

**Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee**  
**ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**  
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**Prime Minister and Cabinet Portfolio**

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**Senator:** McAllister

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**Question:**

- a) What barriers does the Commonwealth consider exist to accessing continued education within the catchment of Launceston College and Newstead College, which are both standalone education facilities providing years 11 and 12 and vocational training?
- b) What courses have been identified as priorities for the schools that choose to extend to years 11 and 12 in order to improve education and employment opportunities and build the skills base of the community?
- c) What surveys and/or market testing had been undertaken in order to determine the likely demand for youth who may wish to engage with the proposed new Australian Army Cadet facility and training program in Launceston's northern suburb?

**Answer:**

- a) The delivery of this City Deal commitment is the responsibility of the Tasmanian Government, as set out in the City Deal. Progress will be reported through an annual progress report, with the first report to be made available in April 2018.
- b) As above.
- c) This City Deal commitment will build on the strong cadet presence in Launceston by establishing a new Australian Army cadet facility and enhanced training program in Launceston's northern suburbs. The new facilities and program will help youth in areas of high unemployment to build resilience, leadership, values and team building skills. Questions on the use of surveys and/ or market testing should be directed to the Department of Defence.