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Senator Tom Binet
Minister for Health and Social Services

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Dear Minister,

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

I write to inform you that the Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel has met for the first time following the appointment of its membership. The Panel is comprised of myself as Chair, Deputy Lee Carpenter as Vice-Chair and Deputies Chris Leck and Gabriel Raimondo.

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, Scrutiny 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.

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,

Deputy Beatriz Porée
Chair, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel