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Chair, OSW Panel

BY EMAIL

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Dear Chair,

I write to provide an update regarding the programme of work supporting the development of offshore wind energy in Jersey.

As you are aware, following the debate on proposition P82/2023 which the Assembly voted strongly in favour of in April 2024, officers have been working at pace on a broad range of policy issues which were identified for exploration during this second phase of the project. These encompass issues including:

- Background on Jersey's policy direction and the impact a wind farm might have on Jersey's energy trilemma
- The potential benefits for Jersey of building a wind farm
- The possible impacts of building a wind farm for Islanders
- A detailed strategic analysis of the technical options
- The current state of the market
- Approaches by other jurisdictions, including external relations engagement
- Optimised approaches to legislation and regulation including Environmental Regulatory Assessment
- The potential timeline for commercial development in Jersey

Working with the Minister for Economic Sustainable Development, I have been pleased to keep the Offshore Wind Review Panel informed of progress and to share with you in confidence, the many background reports throughout the ensuing months and I am grateful for your feedback on the complex topics arising. I am committed to publishing as much of this information as possible in the coming months. A first tranche of papers is already available at gov.je/offshorewind.

I have been very clear that I wanted to return to the Assembly with my proposals on offshore wind before the end of this year and it is still my intention to bring forward

my recommendation to the States in November. I have reviewed the Assembly timetable, already busy with a number of important propositions, and in discussion with other Ministers and recognising the need to give Assembly Members adequate time to fully reflect on the recommendation, a debate will be scheduled for January 2026.

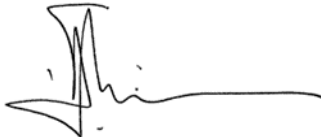
We appreciate the opportunity to continue to share our findings with the Panel and to receive your feedback and insights as we finalise our recommended way forward and our next private session is scheduled for 16th September. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend in person, however my officers plan to take the Panel through the latest technical updates presented by our Technical Experts (ERM), with whom you have previously had the opportunity to share thoughts and ideas.

A subsequent session is scheduled during October and around this time we plan to share initial thoughts on my recommended next steps. By continuing to provide the Panel with the earliest possible insights, I will ensure everybody has ample time to review all the pertinent details during what I note will be a busy period for the Assembly.

As I reminded colleagues during the update briefing to Assembly Members on 17th July, by laying out the evidence and subjecting it to thorough scrutiny, we create the best conditions for the Assembly to make a considered decision on one of the largest projects this Island might ever undertake. This is vital if we are to make evidence-based decisions with the best interests of all Islanders in mind.

I look forward to continuing our constructive dialogue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Luce', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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