



Senator Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister of Jersey

Deputy Lyndsay Feltham
Chair, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel
By email

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Dear Lyndsay,

Work Programme

Thank you for your correspondence of 14th August requesting further details on the forthcoming work programme. The answers to your questions are provided below.

- **Common Strategic Policy and Budget lodging timetable**

As outlined in my recent correspondence to all States Members, the intention remains to lodge both the Common Strategic Policy (CSP) and the Budget by the end of September. This is in accordance with the statutory deadlines and will deliver consistency between our financial and strategic plans. I have committed to sharing draft proposals with Scrutiny earlier in September and will be offering briefing sessions with all States Members. This reflects my commitment to early engagement on these important proposals ahead of the formal scrutiny and debate process.

- **Departmental Business Plans**

The Budget 2027-2030 will contain comprehensive information, including the supplementary tables contained in the Annex. The previous Budget comprised over 200 pages of detailed financial and policy information. This, together with detailed scrutiny, provides a strong foundation for States Members to consider and debate the proposals.

Business Plans for 2027 will then be published between December 2026 and January 2027. This timetable is consistent with that adopted by the previous Government and enables plans for the year to be based on approved spending allocations.

- **Cost of Living**

The Government's intention is to develop policy measures that will deliver improvements for Islanders. It is not our intention to formulate a "100-day plan" or a comparable public relations initiative.

For these reasons, priority is currently being given to the development of the Common Strategic Policy and the 2027-2030 Budget, which together will establish the Government's strategic direction and policy priorities for this term of office.

Tackling cost of living pressures remains a high priority for this Government. Ministers have engaged both internally and with external stakeholders, while officers continue to develop proposals for ministerial consideration. Further updates will be provided as this work progresses.

I trust this information is helpful and I look forward to continuing to work with the Panel over the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

With kind regards


Senator Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister