

States Greffe

Senator Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister

BY EMAIL

9th October 2026

Dear Chief Minister,

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

Thank you for your response received on 2nd October 2026. The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (the Panel) has considered the contents of your letter and would be grateful for clarification on a number of points.

Firstly, you state that 'a technical briefing by officials was offered as part of publication.' The Panel would be grateful if you could confirm to whom this briefing was offered, when the offer was made, and how it was communicated.

Secondly, you note that 'the Council of Ministers raised the question of appointment and employment matters.' The Panel would be grateful if you could confirm at which Council of Ministers meeting this discussion took place. The Panel has been unable to identify reference to such a discussion within the agendas and accompanying papers it has received and would therefore welcome clarification on this point.

Further, the Panel would appreciate detail regarding your reference to the 'UK Ministerial Code'. In particular, it would be helpful to understand what is meant by this reference, which aspects of the UK Ministerial Code are considered relevant, and how the Council of Ministers believes those provisions apply to the matter under consideration.

Finally, the letter states that 'consideration was also given to our overall constitutional arrangements.' The Panel would welcome further explanation of this point, including how constitutional considerations relate to the Code and the extent to which this informed any alignment with the UK Ministerial Code.

The Panel would appreciate to receive a formal written response by 16th 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