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Senator Helen Miles
Minister for Justice and Home Affairs

13 August 2026

Dear Minister,

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your letter dated 6 July 2026. As noted, the Panel is committed to building a strong and collaborative relationship with all Ministers within its remit. We greatly appreciate you taking the time to outline your initial priorities and look forward to receiving updates on these matters as your programme of work progresses.

I would also like to extend my thanks for your invitation to meet prior to the first Quarterly Hearing, which is most welcome.

I look forward to meeting with you in due course and to establishing an open and constructive dialogue from the outset of the term.

I am writing to inform you that the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel has now held its first meeting 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 every success in your new role and looks forward to developing a productive and constructive working relationship with you, your Assistant Ministers, and officers of the Department over the course of the term. To assist the Panel in developing its understanding of the Department's work and priorities, I have asked the Committee and Panel Officer to liaise with the Department regarding the arrangement of introductory briefings and site visits.

As noted in your letter, we share the view that scrutiny is a vital component of the parliamentary process. The Panel would therefore welcome the provision of information, briefings, and updates at the earliest appropriate opportunity, enabling it to contribute effectively and constructively 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, I wish you every success 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