



Royal Court of Jersey
Judicial Greffe

Your Ref:

Our Ref:

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Deputy Hilary Jeune
Chair, Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Panel

By email

c/o j.hahn@gov.je

Dear Deputy Jeune

Proposed Budget 2026-2029 Review – Rent Tribunal

Thank you for your letter of the 16th October requesting further information relating to the operational arrangements for the Rent Tribunal. Responses to your specific questions are below:

Provide a breakdown of what the £149,000 allocation for 2026 will be used for

The £149,000 allocated to the department for 2026 will be used to fund the following:

£95,000	Tribunal Service Registrar and set-up project management costs
£46,800	Tribunal Chair, Deputy Chair and Lay members
£7,200	Interpreters

Does the budget allocation for 2026 include any flexibility for an influx of initial cases?

The business case is based on an estimate of the expected number of cases as there was no precedent available to reliably predict the case load. The budget allocation meets this estimate without any additional flexibility. In the event that the number of cases exceeds predictions this will be handled through in-house flexibility within the Tribunal Service but only if such flexibility exists at the time. Should there be a considerable influx of cases, then the most likely outcome is that a backlog of cases will form, until such a time that a new business case is developed and approved to ensure there are sufficient resources in place.

The business case developed for the establishment of the Rent Tribunal recognised this risk and identified some mitigation including developing a case prioritisation system and the need to seek further resource in the event of an excessive case load.

What additional costs are expected during 2026 compared to the ongoing annual costs?

The additional allowance in 2026 comprises the estimated project management costs to establish the Tribunal. This includes activities such as recruitment, the design of forms and administrative procedures and the creation of web content.

You previously indicated that 2025 costs would be managed from existing resources. Has this preparatory work now been completed, and were any additional resources required?

No additional resources have been required in 2025, principally due to the later than anticipated States Assembly debate to agree the primary legislation. Existing Judicial Greffe staff with the support of the Strategic Housing and Regeneration Team within the Cabinet Office are delivering the requirements associated with the creation of a new Tribunal. One-off expenses including hardware and some reconfiguration of existing office space to accommodate a new member of staff are being funded from the business as usual budget of the Judicial Greffe.

Do you believe that the proposed allocations for 2027-2029 are sufficient to sustain the Tribunal's operations once it becomes fully established?

It is not possible to provide that the business case is sufficient, until the number of annual cases that will be brought to the Tribunal becomes apparent. The business case should however be adequate to meet the *estimated* number of cases as it was based on known operational costs within the Tribunal Service and by using consistent day-rate allowances for the Tribunal Chair, Deputy Chair and lay-members.

Please let me know if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Morley-Kirk', written in a cursive style.

Advocate Rebecca Morley-Kirk
Judicial Greffier