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Deputy Kirsten Morel
Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

BY EMAIL

17th October 2025

Dear Minister,

<u>Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel</u>

<u>Proposed Budget 2026-2029 Review</u>

Following the launch of our review of the Proposed Budget 2026–2029 (P.70/2025), I am writing to inform you that the Panel has now approved its Terms of Reference for the review, which are enclosed with this letter.

The Panel has commenced its work immediately and has scheduled a public hearing with you for 20th October 2025. To inform our review, we will also be seeking input from industry professionals and members of the public.

We note that the published Departmental Business Plans for 2025 have been drafted to cover the remainder of the current Government term. In this context, the Panel requests the following information in respect of your ministerial portfolio:

- Progress reporting on the projects and/or workstreams agreed by the States Assembly as part of the Government Plan 2025-28 including:
    - Where these are continuing in 2026
    - Where these have been delayed and the rationale for this
    - 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

- Details about the efficiencies and other savings made in 2025 and how these were achieved.

We would be grateful to receive this information by a formal response no later than 30th October 2025**.** Please be advised that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website.

We look forward to meeting with you at the hearing on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Montfort Tadier
Chair
Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2026 – 2029 Review
Terms of Reference

Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

1. To review components of the Proposed Budget 2026-2029 Proposition [P.70/2025] which are relevant to the Economics and International Affairs 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 Fund relevant to the Economic and International Affairs Panel including technology Accelerator Fund, Agricultural Loans Fund, Dormant Bank Accounts Fund, Tourism Development Fund, CI Lottery (Jersey) Fund and the Jersey Innovation Fund.