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Hitting the ground running: listening to healthcare workers

New Minister for Health, Guy Barnett, has hit the ground running today touring one of the State's major hospitals, engaging directly with health staff and patients.

Meeting with frontline health workers today at the Royal Hobart Hospital, Minister Barnett has acknowledged and thanked the many thousands who work within the Tasmanians Health Service.

"It has been wonderful to spend time here with the staff at the hospital today, listening to them and hearing firsthand their stories, and why they are so passionate about what they do," Minister Barnett said.

"The Premier has led significant reform right across the health system and we have accomplished some great things for the people of Tasmania.

"I'm excited to build on this momentum and continue to deliver positive improvements so that all Tasmanians can access the health care system they deserve.

"Our health system is in a far better place than it has been for many years.

"Elective Surgery waiting lists have come down by 30 per cent since January 2021 and we're operating on more elective surgery patients per capita than anywhere else.

"And, the establishment of new, innovative services are enabling us to treat more people in the community, and in their homes.

"Our record investment of \$12.1 billion over the next four years - more than \$8.3 million each

and every day - demonstrates just how committed we are to continuing to deliver our long term plan, and boost the health of all Tasmanians.

“This investment is already delivering significant improvements.

“But we know there is more to do.

“That’s why I will continue to listen and engage with our workers and our key stakeholders over the next few weeks and I look forward to meeting more of our frontline health workers and dedicated volunteers in the coming weeks, not only at our major hospitals but also in our rural facilities and ambulance stations across the State.”

“The Tasmanian Liberal Government continues to deliver the best health outcomes for Tasmanians – whether that is in our hospitals, in their homes, or providing opportunities to lead active, healthy lifestyles.”