



## States Greffe

Deputy Gerald Voisin  
Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

### **BY EMAIL**

18<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Minister,

### **Re. Petition to amend restriction times for dogs on beaches**

Thank you for your letter of 28 July 2026 regarding the recent petition on dog restrictions on beaches and for your invitation for the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel to consider undertaking a brief review of the matter.

The Panel has carefully considered your suggestion. However, it is of the view that the next phase of work would be most appropriately led by the Minister, in collaboration with the relevant stakeholders, rather than through a further scrutiny review at this time.

As noted in the Panel's previous correspondence, the former Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel undertook a comprehensive review of [Jersey's Animal Welfare & Control \(including the Draft Animal Welfare \(Jersey\) Law 202-\)](#) and specifically considered the operation of the Policing Regulations as they relate to animal control. The resulting report concluded that the existing framework is fragmented across multiple legislative instruments, ministerial portfolios and the Comité des Connétables and recommended that the relevant authorities work together to undertake a coordinated review.

In particular, one of the Panel's recommendations was that:

*"The Comité des Connétables, in partnership with the relevant Ministers, should undertake a coordinated review of the Policing of Roads, Parks and Beaches Regulations to identify any areas requiring further alignment across the wider animal-control framework."*

The Panel notes your intention, following the recent petition, to ask officers to prepare the necessary legislative changes to enable amendments to dog restriction times on beaches to be considered. In light of that commitment, together with the recommendations arising from the previous review, the Panel considers that the next stage of this work may be most appropriately progressed through engagement between the Minister, the Comité des Connétables and any other relevant Ministers whose responsibilities intersect with the wider animal control framework.

The previous review also concluded that any consideration of beach restrictions should not take place in isolation, but rather as part of a broader examination of the various Policing Regulations and related animal-control provisions to ensure consistency, clarity and public understanding across all public spaces.

In those circumstances, the Panel considers that there is already a substantial body of evidence and recommendations available to inform the next phase of policy development. Accordingly, whilst the Panel will continue to take an interest in this matter and may wish to review any resulting legislative proposals in due course, it considers that the progression of this work appropriately rests with the Minister and relevant stakeholders at this stage.

The Panel would therefore be grateful if you could provide an update on how you intend to progress this recommendation, including the arrangements you propose to put in place for engagement with the Comité des Connétables and any other relevant Ministers as part of the review and development of future proposals.

We would be grateful to receive an initial written update no later than 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026.

Please note it is our usual practice to publish all correspondence online on the States Assembly website. However, should there be any updates which are deemed Freedom of Information exempt, please do make this known in your response.

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**