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BY EMAIL

9th October 2025

Dear Ministers,

Scrutiny Review: Proposed Budget 2026-2029

I write to inform you that the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel has agreed to undertake a Scrutiny Review of the Proposed Budget 2026-2029. The Terms of Reference for the Review are attached as Appendix 1 on this letter.

We intend to begin our work immediately and this will include inviting submissions from relevant stakeholders and members of the public and collecting further information from the Executive through written requests and public hearings.

We note that the published Departmental Business Plans for 2025 have been drafted to cover the remainder of this Government term. However, in respect of your Ministerial portfolio and responsibilities can you please provide the following information:

- A progress update in respect of any projects and / or workstreams agreed by the States Assembly as part of the previous Budget, including:
 - Where these are continuing in 2026;
 - Where these have been delayed and the rationale for this; or
 - Where these have been cancelled and the rationale for this.
- An outline of any changes in policy direction or delivery for 2026 and the impact thereof;
- An outline of any changes to staff posts and restructuring within your department and the anticipated resultant savings and impact on service delivery; and
- Details about the efficiencies and other savings made in 2025 and how these were achieved.

We would be grateful to receive this information via formal response(s) no later than **Thursday 16th October**. Please be advised that it is the Panel's intention to publish the responses it receives on the States Assembly website.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this Scrutiny Review. Please direct any queries that you may have to the Panel through our Committee and Panel Officer, Katherine de Carteret by email at k.decarteret@gov.je.

Yours sincerely,

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Proposed Budget 2026 – 2029 Review

Terms of Reference

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1. To review components of the Proposed Budget 2026-2029 Proposition [[P.70/2025](#)] which are relevant to the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel to determine the following:
 - a) The impact of the Budget proposals on departmental budgets, savings and staffing levels.
 - b) Whether the revenue expenditure growth, capital and other projects are appropriate and likely to have a positive impact on Islanders and Island life.
 - c) How the proposed revenue expenditure growth, capital and other projects align with the Common Strategic Policy to deliver on the priorities, and in line with the Departments' Business Plans.
 - d) Whether the resources allocated to revenue expenditure growth and capital and other projects are sufficient, ensure value for money and demonstrate the best use of public funds.
2. To assess the impact of the Budget proposals on the States Funds relevant to the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel including the Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund.