



States Greffe

Senator Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister

BY EMAIL

14th August 2026

Dear Chief Minister,

Work Programme

The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel ('the Panel') has reviewed and considered your response dated 7th August 2026 and requests further detail on the following matters:

Common Strategic Policy ('CSP') and Budget Lodging Timetable

The Panel notes your statement that "*it is currently the intention to lodge both the CSP and the Budget by 29th September 2026.*" The Panel would be grateful if you could explain the rationale for lodging the CSP and the Budget at the same time.

In particular, the Panel would appreciate details of the mechanisms and opportunities that will be available for the States Assembly and Scrutiny to provide input into the CSP prior to lodging, and how this approach aligns with the commitment to collaborative working and engagement.

Departmental Business Plans

The Panel would welcome confirmation of when departmental business plans are expected to be finalised and published. Should those plans not be finalised and published before the Budget is expected to be lodged, the Panel would be grateful for an explanation of the implications this may have for States Members' scrutiny and consideration of the Budget proposals.

Cost of Living

The Panel notes that your previous response did not address the cost of living element of point 2 in the Panel's original letter, which requested an outline of the priorities and outcomes you anticipated delivering within your first 100 days in office, particularly the immediate actions intended to address the ongoing cost of living challenges facing Islanders. The Panel would therefore welcome further information on the actions taken to date by the Council of Ministers and Government to alleviate cost of living pressures, together with details of any additional measures planned within your first 100 days in office.

The Panel would also appreciate further information regarding the Cost of Living Working Group, including its membership, remit and terms of reference. The Panel would also request the dates on which it has met since its formation, and the role it plays in relation to cost of living issues.

The Panel would appreciate to receive a formal written response and the requested information by 21st August 2026. Please be aware that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website. However, should any of the information provided be confidential, please can you inform the Panel accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Lyndsay Feltham

Chair

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel