

Deputy Hilary Jeune
Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel
BY EMAIL

22 October 2025

Dear Chair,

**Re: Letter from the Chair of the EHI Scrutiny Panel – Budget 2026-2029 Review
Launch**

Thank you for your letter dated 10 October, announcing the Panel's intentions to review the Proposed Budget 2026-2029. As requested, I have provided responses to the Panel's points:

**Details of departmental expenditure to date from the approved 2025 allocation,
including spend by individual projects where possible.**

The Strategic Housing and Regeneration team sits within the Cabinet Office, with a total annual budget of £543,000. This budget meets staffing costs, with no spend allocated to individual projects. A total of £4,119 has been spent on marketing and advertisement costs related to the Residential Tenancy Law proposals and First Step assisted home ownership scheme. No non-staff pay spend is planned for the remainder of 2025.

A full list of projects your department intends to deliver in 2026.

Key projects intended for delivery in 2026 include:

1. Enactment of the Residential Tenancy (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202-.
2. Enactment of secondary legislation relating to the Residential Tenancy (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202- (Rent Tribunal Order and Rents Data Collection Order).
3. Establishment of a Rent Tribunal, associated with the Residential Tenancy (Amendment) (Jersey) Law 202-.
4. Commencement of Rents data collection.
5. Homelessness in Jersey Report, quarterly data collection and reporting.
6. Social Rents Policy review and report to the States Assembly, in accordance with the requirements of P.29/2026 (as amended).
7. Annual review of Social Housing Eligibility Criteria.
8. Annual review of Assisted Purchase Schemes Eligibility Criteria.
9. Begin scoping and delivery of the property transaction process consultation, in accordance with the requirements of P.61/2025 (as amended).

It should be noted that these are the key projects intended for delivery in the first half of 2026. Priorities for delivery in the later part of the year will be subject to prioritisation by the next Council of Ministers.

Identification of any projects or workstreams previously scheduled for delivery in 2026, under earlier Government Plans, that have been deferred or withdrawn.

All commitments made as part of the Council of Ministers Common Strategic Policy 2024-2026 are on track for completion in 2026.

The Budget 2026 sets out overall savings targets for the Cabinet Office but does not specify any for the Housing function. Can you clarify whether the Housing team, which sits within the Cabinet Office under your Ministerial remit, is expected to deliver savings under this Budget, and if so, the target figure?

There are no savings identified for the Strategic Housing and Regeneration team in the draft Budget 2026. The Budget highlights unallocated savings to be made by the Government in 2027; until the work has been undertaken to assess where these savings should be made, it is not possible to confirm how it may impact upon the housing function.

I hope that the above is helpful, and I look forward to our meeting on this subject next month.

Yours sincerely,



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