



States Greffe

Senator Mary Le Hegarat
Minister for the Environment

23rd July 2026

Dear Minister,

Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

I write to you in order to inform you that the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel has now met for the first time following the appointment of its membership. The Panel is comprised of myself as Chair, Deputy Tom Coles as Vice-Chair and Deputies Alex Curtis, Arlene Maltman and Connétable David Curtis.

The Panel would like to wish you well in your new role and is looking forward to a productive and constructive working relationship with you, your Assistant Ministers and the Department during its term of office. I have instructed the Committee and Panel Officer to contact the Department in order to arrange briefings and site visits to better understand the work that is carried out.

As I am sure you will agree, the scrutiny process is a vital part of the parliamentary process and the Panel would welcome receiving any information and briefings at the earliest possible opportunity in order to better contribute to the development of policy and legislation.

To assist the Panel in planning its scrutiny work programme for 2026 and beyond, we would welcome an update on the following matters:

1. Ministerial priorities

- a) What are your key priorities and objectives as Minister for the Environment over the next 12 months?
- b) Are there any areas that were outstanding from your predecessor that have been deprioritised or temporarily halted.
- c) Are there any significant policy developments, reforms or strategic initiatives that you expect to focus on during this period
- d) Do you envisage key elements of your portfolio evolving into a Common Strategic Policy priority?

2. Progress on current workstreams

- a) Could you provide an update on the main workstreams and projects currently being progressed within your ministerial portfolio?
- b) Are there any key milestones, decisions or consultations anticipated in the coming year?

3. Legislative programme

- a) Could you outline any primary or secondary legislation, propositions or significant policy proposals that are expected to fall within your ministerial remit and are likely to be lodged over the next 12 months?
- b) Where possible, could you provide an indicative timetable for their development and lodging?

4. Emerging issues and scrutiny engagement

- a) Are there any emerging challenges, risks or areas of policy development that you consider may merit early engagement with the Panel?
- b) Are there particular areas where you anticipate scrutiny input could be beneficial during the course of the next year?

We would be grateful to receive an initial written update no later than **30th July**.

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.

Once again, on behalf of the Panel, we wish you all the best and look forward to working closely with you over the next four years.

Yours Sincerely,

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

Deputy Hilary Jeune
Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel