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Senator Helen Miles
Minister for Justice and Home Affairs

BY EMAIL

12th October 2026

Dear Minister,

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2027-2030 Review

I write to inform you that the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel has agreed to undertake a review of the Proposed Budget 2027-2030 [[P.73/2026](#)]. Attached to this letter are the Terms of Reference for the Panel's review.

We intend to begin our work immediately and have scheduled a public hearing with you to be held on **5th November 2026**. To inform our review, we will also be seeking the views of industry professionals and the general public.

For the workstreams in your remit, where any key supporting documentation has not yet been shared with the Panel or has changed, we request to receive this updated information without delay. Specifically, the Panel requests the following information in respect of your ministerial portfolio:

1. How will progress against Priority 7 of the Common Strategic Policy, "*Improve community safety and Island resilience*", be measured, and what key outcomes and milestones does the Minister expect to achieve during the period 2027-2030?
2. What outcomes are expected to be achieved through the funding allocated to address Violence Against Women and Girls, and how do these align with the Government's strategic objectives?
3. What performance measures will be used to assess the effectiveness of funding allocated to address Violence Against Women and Girls, and how will progress be reported?
4. Are you able to provide an initial overview of the stage of progress the new Sexual Assault Referral Centre is in and, an estimated timescale for its opening?
5. Does the Minister consider that the funding allocated within the proposed Budget 2027-2030 is sufficient to meet anticipated demand for policing and emergency services over the lifetime of the Common Strategic Policy? If so, what evidence supports this assessment?
6. What additional demand for policing services is forecast during the period covered by the proposed Budget, and how has this informed resource allocations?
7. What resilience capability gaps have been identified, and how does the proposed Budget seek to address these?

8. What operational or strategic capability gaps will be addressed through planned investment in the Fire and Rescue Service, and what outcomes are expected from that investment?
9. Why has the Budget for Customs and Immigration not been increased for a long period of time and has the Department requested any increases?
10. What is the anticipated timetable for the development and implementation of the proposed resilience legislation, and what benefits does the Minister expect it to deliver?
11. Can you provide an overview of what existing work remains at La Moye Prison following the improvements as part of Prison Phase 8?

We would be grateful to receive this information by a formal response no later than **19th October 2026**. Please be advised that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website.

We hope that the evidence we gather, and our final output will help inform the work of Government for the Proposed Budget 2027-2030. I would be happy to address any questions you may have regarding the Panel's work for this review.

Yours sincerely,

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

Proposed Budget 2027 – 2030 Review Terms of Reference

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1. To review components of the Proposed Budget 2027-2030 Proposition [[P.73/2026](#)] (with a focus on 2027) as relevant to the remit of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel to determine the following:
 - a) The impact of the Budget proposals on departmental budgets, savings and staffing levels.
 - b) Whether the revenue expenditure growth, capital and other projects are appropriate and likely to have a positive impact on Islanders.
 - c) How the proposed revenue expenditure growth, capital and other projects align with the Common Strategic Policy to deliver on the priorities, and in line with Departments' plans for delivery.
 - d) Whether the resources allocated to revenue expenditure growth and capital and other projects are sufficient, ensure value for money and demonstrate the best use of public funds.
2. To assess the impact of the Budget proposals on the States Funds relevant to the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel including the Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund.