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Deputy Steve Luce, Minister for the Environment

BY EMAIL

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Dear Minister,

Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-

Following the Panel's most recent meeting, I am writing to confirm the Panel's intended approach to its scrutiny of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-* ([P.97/2025](#)) (the 'Draft Law').

Issues arising from the amendments recently lodged to the *Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961* by the Comité des Connétables have highlighted fragmentation across the current legislative framework for dogs, inconsistencies in enforcement powers, and uncertainty around the respective roles of parishes, the police and inspectors. The Panel considers that these matters need to be reviewed alongside the Draft Law to ensure that the overall framework for dog welfare, control and enforcement is coherent and up to date. As such, the Panel wishes to advise that it intends to launch its review of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-* in conjunction with a review of other legislation and regulations pertaining to dogs, including, but not limited to the *Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961*, the *Policing of Beaches (Jersey) Regulations 1959* and the *Policing of Parks (Jersey) Regulations 2005*.

In regard to the legislative timetable, the Panel intends to proceed with the scheduled debate on the principles of the Draft Law on 20th January 2026. Should the principles be adopted, the Panel will then refer the legislation for scrutiny review and will request that the Second Reading be scheduled for the Assembly sitting on 24th February 2026, when the Panel's report will be available to inform the debate. The Panel is taking this approach as it believes it allows for a considered principles debate in which the Panel can speak to the purpose and intent of the Draft Law.

The Panel wanted to inform you of this approach at the earliest opportunity, however, confirmation of the review's launch, together with the Terms of Reference, will be sent to you later this week.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Hilary Jeune

Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel