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Deputy Catherine Curtis
Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

13 August 2026

Dear Minister,

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

I write to you in order to inform you that the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel has now met for the first time following the appointment of its membership. The Panel comprises myself as Chair, Connétable Mark Labey as Vice-Chair, and Connétables Tina Palmer, David Curtis and Deputy Christopher Rebindaine.

The Panel would like to wish you well in your new role and is looking forward to a productive and constructive working relationship with you, your Assistant Ministers and the Department during its term of office. I have instructed the Committee and Panel Officer to contact the Department in order to arrange briefings and site visits to better understand the work that is carried out.

As I am sure you will agree, the scrutiny process is a vital part of the parliamentary process and the Panel would welcome receiving any information and briefings at the earliest possible opportunity in order to better contribute to the development of policy and legislation. The Panel would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the arrangements of briefings to date.

The Panel notes the commitments outlined during your nomination speech, which highlighted a number of areas of focus and intended priorities for your term in office. While the Panel welcomes these statements, it would be grateful to receive a formal written response setting out your legislative and policy priorities for the next 12 months. This would assist the Panel in understanding your proposed programme of work and in planning its scrutiny activities accordingly. The Panel would therefore welcome an outline of the key initiatives, legislative proposals and policy developments that you intend to progress during the forthcoming year.

Once again, on behalf of the Panel, we wish you all the best and look forward to working closely with you over the next four years.

Yours Sincerely,

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Deputy Victoria Li
Chair, Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel