



Senator Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister

BY EMAIL

14th September 2026

Dear Chief Minister

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2027-2030

The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel ('the Panel') writes to formally request clarification on the preparations underway in relation to the proposed Common Strategic Policy ('CSP') and Budget 2027-2030 ('Budget') and to seek definitive detail on the timeline for the lodging and presentation of key documentation to assist the Scrutiny review process.

Furthermore, the Panel seeks clarity on how the progress of actions relating to the previous Budget 2026-2029 will be reported and shared with Scrutiny. Particularly, in respect of Scrutiny undertaking its role in holding Ministers to account on the delivery of their Ministerial priorities and portfolios.

Timeline and Information Request

To further assist Scrutiny in its preparations for reviewing the proposed Budget, the Panel requests the following definitive timings and information:

1. The final meeting date of the Council of Ministers to approve the proposed CSP and Budget
2. When the proposed CSP will be shared with Scrutiny ahead of lodging
3. When the proposed Budget and accompanying Financial Annex will be shared with Scrutiny ahead of lodging
4. The lodging and debate timeline of the proposed CSP and Budget Propositions
5. The presentation of the Financial Annex to the proposed Budget
6. When Scrutiny will be provided with any new revenue growth bids and related business cases
7. When Scrutiny will be provided with a progress update in respect of the previous year's progress and spends and how this will be reported
8. When Scrutiny will be provided with a spreadsheet outlining the capital and other projects, which identifies continuing and new allocated projects by Ministerial department
9. When Scrutiny Members can receive a technical briefing on the Budget and Annex
10. When the States Members' briefing on the proposed CSP and Budget will be held
11. The publication of the Departments' Business Plans for 2027
12. The publication and sharing of the Youth Friendly versions to accompany the Budget
13. The communications plan for inclusive communication of the Budget
14. The publication of the latest Financial Report
15. The publication of the latest Fiscal Policy Panel Annual Report
16. When printed hard copies of the Budget and Financial Annex will be received by Scrutiny for Officers and Members

In order for Scrutiny to progress its work expediently, the Panel would appreciate a formal written response detailing this information by no later than **Monday 21st September 2026**. Please be aware that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly Website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Feltham', written in a cursive style.

Deputy Lyndsay Feltham

**Chair
Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel**