

Comité des Connétables



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Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel

by email to J.Hahn@gov.je

Dear Chair

Dogs (Jersey) Law follow-up and Animal Welfare & Control Review

Thank you for your letter dated 15 January 2026 and my apologies for the slight delay in replying; it's been a busy week in the States. Your Panel seeks clarification on the progress made in relation to certain matters following amendments to the Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961.

In relation to efforts to secure a formal Memorandum of Understanding with a UK police force for specialist dog seizure capability and the provision of contracted kennelling facilities appropriate for holding seized dogs, I can advise that the States of Jersey Police (SOJP) confirmed to us on 27 November 2025 that the process for the States Police applying for and receiving mutual aid from a mainland Police Force is part of a national agreement through the National Police Chiefs Council. Requests are made to the National Police Coordination Centre (NPoCC) and there is a well-established process internally.

The other two points (consultation-led review of livestock worrying provisions and current route for public recourse under Regulation 11 of the *Dogs (Jersey) Law 1961* via the Magistrate's Court) are ongoing and we will update the Panel in due course.

Thank you also for providing the Terms of Reference for the Panel's continuing *Animal Welfare & Control Review*, and I note you have a scheduled public hearing soon with representatives of the Comité des Chefs de Police and the SOJP.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Jackson
Chairman, Comité des Connétables