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BY EMAIL

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Dear Chief Minister and Minister for Treasury and Resources

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2027-2030 Review – Impact of Proposed Cost of Living Measures on Households Follow Up

The Panel would like to thank you for your response received on 29th October 2026. Having reviewed the information provided, the Panel considers that several aspects of its request have not been fully addressed and would therefore welcome further information on the following points.

Question 1: An estimate of the annual financial impact of the Proposed Budget 2027–2030 measures for each of the household groups listed above, taking account of both the proposed increases in tax thresholds, allowances and reliefs, and the impact of increases in duties, charges or other costs arising from the Budget.

The Panel notes that the household groups identified in the Jersey Opinions and Lifestyle Survey 2025 as experiencing financial difficulty were not all reflected in the table provided. To assist its consideration of this matter, the Panel would be grateful if the information could be provided in accordance with the households identified in the survey.

In particular, the Panel would welcome the data being presented in a way that enables direct comparison between otherwise equivalent household types in order to assess the relative impact on different family structures. For example:

- Single-parent households with a nursery-age child compared with two-parent households with a nursery-age child;
- Single-parent households with school-age children compared with two-parent households with school-age children; and
- Other comparable household groups where key variables are kept consistent.

Question 2: An assessment of whether the proposed measures are expected to increase or reduce financial pressures on households that have been identified as being at greater risk of financial hardship.

The Panel would like further information in respect of its request for an assessment of whether the proposed measures are expected to increase or reduce financial pressures on households identified as being at greater risk of financial hardship has been fully addressed. The Panel would therefore be grateful for a fuller answer to this question.

Question 3: Where possible, an indication of which measures are expected to have the greatest positive or negative effect on each household group.

The Panel requested an indication of which measures are expected to have the greatest positive or negative effect on each household group. Whilst the response identifies a number of measures that are expected to provide support to certain households, it does not provide information on whether any elements of the Proposed Budget 2027-2030 are expected to have a negative impact on particular household groups.

The Panel would therefore be grateful for:

- An indication of which measures are expected to have the greatest positive effect on each household group;
- An indication of which measures are expected to have the greatest negative effect on each household group, if any;
- The estimated scale of both positive and negative impacts; and
- Any assessment that has been undertaken of the cumulative impact of the Budget proposals on each household group.

Question 4: A plain-English summary of the Proposed Budget 2027–2030, setting out the anticipated impact of the proposals on typical Jersey households.

The Panel notes that its request for a plain-English summary of the Proposed Budget 2027-2030, setting out the anticipated impact of the proposals on typical Jersey households, has not been fully addressed.

While the Panel acknowledges that this request was met in part through the information provided, it considers that the response does not address the underlying purpose of the request. The Panel's request followed evidence received from the Jersey Consumer Council in its submission to the review, which stated:

> *" We would add that the Budget documents, and the Financial Annex in particular, are difficult for a lay reader to follow. We would encourage the Panel to ask the Government to publish a plain-English summary showing what the proposals mean for typical households."*

The Panel would therefore be grateful if this plain-English summary could be provided.

We would be grateful to receive this information by a formal response no later than **13th November 2026.** Please be advised that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website.

Yours sincerely,



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Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel