



States Greffe

Senator Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister

BY EMAIL

24th July 2026

Dear Chief Minister,

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel **Work Programme and Working Practices**

The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel ('the Panel') held its inaugural meeting on 21st July 2026. The Panel is comprised of myself as Chair, Deputy Lee Carpenter as Vice Chair and Deputies Chris Leck, Chris Rebindaine and Hilary Jeune. The Panel wishes you well as you continue in this role and looks forward to working collaboratively, constructively and transparently with you, your Assistant Ministers and Department throughout this term.

Quarterly Hearings and Work Practices

The Panel understands that Officers have been liaising regarding dates for the Quarterly Hearings for 2026. We would be grateful if confirmation could be provided that the proposed dates for forthcoming hearings are acceptable. Subject to your availability, the Panel proposes that hearings be scheduled for Friday 18th September 2026, from 11.00am to 1.00pm (Quarter Three), and Friday 16th October 2026, from 11.00am to 1.00pm (Quarter Four/ Budget Review).

We also noted your request that hearings be limited to one hour and thirty minutes. The Panel has agreed to proceed with the two-hour duration as proposed for these hearings. However, should it be demonstrated that questions can be addressed efficiently and effectively within a shorter period, the Panel would be pleased to consider reducing the duration of future hearings, as appropriate.

When discussing arrangements for its hearings the Panel noted the importance of maintaining discussions between Ministers and the Panel whenever possible. The Panel, therefore, requests that by default only Ministers attend public hearings seated at the table, in the main. While Officers are welcome to attend hearings in a supporting capacity, the Panel asks that attendance of Officers at the table be limited and only when invited to do so.

Work Programme

To inform the Panel's immediate work programme, the Panel requests the following information:

1. Details of your Ministerial priorities and legislative programme and the timeline for receiving these.
2. An outline of the priorities and outcomes you anticipate delivering within your first 100 days in office. In particular, the Panel is keen to understand what immediate actions you intend to take to address the ongoing cost of living challenges facing Islanders.
3. An indication of when the Panel can expect to receive the Proposed Common Strategic Policy and the Proposed Budget 2027-2030, including their anticipated lodging timelines.
4. The schedule of planned Council of Ministers meetings for 2026.
5. An update on the arrangements in place for recruitment and succession planning in relation to the role of Chief Executive Officer.

The Panel has agreed some initial briefings and has requested that Officers liaise to make the necessary arrangements for briefings on the Government's organisational structure and its review of Arm's Length Organisations and any actions arising from the recently held States Members' and Ministerial workshops.

The Panel would appreciate to receive a formal written response and the requested information by 31st July 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