Submission - Jersey Opera House Ltd - 13 November 2026

Please find below feedback in response to the proposed budget 2027-2030 and other matters, on behalf of Jersey Opera House Ltd:

- We welcome the 1% of the States of Jersey's net revenue expenditure being spent on arts, culture, and heritage
- We are concerned about the potential flexibility of this 1% - e.g. additional similar sectors being included under the category of arts, culture and heritage, so that 1% has to go further
- Equally if the States of Jersey cuts its overall expenditure budget, then that 1% reduces
- In short, we would be really concerned if the funding towards arts, culture and heritage decreased for the existing core funded portfolio
- We are passionate about cross cultural collaboration, so our funding concerns are about the whole arts, cultural and heritage sector rather than merely about Jersey Opera House Ltd
- We are interested to know where the Capital Investment fund is positioned regarding the arts, culture and heritage estate
- Jersey Opera House has been fortunate to have received a Capital upgrade recently, which has been funded by the government and we are enormously grateful. In order to maintain the upgrade and not allow the building to dilapidate over the next 10-20 years, so it needs another injection of Capital investment, we are keen that some of that Capital investment fund is used to *maintain* the building, which, after all is a government asset
- Jersey Opera House Ltd can help but our budgets are very tight and our government funding is towards cultural activities for the people of Jersey, rather than to maintain a government building
- The new lease negotiations (ongoing) will hopefully resolve this conundrum
- We feel well supported by the government's officers and politicians and we appreciate their advice and guidance.

Best wishes

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