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Deputy Kirsten Morel
Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

BY EMAIL

16th February 2026

Dear Minister,

Draft Alcohol Licensing (Jersey) Law 202- [P.112/2025]

Thank you for attending our Quarterly Public Hearing on 12 February 2026. As discussed, three additional amendments—including your own—were lodged on 10 February, in addition to the initial amendment submitted by the Comité des Connétables. In light of this, the Panel respectfully requests that the debate be deferred to the States sitting scheduled to begin on 10 March 2026. This will allow the Panel sufficient time to undertake its scrutiny work in a thorough manner and to engage meaningfully with any relevant stakeholders.

Furthermore, there were a select number of questions that the Panel was unable to ask during the Quarterly Hearing and the Panel would be grateful if information on the following points could please be provided:

1. Minister the principles of the Draft Alcohol Licensing (Jersey) Law were adopted on 22 January 2026 Are you able to provide the Panel with an overview of the work that has been undertaken by your department since then?
2. What consultation have you undertaken in the formation of your amendment?
 - a. Can you advise the Panel if you have meet with the Comité des Connétables, Deputy Bailhache or Deputy Alex Curtis regarding their and your amendment?
 - b. Have you consulted hospitality industry groups on the proposed regulatory changes in your amendment? If so, with whom and what was their feedback?
3. Can you confirm which Officer would be appointed as the authorised person under your proposed amendment?
 - a) What is the justification for concentrating regulatory authority in an individual Chief Officer (or delegated officers)?
4. What operational changes will be required within the Regulation Department to support the transfer of responsibilities to authorised persons?
5. Your proposed amendment will insert Articles legally establishing the Alcohol Policy Group and Alcohol Policy Framework whereas the draft Law only included that the

Minister may have given guidance to the Commission. Why were these not included in the original draft Law and why are they required now?

- a. In the accompanying report only a representative of the Comité des Connétables was envisaged to have membership of the Alcohol Policy Ministerial Group whereas the Connétable of St. Helier will be a named member under Law in the proposed amendment, can you outline why?
6. Minister, could you outline why civil penalties will be removed in your proposed amendment?
 - a. How will this impact enforcement of the alcohol licencing scheme and what measures will be in place to ensure adherence to conditions of a licence?
7. The Panel notes that, in a previous Quarterly Hearing with the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel, the Minister for the Environment highlighted that the Regulation Department faces significant and often competing pressures:

The Minister for the Environment:

The challenge for me and my team and Kelly is that different Ministers come up with different pieces of legislation. They all end up in the Regulation Department for enforcement and it is fine coming up with all these rules and regulations but it is only one team that has to go out and do the work.¹

In light of this, could you provide the Panel with information on how you have assessed the Regulation Department's capacity to manage and process the licensing requests?

8. Minister, was consideration given for the alcohol licensing to have been managed within your department? If so, can you provide information on this?
9. Minister, can you provide detail on what secondary legislation will be required to enable to the proposed Law, for example regulations concerning excessive noise?
10. What mechanisms will be available under the new system for individuals, parishes, and other interested parties to make representations on licensing matters, and will these be publicly accessible?
11. What specific changes does the amendment introduce to the role of Connétables or Parish Assemblies in relation to licensing applications?
12. In the report section of the draft Law it states preserve and enhance the role of the Parishes can you provide an overview for the Panel on how this draft Law achieve this?
 - a. Can you confirm the role of honorary police in inspection of licenced premises and how that would change under the draft Law?

¹ [Transcript-Quarterly Hearing Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel with the Minister for the Environment - 2 July 2025](#)

- b. The Panel also notes that the *“Commission must have regard to, but not be bound by, the recommendation of the Parish Assembly”* does this mean the Commission could grant or refuse a licence over the Parish recommendation?

13. Are you able to advise the Panel on how the transitional provisions will work?

14. Can you inform the Panel on the setting, structure and types of fees set out in draft Law?

Due to the limited timeframe, the Panel would be grateful if you could respond no later than Friday 20th February 2026.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair

Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel