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Guy Barnett, Minister for Building and Construction

Support for the future of the Building Industry

Tasmania is in the midst of a construction boom fuelled by both the private sector and the Hodgman Liberal Government's \$2 billion infrastructure investment in major works and capital upgrades for public infrastructure, including hospitals and schools.

A growing building industry requires investment in skills and training and that's why the Hodgman Liberal Government is contributing \$250,000 over two years to support five building surveyor cadetships across the State.

Feedback from practicing building surveyors have expressed that the average age of the current workforce is also steadily increasing, with contributing factors including difficulty getting time off work to study for qualifications required to progress in the profession.

The aim of the cadetship program is to encourage the development of both new building surveyors, and current building surveyor (restricted) license holders to obtain an open license, to ensure the continuing viability of the profession within Tasmania.

Investments in skills like this and the Hodgman Liberal Government's support for businesses taking on trainees and apprentices will ensure that we have the building and construction workforce we need for the future.

The cadetships will comprise four payments of \$12,500 over two years provided to employers to employ and mentor a cadet while they undertake the advanced diploma, degree or post-graduate level studies.

The selection process was assisted by the Australian Institute of Building Surveyors (AIBS) national office in conjunction with the Department of Justice.

I would like to congratulate the successful applicants on their selection:

- Ms Esther Fletcher-Jones
Pitt & Sherry Building Surveying (Hobart)
- Ms Danielle Warf
Holdfast Pty Ltd (North Hobart)
- Mr Nick Gray
Braddon Building Surveying Pty Ltd (Devonport)
- Mr Julian Willoughby
Pitt & Sherry Building Surveying (Devonport)
- Mr Darrell Wright
Building Surveying Services Pty Ltd (Longford)

The Government will expand the program with a further cadetship being offered in the North later in the year, taking the total commitment to \$300,000.