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By email

30th October 2025

Dear Chair,

Proposed Budget 2026-2029 Review

Thank you for your letter of 17th October, in which you ask a number of questions regarding the Panel’s review of the Proposed Budget 2026-2029. I have set out answers to each of these below:

1. *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*

No specific projects were approved within Economy via the 2025-28 budget with the exception of the Better Business Support Package (BBSP). The latest progress report is the BBSP Delivery Report Q1-2 2025, published on 17 September. The next progress report will be the full 2025 Delivery Report which is planned to be published by the end of Q1 2026.

2. *An outline of any changes in policy direction or delivery for 2026 and the impact thereof*

Pending States approval of the proposed budget, the BBSP will continue as planned with £10m in 2026, with the same funding allocations to the same Delivery Partners as in 2025. The priority of the BBSP also remains the same – to improve productivity and protect competitiveness in Jersey’s economy during the transition to a living wage. There are live discussions around appropriate and minor changes to specific grant schemes (such as improvements to the Jersey Business application portal) which will be decided in the coming weeks.

3. *An outline of any changes to staff posts and restructuring within your department and the anticipated resultant savings and impact on service delivery*

There is no planned restructure within the Department for the Economy in 2026.

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

In 2025 I received a savings target of £1,047,000 and fully delivered on these savings. The savings were achieved through a mixture of staff reductions in the previous year, reduction of non-staff budget within the department and through reducing the grants to 7 Arms Length Bodies:

Details	Efficiency value
Staff reductions met in 2024	£256,000
Strategic Implementation fund reduction	£130,000
JBL grant reduction	£30,000

Intellectual Property Framework reduction	£60,000
Reduction of funding to DJL and JOIC	£250,000
Reduction of funding to JBL	£80,000
Reduction of funding to Visit Jersey	£67,000
Reduction of funding to JCRA	£30,000
Reduction of funding to Jersey Sport	£49,000
Reduction of project funding	£25,000
Reduction of locate Jersey funding	£70,000
	£1,047,000

The proposed savings target in 2026 is £384,000 and will be fully implemented with no redeployments or redundancies being required as my department has already prepared for this in advance and can fully deliver the savings target in January 2026.

I hope the above information provides clarity to the areas you have raised.

Yours sincerely,



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