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Deputy Steve Luce, Minister for the Environment

**BY EMAIL**

9th February 2025

Dear Minister,

**Animal Health Law and Orders (Jersey) Amendment Order 2025 (MD-ENV-2025-967)**

During last week's debate the Panel asked a number of questions regarding the Animal Health Law and Orders (Jersey) Amendment Order 2025 ([OQ.18/2026](#)).

Specifically on the amendment to the Animal Health (Bird Diseases) (Jersey) Order 2017, the Panel is concerned that the website page '[Keeping and Moving Livestock](#)' notes that keepers of 1 or more birds must register with the States Vet Office. The webpage also links to an [application form](#) which sets out the requirement that a keeper of 1 or more poultry or other captive birds must keep a record of:

- the number of poultry or other captive birds held,
- the number of poultry or other captive birds entering and leaving the premises,
- the name and address of the person from whom the poultry or other captive birds were obtained from,
- the date of the birds' at, and departure from, the premises,
- the poultry's or other captive birds destination on leaving the premises (if known),
- the purpose for which the poultry or other captive birds left the premises arrival and departures, and
- and the name and address of the person to whom the poultry or other captive birds were transferred to.

Notification must be given within 1 month if any of the details change and failure to comply carries a penalty of imprisonment for a term of up to two years and a fine.

The Panel remains concerned that these requirements place an unduly high burden on small-scale keepers. Please could you clarify whether the requirements as set out above do, in practice, apply to keepers of a small number of birds, and whether you consider this proportionate to the level of risk posed by avian flu.

The Panel would be grateful to receive a formal written response by no later five working days from receipt of this letter, unless a reasonable extension is requested in order to complete this work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hilary Jeune', followed by a long horizontal line.

Deputy Hilary Jeune

**Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel**