



Deputy Kirsten Morel
Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

BY EMAIL

17th February 2026

Dear Minister,

Public Hearing

Thank you for your attendance at our Public Hearing on the 12 February 2026. As discussed, there were a select number of questions that the Panel was unable to ask during the scheduled time and the Panel would be grateful if information on the following points could please be provided:

Shipping (IMO Conventions) Amendment Law [P.36/2026]

1. Minister, can you provide the Panel with an overview regarding the Draft Shipping (IMO Conventions) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- ?
2. Minister, could you explain the reasons why Jersey's maritime legislation has fallen behind current international standards, and outline why previous updates to bring the legislation in line with those standards were not undertaken?
3. Can you advise what has been currently happening in the absence of this legislation?
4. Minister, the Panel notes from the Report accompanying the proposition that a public consultation was conducted between November and December 2025.
 - a) Can you clarify why you believe no responses were submitted?
 - b) Were any additional forms of stakeholder engagement undertaken?
5. Minister, the consultation paper refers to the use of ambulatory references, stating that *"the Draft Shipping (IMO Conventions) (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-, if adopted, will provide the legal basis for subordinate legislation (regulations and orders) to be updated by way of ambulatory referencing."* Could you explain this concept to the Panel and clarify why the use of ambulatory referencing is considered necessary in this context?
6. The Panel notes in the consultation paper that proposition 2 is under development and *"will refer to the relevant subordinate legislation (regulations and orders) which sits under the primary law and will be lodged at a later date."* Minister, are you able to provide any more details regarding the second proposition for the Panel?

Draft Agriculture and Fisheries (Loans) Law 202- [P.37/2026]

7. Minister, can you provide the Panel with an overview regarding the Draft Agriculture and Fisheries (Loans) Law 202-?
8. Can you set out for the Panel the key changes between the Agriculture(Loans and Guarantees) (Jersey) Law 1974 and draft Agriculture and Fisheries (Loans) (Jersey) Law 202- ?
9. Can you advise the Panel why it is necessary to replace the Agriculture(Loans and Guarantees) (Jersey) Law 1974 and the reason why amendments were not chosen?
10. The draft Law proposes re-establishing and renaming the Board. Could the Minister provide more information on how the Board's role and responsibilities will operate under the new legislative framework, and what changes if any are there compared to the previous Board?
11. The draft Law states the following aim: "*Set out the criteria for the granting of loans, which are for engaged in work relating to agriculture or fisheries to undertake specified activities. They must qualify to be a beneficiary of the Rural Support Scheme or the Marine Support Scheme administered on behalf of the Minister and meet certain registration and other statutory requirements.*" Are you able to provide more details to the Panel regarding the criteria for the granting of loans?
12. The draft Law sets out circumstances in which borrowers must notify the Minister if they cease to be engaged wholly or mainly in work relating to agriculture or fisheries or any relevant convictions relating to carrying on of that work. Could the Minister outline how the requirement of 'mainly' will be determined?
13. The draft Law provides authorised officers with powers to enter and inspect property associated with a loan and remove any movable property that has been provided as security. Could the Minister expand on how and when this might be used?
14. Can you advise the Panel regarding the transitional arrangements in place in the draft Law and how it will be managed if adopted?
15. Are there any changes to Jersey Business Ltd role in delivery of the scheme under the draft Law?

Draft Shops (Regulation of Opening and Deliveries) (Jersey) Repeal Law 202- [P.40/2026]

16. Minister, can you provide the Panel with further clarity around the rationale for repealing this Law? What instigated the move for this?
17. Could the Minister advise what the current barrier is to retailers opening and operating on Sunday and why it was felt that this repeal was needed?
18. During the Hearing, you stated that no economic impact assessment had been undertaken. Could you clarify whether any assessment was carried out regarding the impact on the workforce? If not, please explain why.
19. Can you outline the current process for applying for a permit?
 - a) What is the cost attached?

- b) How long does it take from applying to receiving a permit?
 - c) Are there permits that are for one-off opening and/or for year-round opening? If so, what are the differences?
 - d) Would repealing this requirement result in any loss of revenue currently generated from issuing these permits?
 - e) Would there be any reduction in the resources or administrative workload previously required to process permit applications?
20. In relation to the current permits, could the Minister advise whether it is usual to attach conditions to permits and if so, can you provide examples?
21. The Panel recognises that repealing this requirement would eliminate the need for businesses to obtain permits to open on Sundays and public holidays. From your perspective, in what ways could the removal of this permit requirement support or stimulate the local economy?
22. Has consideration been given to how repealing the Law and associated regulations may affect retailers of different sizes?
23. What is the number of businesses that you anticipate will be impacted by this repeal?
24. Has the Government assessed whether the repeal would affect working patterns, staff welfare, or employment rights within the retail sector?
- a) What concerns do you have around those with zero hour working contracts finding themselves forced into working potentially Sundays and bank holidays?
25. The proposition notes that Article 66(b) of the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974, clause (ii) will be deleted. Could you explain how this currently operates and why its removal is necessary?
26. In the current Shops (Regulation of Opening and Deliveries) (Jersey) Law 2010 it states regarding deliveries *"The States may by Regulations prohibit, restrict, or establish a scheme for the regulation of the making of wholesale deliveries to shops on any Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Day or Liberation Day."* Can you advise the Panel will this mean that the States can no longer regulate deliveries on those dates and if so what the potential impact of this could be?
27. Minister, you mentioned that there was the possibility for Chamber of Commerce to self-regulate with regards to deliveries. Can you provide further detail?

Jersey Seawater Classification

28. Minister, the Panel understands that concerns have been raised around Jersey seawater classification. Oyster farmers in Jersey have called for government action to have Jersey's water around the oyster farms reassessed so that they can be classified as Grade A which they state would have a positive economic impact on Jersey's oyster industry.

Is this something that your department supports and if so, what steps are government taking to achieve this?

We would be grateful if you could respond no later than Tuesday 24th February in line with the 5 working days approved for responses between Scrutiny Panels and Ministers.

If you have any questions regarding this or our work in general, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that unless otherwise stated, all letters will be uploaded to the Scrutiny website as a matter of course.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Tadier', followed by a period.

Deputy Montfort Tadier

Chair

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