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Deputy Kirsten Morel
Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

BY EMAIL

30th July 2025

Dear Minister,

Public Records Law

The Panel understands that amendments to the Public Records (Jersey) Law 2002 are in final form and are anticipated to be progressed shortly. The Panel has formed a short set of questions to aid in the consideration of the draft legislation:

1. What resource implications will the amendments have for stakeholders such as those providing the records, the Archivist and for the Minister?
2. Are the proposed amendments due to practical requirement, for example keeping track of organisations, or for historical importance of records?
3. Is there any implication as to the destruction or disposal of records?
4. Will there be any transition period, and will there be any retrospective responsibility to produce records?
5. What are the implications of introducing the ability for the Minister to prescribe a person to be a public institution for the purposes of the Public Records Law on the recommendation of the Records Advisory Panel, for example how will they be informed of the inclusion of any additional ones?
6. Do you have a full list of “public institutions” and “administration of the States” that will be included within the Law and can this please be forwarded?
7. The Panel understands that the Data Protection (Jersey) Law, 2018 requires public institutions to destroy personal data when it is no longer needed for the purpose for which they collected it. Please can you outline how the archiving of public records is impacted by this?
8. Please can you outline how confidential, sensitive, or information exempt under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011, will be handled and passed onto the archivist?

We would be grateful if you could respond no later than Wednesday 6th August 2025 in line with the 5 working days approved for responses between Scrutiny Panels and Ministers.

If you have any questions regarding this or our work in general, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that unless otherwise stated, all letters will be uploaded to the Scrutiny website as a matter of course.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mt. Tadier', followed by a period.

Deputy Montfort Tadier

Chair

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