States Assembly

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Senator Sir Mark Boleat
Minister for Planning and Regulation

***BY EMAIL***

30th October 2026

**Food (Jersey) Law 2023**

Dear Minister,

Thank you for your correspondence providing an update on the implementation of the Food (Jersey) Law 2023 and the development of the proposed Food (Jersey) Regulations 202-.

Following its review of the Draft Food (Jersey) Regulations 202-, the Panel highlighted the importance of ensuring that the proposed regulatory framework was proportionate, clearly defined and supported by appropriate guidance and stakeholder engagement before implementation.

The Panel's scrutiny was not intended to delay the introduction of enhanced food safety and allergen protections. Rather, while supporting the modernisation of Jersey's food law framework, the Panel considered that implementation should be driven by operational readiness and a clear understanding of the practical implications for those affected. This was reflected in the Panel's amendment to remove the proposed commencement date and in its comments regarding the potential impact on businesses, charities, community organisations, cultural groups and volunteer-led events.

The Panel notes that these concerns were acknowledged by the then Minister during the States debate. However, it continues to receive representations from community cultural organisations which remain concerned about the practical implications of the Regulations. The Panel remains concerned that uncertainty around the scope and application of the Regulations may have unintended consequences for organisations which rely heavily on volunteers and have limited administrative capacity.

In light of these continuing concerns, the Panel would welcome further information on the following matters:

1. The Panel continues to receive concerns from community organisations regarding the practical impact of the proposed Regulations. What assessment has the Minister undertaken of the potential impact on these organisations, and how will their concerns be reflected in the final implementation approach?

2. Given that the Panel previously raised concerns about commencing the Regulations before stakeholders were fully prepared, what evidence has informed the proposed commencement date of 1 March 2027, and what specific measures will be used to

determine whether both regulators and stakeholders are sufficiently ready for implementation?

3. The Panel understands that some organisations feel they are already being encouraged to prepare for licensing or compliance requirements before the Regulations are in force. Can the Minister clarify the Department's approach to engagement with affected organisations and explain how it will ensure that guidance and expectations are proportionate and clearly communicated?

4. What support, guidance and training will be provided to businesses, charities and volunteer-led organisations prior to commencement, particularly for those organisations that may not traditionally consider themselves to be food businesses?

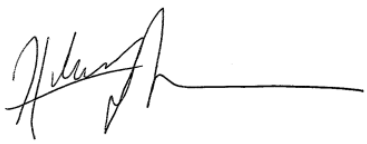
5. How will the Minister ensure that enforcement of the new regime is proportionate and risk-based, particularly for small-scale community activities and organisations with limited resources, while maintaining the intended public health and food safety protections?

The Panel would be grateful to receive an initial written update no later than 6th November 2026.

Please note that it is the Panel's intention to publish your response on the States Assembly website.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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