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Deputy Catherine Curtis
Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning

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 **2nd 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 does the proposed Budget 2027-2030 support the delivery of Priority 5 of the Common Strategic Policy, namely to increase the provision of lifelong learning?
2. How will the success of Priority 5 of the Common Strategic Policy be measured over the 2026-2030 period, and what key milestones does the Minister expect to achieve?
3. What performance indicators will be used to measure progress and outcomes in relation to lifelong learning, skills development and educational attainment during the period covered by the Common Strategic Policy?
4. What evidence and analysis have informed the proposal to develop a Further and Higher Education Campus, and how has the need for this investment been assessed?
5. How will investment in the Further and Higher Education Campus support the Government's competitiveness and productivity objectives, particularly in relation to skills development and workforce needs?
6. What is the estimated total cost of the Further and Higher Education Campus project, and what expenditure is anticipated during the period covered by the proposed Budget 2027-2030?
7. What consultation has been undertaken with the Jersey Child Care Trust (JCCT) and/or other key stakeholders and private nurseries regarding raising the 2-3 nursery funding?
 - a. Have there been any unintended consequences following the introduction of the 2-3 funding?
 - b. Is there sufficient capacity and resources to extend the 2-3 hours?

8. Can you provide any initial information regarding the '*targeted expansion of free school meals provision to secondary schools?*'
9. What is the percentage of your Proposed Budget going towards staff costs?

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.