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Dear Chair,

Proposed Budget 2027 to 2030 Review

Thank you for your letter of 22nd October in which you give notice of your Panel's review of the Proposed Budget.

In your letter you request a number of pieces of information to assist with the review which I have set out below:

1. **A full breakdown of the grants and allocations anticipated within the proposed 2027 Heads of Expenditure under your Ministerial oversight.**
2. **An outline of specific work programmes and their anticipated budgets within the proposed 2027 Heads of Expenditure under your Ministerial oversight.**

These questions have been answered together for ease of reference, to provide a complete breakdown of my Department's budget.

As the Panel will appreciate, the vast majority of my department's budget is spent in the form of grants to our Arm's Length Bodies or via the Arts, Culture and Heritage budget. Final grant allocations are still to be determined and will be influenced by the business plans prepared by each of these before a final decision is made in early December.

The below list is therefore purely an indicative allocation in advance of these budget discussions and reflects the existing allocations to each organisation plus an RPI uplift of 4.1% or an additional uplift following discussions with the ALB, or both.

These allocations are subject to change and should not be taken as the final grant levels.

Arm's Length Body	2027 total (£)
Visit Jersey	6,200,000*
Jersey Business Limited	2,000,000
Jersey Sport Limited	2,257,000**
Digital Jersey Limited	1,782,000
Jersey Consumer Council	174,000
Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority	1,200,000***
Total	**£13,613,000**

* This figure does not include the events budget which I will be transferring to Visit Jersey.

** This figure includes the core operating grant for Jersey Sport Limited, with additional budget of £120,000 for performance sport, and a further £125,000 for Sports Travel Grants – there is a further £175,000 paid for sport travel grants provided from within the Arts, Culture & Heritage budget and accounted for below.

*** This includes £100,000 paid on the JCRA's behalf into the Court & Case Cost Smoothing Reserve and the JCRA's grant for Telecoms Security regulations (£250,000).

In addition to the above, my Department has ongoing commitments to support existing work in 2027, including:

Ongoing commitments	2027 total (£)
RNLI Beach lifeguards	376,000
Events support[1]	400,000
Jersey Cyber Security Centre	639,000
Fiscal Policy Panel	102,000
Visitor Economy strategy	240,000
Digital Economy strategy	160,000
Intellectual property framework	240,000
Locate Jersey & high net worth residency scheme	100,000
Manche Isles Express Service	180,000[2]
Total	**£2,437,000**

My Department, is also responsible for managing the ringfenced Arts, Culture and Heritage budget[3] which in 2027 stands at £11,732,000. As with the rest of the Department's budget, allocations are not finalised but an indicative breakdown is provided below:

Arts, Culture, Heritage budget*	2027 total (£)
Jersey Heritage	6,248,000
ArtHouse Jersey	1,264,000
Ballet d'Jèrri	400,000
Jersey Arts Centre	833,000
Jersey Opera House	1,000,000
Jèrriais	670,000
ACH events (including Festival of Words and Dreaming Trees)	170,000
Corn Riots (Parish of St Helier)	35,000
Arts, Heritage and Music grant schemes	140,000
William the Conqueror's Millennium	25,000
Sport Travel Grant	175,000
Cultural Diplomacy	46,000
Arts Education	161,000
Creative Island Partnership	12,000
Heritage Advisory Partnership	1,000

[1] This budget will be transferred to Visit Jersey in 2027

[2] This figure may vary depending on the Euros exchange rate – the Government's commitment is for €200,000

[3] This accounts for 1% of total Government expenditure although a small allocation to the Bailiff's Chambers for events means that my Department holds slightly less than 1%.

Human resources	336,000
Discretionary spend/ yet to be allocated	216,000
Total	**£11,732,000**

The above spending allocations account for **£27,782,000** of my Department's total budget for 2027 (**£31,990,000).**

The remaining £4,208,000 will cover new or minor projects, discretionary spending and the department's staff costs. Part of the funds will also be subject to re-allocation amongst the priorities listed in the tables above.

In particular, I can provide notice to the Panel of my intention to secure additional funding for Visit Jersey in 2027. Such funding will need to come from this remaining budget and so I will be looking to reprioritise spending wherever possible.

3. **A breakdown of 2027 programme budgets under your Ministerial oversight allocated to CSP 3 "Secure Jersey's competitive edge for the local economy"**

No specific programme budget has been ringfenced, however my Department's focus during this term of office will be on delivering the Common Strategic Policy objectives, including securing Jersey's competitive edge.

The Panel will be aware of my intention to set up a fund to leverage private investment to unlock much needed capital investment into local businesses and in particular, the hospitality sector. This fund will utilise private capital but some start up costs may be borne by my department where necessary.

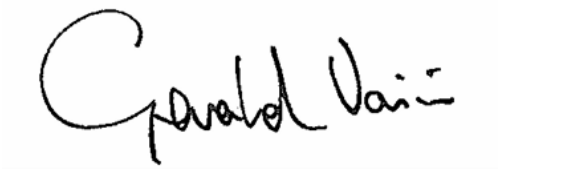
This work will also include identifying and removing red-tape. Where these require legislative changes, we will use our existing staff to undertake policy and law drafting work alongside the Legislative Drafting Office.

4. **Details of any bids for growth funding considered as part of the 2027 Budget process that were not approved, including the value of the bid, its intended purpose and the reasons it was not progressed.**

Following an instruction from the previous Chief Executive requesting departments not to submit business cases for inclusion in the 2027 budget, I can confirm that no growth funding bids were made by my department as part of the 2027 budget process.

I hope the above information provides clarity to the areas you have raised.

Yours sincerely,



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