

## Questions without Notice

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**Name:** The Hon Ruth Forrest MLC

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### Questions:

With regard to the provision of Remedial Deep Tissue Massage (RDTM) therapy in Tasmania:

- 1 Can RDTM therapists provide RDMT in Tasmania if the service is provided under referral from a registered health practitioner within the meaning of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Tasmania); or a person who holds accreditation, as an accredited exercise physiologist, with Exercise and Sports Science Australia Ltd; and
  - 1.1 If not, when is the provision of RDMT expected to be able to resume in Tasmania;
- 2 Can the disparity in the ruling allowing Myotherapists to operate in Tasmania but not RDTM therapists be explained, given that these two allied health professions are so similar;
- 3 Is Tasmania the only jurisdiction in Australia where RDMT therapists are unable to practice due to Covid19 restrictions; and
  - 3.1 If so, why?

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**Answered by:** Hon Leonie Hiscutt MLC  
Leader of Government

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### Answers:

I am advised that remedial deep tissue massage is not restricted as a service, and can be provided under the *Gatherings no.9 Direction*. What is restricted are the premises from which this service can be provided.

Remedial massage services can be delivered from non-restricted premises, such as health or medical facilities.

Restricted premises, such as such as gymnasiums, health clubs, fitness centres, wellness centres and other similar premises or venues are not permitted to open or operate under the *Gatherings no.9 Direction*, except in limited circumstances for physical rehabilitation services under the direction of a registered health practitioner or an accredited exercise physiologist.

Myotherapists may continue to practice in Tasmania provided that the services constitute health care services and can be delivered from an appropriate facility.

Restrictions on massage services are due to be eased as part of Stage 2 on 15 June, as outlined in the Roadmap to Recovery, subject to Public Health advice.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Courtney', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Sarah Courtney MP  
**Minister for Health**