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Deputy Tom Binet
Minister for Health and Social Services

BY EMAIL

15th December 2025

Dear Minister,

Assisted Dying Review Panel: Timeline

The Panel wishes to thank you for your previous decision to defer the Assisted Dying debate and for the constructive engagement from you and your officers throughout this process. Given the complexity of the legislation, the breadth of the topic, and the weight of the ethical issues to consider, the Panel requires additional time to complete its scrutiny and ensure the legislation is as robust and well-considered as possible. To avoid the need to call the legislation in, we respectfully request that the debate be deferred to the States sitting commencing 24th February 2026. We are mindful and grateful that you have already agreed to defer once, and note that had the Panel called the legislation in during November (when the debate was due to take place), it would have been brought to the 26th February sitting date in any case. We are committed to meeting this deadline and ensuring a full debate can take place informed by a comprehensive scrutiny report.

In the course of its review, the Panel has identified several potential amendments, many of which we have drawn your attention to already. To ensure these are carefully assessed and avoid unintended consequences, we are seeking to discuss some of these with professionals.

We would also like to extend an invitation for you to attend a private meeting with the Panel at your earliest convenience. This session would provide an opportunity to discuss the advisers' report, and for the Panel to outline the potential amendments it has identified, explain the reasoning behind them, and hear your reflections directly. The Panel believes that such a discussion will support the spirit of collaboration and transparency that has characterised this process to date and will help ensure that any amendments are carefully considered before the debate. We were grateful to hear that you are also working on some minor amendments following points raised by the Panel.

As you will be aware, the Panel has noted on numerous occasions the value in our officers working together to maintain an open line of communication in a timely manner. The Panel would like to thank you and your officers for the continued communication and reiterate our intention to sustain this. We look forward to continuing to work constructively with you and your officers.

The Panel would be grateful if you could provide a response by no later than **22nd December 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Doublet', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Deputy Louise Doublet
Chair
Assisted Dying Review Panel