



Deputy Lyndsay Feltham
Minister for Social Security

BY EMAIL

12th December 2025

Dear Minister,

**Health and Social Security Panel
Speech in States Assembly on 12th December 2025**

We refer to your statement in the States Chamber on 12th December that the Comments, as presented by the Panel on the Proposed Budget 2026 – 2029, contained inaccuracies.

As Chair of the Panel, shortly after these comments were made during the debate on [P.92 Draft Social Security Law \(Jersey\) Amendment Regulations \(202-\)](#) I asked for information as to which areas were inaccurate. However, the Assembly and the wider public were informed that these were not matters for the Assembly and you would be writing to the Panel in due course. This left the Panel unable to respond in public to your concerns and it was left unaware of the legitimacy of the statement and to what areas of inaccuracy were being referred to.

We are extremely disappointed at these remarks and in addition, disappointed that the matter was not discussed formally with the Panel prior to the debate, where the concerns could have been voiced and reconciled. The Panel strongly values maintaining good working relationships with all Ministers and were taken aback that concerns were not raised earlier, in order for amendments to be made, if the Panel felt that was appropriate. The Panel notes that it worked with you in private to ensure a smooth Amendment to our Amendment on [Overpayment of Social Security Contributions \(Amendment 11\)](#) and would have appreciated the same level of collaboration for this matter.

The Panel invites you to discuss this with us in order to resolve any inaccuracies that may be present, indeed if there are, we are open as always to reflecting on this and correcting it if necessary, in order to continue to maintain the very highest standards in our work.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Deputy Louise Doublet
Chair, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel