



Deputy Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister

BY EMAIL

16th October 2025

Dear Chief Minister

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2026-2029 Review – Written Questions

To inform the Panel's review of the Proposed Budget 2026-29, the Panel would be grateful if you could consider the following written questions and provide a formal response by no later than Friday 24th October 2025. Please note that the Panel intends to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website.

Revenue Heads of Expenditure

Table 5i - Revenue Heads of Expenditure

2026 £'000	Income	Expenditure	Head of Expenditure
Departmental Expenditure			
Cabinet Office	(410)	18,771	18,361
Digital Services	(1,410)	35,959	34,549
People Services	(6,101)	19,404	13,303

1. Are you confident that the 2026 departmental allocations for Cabinet Office, Digital Services and People Services are sufficient to deliver key services and policy under your remit? Please can you provide the rationale to support your response.
2. What funding pressures are faced by services under your remit, and how are these addressed in the Proposed Budget 2026-29?
3. The Panel notes a decrease in expenditure for 2026 for Cabinet Office, Digital Services and People Services, can you provide the rationale for this and any impact thereof on project and service delivery?
4. Are Cabinet Office, Digital Services and People Services experiencing any resourcing or staffing challenges and, if so, what impact will this have on the delivery of projects and services in 2026, and what mitigating actions are being taken?

5. Can you provide details on the projected income earned through operations for 2026 for Cabinet Office (£410K), Digital Services (£1,410K), and People Services (£6,101K)?

Service Analysis

Cabinet Office

6. Could you provide, in table format, the number of staff employed and open vacancies as of 30th September 2025 for:
- a) Public Policy
 - b) Housing, Environment, and Placemaking
 - c) Governance and Assurance
 - d) Statistics and Analytics
 - e) Safeguarding Partnership
 - f) Care Commission
 - g) Children's Commissioner
 - h) Charities Commission
 - i) Advice and Conciliation Services
 - j) Ministerial Office and FOI
 - k) Communications
7. Could you provide a detailed breakdown of Cabinet Office expenditures for:
- a) Staff Costs
 - b) Other Operating Expenses
 - c) Grants and Subsidies Payments

Digital Services

8. Could you confirm the number of staff employed and open vacancies as of 30th September 2025 for Technology and Digital Services?
9. What is the rationale for the 6.0 FTE role reduction in 2026 for Technology and Digital Services, where is this occurring and what impact will this have on employees and project and service delivery?
10. Could you provide a detailed breakdown of Digital Services expenditures for:
- a) Staff Costs
 - b) Other Operating Expenses

People Services

11. Could you confirm the number of staff employed and open vacancies as of 30th September 2025 for People Services?
12. Could you provide a detailed breakdown of People Services expenditures for:
- a) Staff Costs
 - b) Other Operating Expenses

Ministerial Mapping - Risk

13. Can you provide a detailed breakdown of the £331K allocated to Risk (referred to as Corporate Portfolio Management Office and Risk in 2025), which falls under the Department for Treasury and Exchequer but maps to the Chief Minister?

Savings 2026

Savings Proposals					
2025		2026	2027	2028	2029
Approved	£'000	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
1,000	Arm's Length and Regulatory Organisations	-	-	-	-
1,719	Office Consolidation	1,715	481	466	-
3,133	Growth Reductions	-	-	-	-
6,000	Roles	9,000	-	-	-
452	Non-Ministerial and Other Bodies	-	-	-	-
8,000	Financial Recovery Programme (HCJ)	9,000	-	-	-
-	Pay Management	-	17,431	-	-
-	Future Savings	-	11,304	-	-
20,304	Total	19,715	29,216	466	-
20,304	Budget 2025 Savings Profile	24,000	2,500	466	-

Table 13: Saving Proposals

14. Can you provide a detailed breakdown for how the tabled savings proposals for 2026 will be achieved and the impact they will have?

Review Hearing Follow-up:

15. Please can the following information be shared with the Panel as agreed during our review hearing on 10th October 2025:

- A copy of the Actuarial Letter provided to the Minister for Social Security on the viability of the Social Security Fund and confirmation as to whether this letter will be published.
- A copy of the Annual Assessment made by the Chief Minister under the Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018 to ensure that the Chief Statistician is provided with the financial and administrative resources, and other support, including staff, services, equipment and accommodation to discharge the functions of the Office economically, effectively and efficiently.
- We note receipt of the correspondence between the Chief Officer and Chief Statistician dated 5th September 2025, however, request copies of any further correspondence and supporting information (referred to in that correspondence) in relation to any 2026 growth bids by the Chief Statistician.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Helen Miles

Chair
Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel