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Senator Helen Miles
Minister for Justice and Home Affairs

BY EMAIL

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Dear Minister,

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2027-2030 Review

Thank you for your attendance during the Review Hearing on 5th November 2026 to discuss the Proposed Budget 2027-2030 and the funding allocated to Justice and Home Affairs.

The Panel found the hearing helpful in understanding the priorities underpinning the Department's budget allocation, particularly regarding investment in Justice and Home Affairs services and infrastructure, including the Fire and Rescue Headquarters, emergency services, prisons and probation services, and initiatives relating to Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and victim support.

During the hearing, a number of items were discussed which officers agreed to provide to the Panel. For ease of reference, the Panel would be grateful if the following information could be supplied:

Information requested during the hearing

1. Can you clarify what proportion of the £5 million allocation relates to one-off implementation costs and what proportion is intended for ongoing staffing and service delivery? In addition, are there any funding commitments arising from this allocation that are expected to continue beyond the current Budget period, such as the costs associated with implementing recommendations from the Family Court Review?

2. With regards to Dewberry House - Sexual Assault Referral Centre can you confirm what ongoing operational costs are anticipated once it is opened, and have these costs been incorporated into your future financial planning?

In addition, the Panel would welcome clarification on the following matters to assist its consideration of the Proposed Budget.

Further evidence requested by the Panel

1. You advised that Jersey previously produced regular reconviction studies in collaboration with Swansea University and that the underlying data still exists, but that specialist resource is required to analyse it. Given the importance of measuring the

effectiveness of sentencing and rehabilitation programmes, what steps are being taken to restart the reconviction study programme, what specific funding has been allocated for this work from the VAWG funding, and when can the Panel expect updated reconviction data to be published?

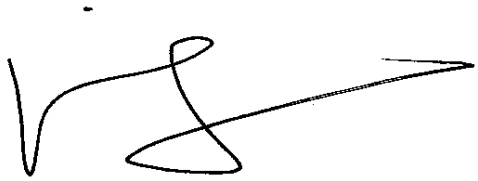
2. Given the risks associated with recruiting and retaining suitably qualified Uniformed Services personnel, how does the Proposed Budget 2027-2030 support the expansion of training and career development opportunities, including partnerships with Highlands College and schemes that enable Islanders to undertake specialist training off-Island and return to work in Jersey?

3. You advised that non-ministerial bodies can apply for additional funding if required, but also referred to future funding bids. If organisations such as the Probation Service, or the Viscount's Department face unforeseen financial pressures during the Budget period, can they access additional funding in-year, and what mechanisms exist to provide support before the next annual budget process?

4. Reference was made during the hearing to an £800,000 reserve fund that may be drawn upon to address emerging pressures. Can the Minister clarify where this fund sits within Government, which departments and bodies are eligible to access it, and what governance, approval and oversight arrangements are in place for the allocation and use of these funds?

We would be grateful to receive this information by a formal response no later than **18th November 2026.** Please be advised that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair
Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel