



States Greffe

Deputy Kirsten Morel
Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

BY EMAIL

12th January 2026

Dear Minister,

Tourism (General Provisions) (Jersey) Amendment Order 2025

Thank you for providing the Panel with the Tourism (General Provisions) (Jersey) Amendment Order 2025 for review prior to its signing. Following its examination of the Order, the Panel has identified a number of concerns and questions which it wishes to raise before the Order is finalised:

1. Can you please outline the rationale behind the Order being updated? Was this initiated in response to a request from industry or a similar stakeholder group?
2. Can you please provide the Panel with detail as to the consultation that took place with regards to this draft Order? If no consultation took place, can you provide the reasoning?
3. The Panel notes within the proposed draft Order that: *“Article 3 amends Article 2 (classification of premises) to amend references to “youth hostel”, as these will become “hostels” for use by people of any age”*.
 - a) What is the current legal definition of a youth hostel? What constitutes a Youth hostel?
 - b) Are there any youth hostels currently operating on the Island?
 - c) What consultation with safeguarding agencies, Children’s Commissioner and so forth took place to ensure there are no safety concerns around this change?
 - d) Was a Human Rights Impact Assessment carried out? If not, why not?
 - e) What assessment has been made (if any) of the potential negative consequences of removing the youth element?
4. The Panel’s understanding is that under the current [Tourism \(General Provisions\) \(Jersey\) Order 1990](#) there is a requirement that separate sleeping accommodation must be provided for females and males:

13 Requirements for registration as youth hostel

The requirements referred to in Article 12 are that –

- (a) the premises are constructed or adapted for the overnight shelter of young persons;
- (b) the sleeping accommodation is provided by separate bedrooms or dormitories, adequately ventilated, of reasonable size and with sufficient external window lighting;
- (c) the premises contain facilities for ablutions and water closets reasonably adequate to the number of resident guests that can be accommodated on the premises;
- (d) where males and females are to be lodged on the premises, separate sleeping accommodation, facilities for ablutions and water closets are provided for persons of each sex;

- a) If this is the case, can you confirm if the only Youth Hostel on the Island abides by this Law?

5. The draft Order proposes the removal of *“the requirement for a hotel to provide a sitting room or dining room for residents, and no specific requirements for kitchen facilities or for chambermaids’ pantries on floors where bedrooms are located”*. Can you provide the rationale behind this?

6. Within Article 4, the Panel notes that *“Privacy coverings will be required if bedroom windows are overlooked, replacing a mandate for net curtains.”*

- a) What constitutes a *“privacy covering”*?
- b) Can you clarify does this mean that if a bedroom is not overlooked, no privacy covering is needed?

7. The Panel understands that the draft Order removes the requirement in both hotels and self-catering units for the provision of a public telephone for guests. The Panel is concerned that this is unsafe in the case of an emergency and given the draft Order provision that there will not be a requirement for a manager to be on site at all times.

- a) Why was the decision taken to remove this requirement?
- b) What are the unintended consequences of removing the requirement for a public telephone?
- c) Was consultation undertaken on this element with States of Jersey Emergency Services for their feedback?

8. The Panel is concerned by the removal of the requirement for a responsible person to be available on the premises at all times, which is being replaced by the *“requirement for the premises to be under the management of a competent person contactable by resident guests, with details of how the manager may be contacted at night clearly posted in the reception area of the premises and in every bedroom.”*

- a) Can you explain the rationale behind the decision to remove the requirement for a person to be available on the premises at all times?
- b) What consultation on this element has been carried out to ensure safety for individuals on the premises?

9. Article 4 stipulates that buildings can be separate from one another. Is there a limit to how far a building can be from the main building? If so, where is this legislated for?

10. The Panel notes the proposed changes to Article 17 around the registration of campsites. The Panel understands that people in Jersey currently do stay in campervans and caravans on campsites. Can you clarify whether there is a legal basis for this currently under the Tourism (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 1990? If not, does this mean that there are individuals staying unlawfully at campsites?

We would be grateful if you could respond no later than **Monday 19th January 2026** in line with the 5 working days approved for responses between Scrutiny Panels and Ministers.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

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