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Deputy Lyndsay Feltham
Chair
Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel
By email

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Dear Chair,

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

Thank you for your letter dated 9th October 2026 requesting clarification on a number of points made in the previous response.

Please be assured that the changes to Section 12 on 'Employment Matters' are not ones of substance but rather are updates to improve clarity and reflect arrangements already in place.

In response to your specific questions:

1. The offer of an officer briefing was made by email on 25th September 2026 from officials in the Government to officials at the States Greffe for onward transmission. It remains the case that we would be pleased to provide a briefing or discussion at any time with the Privileges and Procedure Committee, its Machinery of Government Sub-Committee or the Scrutiny Liaison Committee.
2. This was discussed during the Council of Ministers meeting on 22nd September 2026.
3. The UK Ministerial Code is not a primary consideration for Jersey; it is simply point of reference, as are other arrangements in other parliamentary jurisdictions. Provision 6.1 would be the point of comparison.
4. The discussion referred to the 'overall constitutional arrangements' in relation to how existing structures are constituted - namely that Ministers are ultimately responsible to the States Assembly for the performance of their department, but the States Employment Board is defined in law as the employer. Ministers therefore have a limited role in employment matters. The UK Code was simply a point of comparison.

I trust this response addresses your questions but please do contact my office should you wish to have a briefing at any point.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Minister