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LIBERAL MEMBER FOR LYONS

Type I Diabetes Notice of Motion – Parliament of Tasmania 1 June 2016

Mr Guy Barnett MP [*Member for Lyons*] to move—That the House:—

- (1) Notes that diabetes is the fastest growing chronic disease in Australia with more than 1.7 million Australians, including an estimated 37,000 Tasmanians living with diabetes;
- (2) Further notes that Type I diabetes, an auto-immune condition in which the immune system is activated to destroy the cells in the pancreas which produce insulin – Type I diabetes accounts for 10% of all diabetes and is increasing;
- (3) Notes that it is not known what causes Type I diabetes, it is not linked to modified lifestyle factors, there is no cure and it cannot be prevented;
- (4) Further notes that people with Type I diabetes depend on insulin every day of their lives – Type I diabetes is managed with insulin injections multiple times a day or with the use of an insulin pump;
- (5) Notes that a re-elected Coalition Government will invest \$54 million to help children and young adults under 21 years living with Type I diabetes access continuous glucose monitoring technology which can be life saving and life changing, not only for people with diabetes, but also for their families and carers;
- (6) Acknowledges that Diabetes Australia has been advocating for a subsidy like this for the last four years because evidence shows that continuous glucose monitoring can help prevent or reduce the serious impact of hypoglycaemia;
- (7) Commends the Federal Government for this commitment which is estimated to benefit as many as 4,000 children and young adults, and could save the average family up to \$4,000 per year off the cost of managing their child's Type I diabetes;
- (8) Acknowledges that since 1955, Diabetes Tasmania has provided support and advocacy services around the State for those living with all types of diabetes;
- (9) Congratulates the staff and volunteers of Diabetes Tasmania, including CEO Ms Caroline Wells, and President, Mr Robert Manning, for their tireless efforts in advocating on behalf of those living with diabetes and those at risk.