



States Greffe

Senator Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister

BY EMAIL

24 September 2026

Dear Chief Minister,

Changes to the Codes of Conduct and Practice for Ministers and Assistant Ministers

The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (the Panel) has considered the Papers shared from the meeting of the Council of Ministers held on 22nd September 2026. The Panel has raised concern in relation to Agenda Item B2 – which proposes to amend the Ministerial Codes of Conduct and Practice (Ministerial Codes). In particular the Panel requests further information regarding the amendment to section 12 – *Employment Matters* and the rationale for this amendment.

The Panel wishes to understand what has instigated this change. Furthermore, considering the potential associated risk of Ministers being involved in employment matters and influencing the recruitment process, the Panel requests the detail on any risk assessment undertaken ahead of bringing forward this change to the Ministerial Codes.

The Panel would appreciate to receive a formal written response by 1st October 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