encourage you to review this document and consider how you, as Minister, can actively contribute to and participate in that protocol.

Our Government remains absolutely committed to fully implementing all Commission of Inquiry recommendations and I would be grateful for your collaboration across the whole of government to ensure the timely implementation of these significant reforms.

Furthermore, I would appreciate it if you prioritised and focus on the below goals and objectives:

- Ensure the long-term fiscal sustainability of the State through responsible Budget and economic management, with a return to surplus over the forward estimates.
- Instruct Treasury to work closely with the Department of Premier and Cabinet through Budget development and management to ensure a unified whole of government approach.
- Maintain Tasmania's strong credit rating.
- Convene the Multi-partisan Budget Matter Panel, and ensure the Panel meets regularly and that all voices are heard.
- Work with all Ministers to deliver our Government's Economic Statement to secure Tasmania's strong economy and jobs through confidence, investment and stability.
- Lead the work in consultation with other relevant Ministers to ensure better procurement processes in tendering government work, simplifying the process for businesses and cutting red tape, while delivering effective and efficient outcomes for government.
- Establish a new State-owned insurance company, TasInsure, to deliver cheaper insurance products for all Tasmanians.

- Deliver the Macquarie Point Multi-Purpose Stadium and Urban Renewal Project, with works underway by Quarter One, 2026.
- Continue to deliver government business reform.
- Ensure the protection of vulnerable Tasmanians through a robust concession scheme that protects those on low and fixed-term incomes against cost-of-living increases.

It is incumbent on every Minister to ensure that they are operating within their Budget allocations and to ensure their agencies are performing efficiently and productively.

I look forward to meeting with you regularly to assess progress in meeting these goals.

In addition to the above, I note that we have released our plan for the First 100 days of a re-elected Liberal Minority Government. I ask that we continue to drive the delivery of these plans that provide the public with regular updates on our Government's achievements.

I expect a strong commitment from you to travel to every corner of our State, meeting people and stakeholders in each area of your responsibilities.

Notwithstanding the above, it is also very important to never forget the people who have enabled you to have the privilege of such responsibility, your electorate. Every effort must be made to remain committed and connected to your electorate and the people of Franklin.

My Office looks forward to collaborating with your team to ensure we collectively deliver on our Government's strategic objectives. Further, we will collectively reassess any areas within your responsibilities that may not be meeting our Government's strategic objectives so that our efforts can be focussed on meeting the above goals.

Governance and behavioural expectations

As a Government, we commit to uphold the highest standards of public office and to act honestly, professionally and with accountability in the performance of our duties. Serving our State as a member of our Cabinet is both a privilege and a responsibility.

The attached documents are relevant to your Ministerial responsibilities. I urge you to familiarise yourself with these documents and your obligations and responsibilities contained therein:

1. Conflicts of Interest Declaration Form;
2. Code of Conduct for Ministers;
3. Code of Conduct for Ministers – Guidance Notes;
4. Code of Conduct for Ministers – Receipt and Giving of Gifts Policy; and
5. Tasmanian Government Lobbying Code of Conduct.

The Code of Conduct for Ministers requires each Minister to disclose to me as Premier any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest between their personal interests and their official duties. I would be grateful if you could provide your urgent advice in relation to the Ministerial portfolios listed above by completing and returning to me the attached declaration form (Attachment 1).

The Parliamentary (Disclosure of Interests) Act 1996 requires that all persons who become a Member lodge a Register of Interests. In addition, the relevant agencies in your portfolio will contact your office about delegating your functions and powers under section 24 of the Right to Information Act 2009 to officers in agencies.

The legislation you are required to administer in your portfolios and the Departments responsible to you for that administration are outlined in the Administrative Arrangements Order 2025 available at <https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/>.

I look forward to working with you towards Tasmania as a place where everyone feels valued, included, encouraged and supported to be the best they can be. My team and I are here to support you and your office and can provide any assistance you may require in progressing toward our shared goals and objectives.

Congratulations again on your appointment, and I look forward to working with you to deliver for all Tasmanians.

Yours sincerely



Jeremy Rockliff MP
Premier

Attachments:

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