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Deputy Steve Luce
Minister for the Environment

BY EMAIL

3rd December 2025

Dear Minister,

Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure Panel -
Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202- (P.97/2025) Review

I write to inform you that the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel has agreed to undertake a review of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-* ([P.97/2025](#)), lodged on 29th October 2025 and due to be debated on 20th January 2026.

The Terms of Reference of the review are as follows:

1. To examine whether the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-* is fit for purpose and how it will meet its intended aims of:
 - a. replacing the *Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004* to shift from a reactive enforcement model towards a proactive, prevention-based system,
 - b. aligning with modern scientific understanding of animal sentience and current UK and EU welfare standards, and
 - c. granting the Minister with greater flexibility to respond quickly to new scientific developments or welfare guidance.
2. To identify any effects, resource implications and/or unintended consequences of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-* on enforcement officers, animal welfare organisations, animal-activity operators, pet-owners and the wider public.
3. To assess the structure of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-*, including the provision for order-making powers and the role of secondary legislation.
4. To examine the coherence, clarity and effectiveness of the existing statutory framework governing dog ownership, behaviour and control.
5. To evaluate the coherence and compatibility of the *Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202-*, the *Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961* and *Policing of Beaches, Parks and Roads Regulations* as a combined framework, including:
 - a. gaps, overlaps or inconsistencies between the regimes,
 - b. alignment of enforcement powers across relevant bodies,
 - c. the effectiveness of the combined model for welfare, ownership and public protection, and
 - d. whether consolidation is desirable.

Our Officers will liaise with your Private Secretary in due course to request relevant documentation and to arrange a Public Hearing on this matter. The Panel will also be inviting stakeholders to submit their views.

Should you need any further information please contact the Panel's Committee and Panel Officer Jade Hahn at j.hahn@gov.je.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Jeune', followed by a long horizontal line.

Deputy Hilary Jeune
Chair, Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure Panel