



Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Records of Meetings

2025

The following records of meetings have been approved by the Panel.

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Chair

Deputy Catherine Curtis

États de Jersey



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Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 20th January 2025

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In attendance	Connétable Richard Vibert, Minister for Children and Families Deputy Malcolm Ferey, Assistant Minister for Children and Families Francis Walker, Head of Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance (SPPP), Cabinet Office Francesca Bihet, Policy Officer, SPPP, Cabinet Office Abbie Moore, Private Secretary to the Minister for Children and Families Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Joseph Brannigan, Research and Project Officer

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- Remove the customary law assumption that the husband of the mother was the father of the child.

As expected, consequential amendments would be required to update various pieces of legislation where “parent”, or the concept of parenthood was referred to in order to reflect the changes. When the Panel reviewed the Law, it found that 33 pieces of legislation had been identified as requiring further amendment (listed on page 18 of S.R.2/2024).

During the briefing, the Panel was advised that the draft Regulations included approximately 180 amendments across 42 pieces of legislation. It was confirmed that none of the consequential amendments changed the original policy intent of the law and that the proposed changes would effectively map the new definition of “parent” included in the Children (Jersey) Law 2002 and the definitions that expanded the definition of parents that were introduced by the Amendment Law.

The legislation amended in the draft Regulations included all of the legislation previously highlighted to the Panel, with the exception of:

- Bankruptcy (Recovery and Resolution) (Jersey) Law 2017
- Legitimacy and Illegitimacy (Re-registration of Births) (Jersey) Regulations 1974
- Legitimacy (Jersey) Law 1963
- Legitimacy (Jersey) Law 1973

The Panel was advised that the Government’s intention was to propose the abolition of the status of legitimacy in Jersey law, to ensure an equitable position for all children and families, regardless of the marital status of their parents. Whilst it had been confirmed that legitimacy had limited practical or legal relevance, until the position was resolved, only children born into an opposite-sex marriage would be registered as legitimate. It was advised that there would be a number of ‘saved provisions’ with regards to legitimacy, for example manorial rights.

It was confirmed that further work was underway with regards to legitimacy and that further legislation would be lodged to resolve the position of legitimacy prior to the lodging of an Appointed Day Act to enact the primary Law.

The Panel queried why the Bankruptcy (Recovery and Resolution) (Jersey) Law 2017 was not included in the draft Regulations to be amended, when it had been previously listed as a law which required amendment. Officers committed to revert with confirmation about that and stated that it might have been related to the work on legitimacy.

The Panel was provided with confirmation that the practical changes required to be put in place across various areas of Government service were all underway. The Panel was advised that:

- The development of new Rules of Court was nearing completion;
- New certificates, registers and processes were in development for use by the Office of the Superintendent Registrar;
- There had been engagement with the Assisted Reproduction Unit with regards to the changes that would be required to their consent forms and website information, but it was confirmed that this would be minimal; and
- There had been engagement with the Social Security policy team on parental benefits for new routes to parenthood.

The Panel had previously been advised that the Government would undertake a coordinated communication of changes to the public ahead of the commencement of the primary Law. The Panel asked for further information about that and was advised that a communications plan had been developed and a meeting of all the relevant

departments' Head of Communications would be held in the week commencing 27th January 2025. The Panel was advised that the Government would contact families who were known to be impacted by aspects of the primary Law, for example, those who were likely to apply for a Recognition Order of a pre-existing Parental Order that had been made in England or Wales. However, it was clarified that communications would not just be targeted, there would be broader communications shared with the public to get the message out about the changes.

The Panel noted that it had received only positive sentiment from the public when it had conducted its review on the primary Law and asked the Minister and officers what the tone of public feedback had been with regards to the proposed changes. The Panel was advised that no negative commentary had been recorded.

The Panel asked how Jersey's position compared to other Crown Dependencies. Officers advised that information was not to hand but committed to revert to the Panel with some information.

It was clarified that the primary Law and the draft Regulations would not come into effect until an Appointed Day Act was approved by the States Assembly. The Panel was advised that the Minister for Children and Families intended to lodge the Appointed Day Act in Summer / Autumn 2025, pending the States Assembly approval of the draft Regulations and, also, completion of the work to resolve legitimacy (which the Panel was advised was at an advanced stage).

The Panel thanked the Minister, Assistant Minister and Government officers for their time and they left the meeting.

The Panel agreed that it would summarise its scrutiny of the draft Regulations in formal Comments, lodged for the information of the States Assembly. It was noted that the draft Regulations were scheduled to be debated in the sitting commencing 4th February 2025. The Panel agreed its key points for the Comments and asked its Officer to circulate the draft Comments Paper for its initial review as soon as possible the following week.

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Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Meeting held by electronic mail

Date: 27th January 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member Deputy Helen Miles, Member
Absent	Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair
In attendance	Joseph Brannigan, Research and Project Officer

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<p>1. Electronic meeting: Draft Children and Young People (Independent Advocates) (Jersey) Regulations 202- [P.87/2024]</p> <p>The Panel considered and approved its draft Comments Paper on the Draft Children and Young People (Independent Advocates) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (P.87/2024).</p> <p>The Panel approved that its Comments Paper be submitted for presentation to the States Assembly and asked the Officer to make relevant arrangements.</p>	<p>JB</p>

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Record of Meeting

Date: 28th January 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Helen Miles, Member (Item 2 only)
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member
In attendance	Nathan Fox, Associate Director - Justice, Cabinet Office Sara Garwood, Senior Policy Officer, Cabinet Office Chris Stephenson, Chair, Jersey Police Complaints Authority (Item 1 Only) Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Joseph Brannigan, Research and Project Officer Michael Morris, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Private Briefing: Draft Police Complaints and Conduct Regulations</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Associate Director, the Senior Policy Officer and the Chair of the Jersey Police Complaints Authority to a private briefing on the Draft Police (Complaints and Conduct – States of Jersey Police Force) Regulations 202- and the Draft Police (Complaints and Conduct – Honorary Police) (Jersey) Regulations 202- (together the ‘draft Regulations’).</p> <p>A private file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Qualified Exemption 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).</p>	
<p>2. Private Briefing: Crime (Public Order) (Jersey) Law 2024</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Associate Director and the Senior Policy Officer to a private briefing to discuss a matter related to the Crime (Public Order) (Jersey) Law 2024.</p> <p>A private file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Absolute Exemption 26 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 29th January 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Helen Miles, Member
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member
In attendance	Connétable Richard Vibert, Minister for Children and Families Deputy Malcolm Ferey, Assistant Minister for Children and Families Donna Marriot, Director of Children's Services, Children, Education, Young People and Skills (CYPES) Darren Bowring, Associate Director, CAMHS, Mental Health and Wellbeing, CYPES Andrew Heaven, Assistant Director of Policy, Cabinet Office Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Michael Morris, Communications Officer Remi Harris, Apprentice Policy Officer

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<p>1. Quarterly Public Hearing: Minister for Children and Families</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Minister for Children and Families, the Assistant Minister and various Government Officers for a Quarterly Public Hearing at 2:00 pm. The hearing was recorded, and webcast live via Public-I and a transcript was produced.</p> <p>Following the Public Hearing, the Panel discussed and agreed key topics to include on any media updates with the Communications Officer.</p>	<p>MM</p>

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Record of Meeting

Date: 30th January 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Helen Miles, Member
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member
In attendance	Deputy Rob Ward, Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning Deputy Carina Alves, Assistant Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning Keith Posner, Interim Chief Officer, Department of Children, Young People, Education and Skills (CYPES) Jonathan Williams, Programme Director, CYPES Jane Lancaster-Adlam, Associate Director Education, CYPES Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Michael Morris, Communications Officer

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<p>1. Quarterly Public Hearing: Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, the Assistant Minister and Government Officers for a Quarterly Public Hearing at 2:00 pm. The hearing was recorded, and webcast live via Public-I and a transcript was produced.</p> <p>Following the Public Hearing, the Panel discussed and agreed key topics to include in a social media update with the Communications Officer.</p>	<p>MM</p>

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<p>1. Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair informed the Panel that she had been invited by media for an interview regarding a petition relating to the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law 2022, which prompted a Panel discussion on that topic.</p>					
<p>2. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the record of the meeting held on 20th January 2025.</p>					
<p>3. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel discussed its planned work programme for February to July 2025.</p> <p>The Panel noted that the main focus of its work in the first half of 2025 would initially be its review of ‘What protection do children in Jersey have from online harms?’. There were a number of matters of legislative scrutiny expected, including the Draft Police Complaints Regulations. The Panel agreed that it would seek stakeholder views on the changes proposed and asked Officers to draft a Scoping Document in readiness.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it had been briefed on 28th January 2025 about a matter relating to an Amendment to the Crime (Public Order) (Jersey) Law 2024 which would require short notice legislative scrutiny, as the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs was intending to ask the States Assembly to agree a reduced lodging period.</p> <p>The Panel discussed how it could scrutinise the Government’s Common Strategic Policy (CSP) priorities over the following twelve months. Four of the CSP priorities fell within the Panel’s remit and, in relation to those, the Panel agreed that:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>CSP Priority</th> <th>Panel scrutiny</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Extend nursery and childcare provision</td> <td>The Panel noted that it had questioned the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning on that subject in recent quarterly hearings and agreed that it would continue to do so. The Panel had met the Jersey Early Years Association (JEYA) and the Jersey Association of</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	CSP Priority	Panel scrutiny	Extend nursery and childcare provision	The Panel noted that it had questioned the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning on that subject in recent quarterly hearings and agreed that it would continue to do so. The Panel had met the Jersey Early Years Association (JEYA) and the Jersey Association of	KdC
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	<p>Child Carers (JACC) on 22nd November 2024.</p> <p>As its next action, the Panel asked Officers to draft letters to both JEYA and JACC with some follow up questions.</p>	JB
Provide a nutritious school meal for every child in all States primary schools	The Panel asked Officers to arrange visits to various primary schools to observe the school meal delivery in practice and speak to school staff and pupils about its impact and effectiveness.	JB
Increase the provision of lifelong learning and skills development	<p>The Panel noted that it had questioned the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning on that subject in recent quarterly hearings and agreed that it would continue to do so.</p> <p>The Panel noted that it had submitted an amendment to the Budget 2025 – 2028 (Amendment number 5) which related to Apprenticeship support.</p>	
Implement the recommendations from the Violence Against Women and Girls Taskforce report	The Panel agreed that it would hold a standalone public hearing to examine the Government’s progress with the VAWG taskforce recommendations and asked Officers to draft a Scoping Document accordingly. The Panel agreed that it would provisionally schedule that work for summer 2025.	JB
<p>During the discussion about its work programme, the Panel also asked Officers to organise a visit to various Government services in the Samarès area, which would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eden House (Children’s Short Breaks Home); • Le Squez Youth Club; and • Samarès School (if possible to include observation of its school meals provision). 		JB
The Panel also asked Officers to update the work programme to reflect the above discussions and decisions.		KdC
<p>4. Scrutiny Briefings</p> <p>The Panel noted that it was due to receive the following briefings from Government Officials in February 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th February 2025: private briefing from the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning; • 12th February 2025: briefing about law drafting instructions to address intimate image abuse as part of the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) work; and • 13th February Briefing: briefing about the St. Helier Youth Centre. 		KdC

<p>The Panel asked Officers to request that briefing papers be provided in advance, where possible.</p>	
<p>5. Scrutiny Review: ‘What protection do children in Jersey have from online harms?’</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next review would be launched on the 7th of February 2025.</p> <p>The Officer confirmed that a letter with details about the review and its Terms of Reference would be sent to the Minister for Children and Families, the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs and the Minister for Sustainable Economic Development in advance of the launch.</p> <p>As per the approved Scoping Document, the Panel asked Officers to draft letters, arrange briefings and public hearings for the review.</p>	<p>KdC</p>
<p>6. Scrutiny Review: Feedback on the Secondary Education Review [S.R.10/2024]</p> <p>The Panel noted the Ministerial Response (MR) received from the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, which was published as a Report on the States Assembly website on 24th January 2025.</p> <p>The Panel discussed the MR and made a number of requests to Officers for follow up actions.</p> <p>The Chair advised the Panel that she had been invited to attend an event run by Policy Centre Jersey, to speak in relation to the Panel’s review.</p>	<p>KdC / JB</p>
<p>7. States Business</p> <p>The Panel considered items of business for forthcoming States Assembly meetings and noted recent Ministerial Decisions signed by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs.</p>	
<p>8. Public Hearing: Foster Care in Jersey</p> <p>The Panel discussed its upcoming standalone public hearing on the subject of ‘Fostering in Jersey’ with the Minister for Children and Families. The Panel noted that it had agreed to a request to reschedule the hearing from Tuesday 28th January 2025 to Friday 7th February 2025. The Panel noted that Deputy Beatriz Porée had provided her apologies for the public hearing and reassigned her questions accordingly.</p> <p>The Panel reviewed its approved question plan for the hearing.</p>	

<p>9. Quarterly Hearings</p> <p>The Panel discussed its upcoming quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs on Tuesday 11th February 2025 and tabled a draft question plan for approval. The Panel agreed the draft question plan, subject to a few additions and minor amendments. The Panel asked the Officer to make the necessary updates.</p> <p>The Panel noted follow up information received by email following its public hearing with the Minister for Children and Families on 29th January 2025, namely in response to a Panel query about the synergy between Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) parent / infant psychotherapy offer and the programmes delivered by external providers. The Panel was advised by email that:</p> <p><i>Within the CAMHS Early Intervention Team there is a Parent Infant Psychotherapist (PIP). The PIP provides psychological support to parents/carers of 0-5 year olds whilst simultaneously working with the preschool child to build healthy attachments. As well as one-to-one therapy work with parents, or parents and child, PIP also deliver the Mellow Parenting Programme, funded by CAMHS, with Brighter Futures. This programme supports parents to reflect on relationships and interactions with their children to promote positive parenting and being responsive to their children early years needs. Many of the referrals for PIP come from Family Nursing and Home Care (FNHC). The PIP has met with FNHC to ensure close working, and often undertakes joint intervention with Health Visitors. PIP will be introducing regular consultation meetings with FNHC (and other partner agencies) to promote joint working. A number of the Mothers on the MECSH programme (Maternal Early Childhood Sustained Home Visiting Programme) have attended Mellow Parenting and are accessing support from PIP and FNHC.</i></p> <p>The Panel discussed follow up actions from its recent public hearing with the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning on 30th January 2025. The Panel noted that information about the UK's guidelines on the use of auto-adrenaline injectors in schools had been shared by email. Officers confirmed that a letter with the Panel's remaining questions and other follow up points would be circulated as soon as possible.</p>	<p>JB</p> <p>JB</p>
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>The Panel noted that Scrutiny Panels had been provided with the opportunity to suggest question areas or subjects to include in the 2025 Jersey Opinions and Lifestyle Survey (JOLS). The Panel named a number of areas of interest and asked Officers to complete the JOLS proformas based on its discussion. Officers confirmed that the draft proformas would be circulated for further Panel comment and approval before being submitted to Statistics Jersey for consideration.</p> <p>Deputy Helen Miles advised the Panel that she was going to be nominated by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs as a member of the Jersey Police Authority at the following States Assembly meeting.</p>	<p>KdC</p>
<p>11. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled private meeting would take place at 9:00 am on Monday 24th February 2025 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Building.</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 7th February 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Helen Miles, Member (Item 2 only)
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member
In attendance	<p>Item 1 only</p> <p>Connétable Richard Vibert, Minister for Children and Families Deputy Malcolm Ferey, Assistant Minister for Children and Families Donna Marriot, Director of Children's Services, Children, Education, Young People and Skills (CYPES) Andy Waugh, Head of Improvement for Fostering and Adoption, CYPES</p> <p>Joseph Brannigan, Research and Project Officer Gwyn Garfield-Bennet, Communications Officer</p> <p>Items 1 and 2</p> <p>Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer</p>

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Public Hearing on Foster Care in Jersey – Witness: Minister for Children and Families</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Minister for Children and Families, the Assistant Minister and Government Officers for a Public Hearing on the subject of Foster Care in Jersey at 9:30 am. The hearing was recorded, and webcast live via Public-I and a transcript was produced.</p> <p>Following the Public Hearing, the Panel discussed and agreed key topics to include on any media updates with the Communications Officer.</p>	GGB
<p>2. Approval of Jersey Opinions and Lifestyle Survey (JOLS) suggested question proformas</p> <p>The Panel noted its electronic approval to submit question suggestions to Statistics Jersey for inclusion in the 2025 JOLS questionnaire. The suggested question areas agreed by the Panel were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control of fireworks; • Cost of living for families; • 14 plus transfer in non-fee paying secondary schools; • Public confidence in the courts; and • Further education opportunities. 	KdC

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Record of Meeting

Date: 12th February 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Helen Miles, Member (online, via Teams)
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member
In attendance	Nathan Fox, Head of Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Emily Genee, Policy Intern, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Moses Sappe, Policy Intern, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Joseph Brannigan, Research and Project Officer Michael Morris, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Private Briefing: Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Law Drafting Instructions: Intimate image abuse</p> <p>The Panel welcomed Nathan Fox, Head of Policy, Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance, Emily Genee, Policy Intern, Strategic Policy and Moses Sappe, Policy Intern, Strategic Policy to a private briefing on the VAWG law drafting instructions related to new proposed offences for intimate image abuse.</p> <p>A private file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Qualified Exemption 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 13th February 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Helen Miles, Member
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member
In attendance	Connétable Richard, Minister for Children and Families Deputy Malcolm Ferey, Assistant Minister for Children and Families Keith Posner, Interim Chief Officer for CYPES Mark Capern, Associate Director-Young People's Services Joseph Brannigan, Research and Project Officer Michael Morris, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Private Briefing: St. Helier Youth Centre</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the Connétable Richard, Minister for Children and Families, Deputy Malcolm Ferey, Assistant Minister for Children and Families, Keith Posner, Interim Chief Officer for CYPES and Mark Capern, Associate Director, Young People's Services to a private briefing about the proposed St. Helier Youth Centre capital project at the former Ann Street Brewery site.</p> <p>A private file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Qualified Exemption 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 24th February 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Helen Miles, Member
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member
In attendance	Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Joseph Brannigan, Research and Project Officer (items 1 – 7 only) Michael Morris, Communications Officer (items 1 – 7 only)

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Opening Remarks</p> <p>The Chair proposed that all of the Panel’s scheduled meetings on Monday mornings, currently scheduled for 9:00 am, were rescheduled to start at 9:15 am. The Panel agreed to this change and requested the officer update calendar appointments accordingly.</p> <p>The Chair provided the Panel with a summary update of a recent event, hosted by Policy Centre Jersey, where she spoke about the Panel’s Review of Secondary Education Funding.</p> <p>The Chair also highlighted the recent publication of the report ‘Organisations receiving Grants of over £75,000 in 2023 [R.23/2025] by the Minister for Treasury and Resources, as this was relevant to recent Panel inquiries about grants provided to private schools.</p>	KdC
<p>2. Records of Meetings</p> <p>The Panel approved the records of the meetings held on 24th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th and 31st January and 3rd, 7th, 12th and 13th February 2025 subject to a few minor typographical amendments.</p>	KdC
<p>3. Work Programme</p> <p>The Panel discussed its planned work programme for February to July 2025.</p> <p>The Panel noted that its upcoming legislative scrutiny work would include the Police Complaints Regulations and forthcoming amendments to gas legislation, both to be lodged by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs.</p> <p>The Panel discussed its future scrutiny of the Government’s Common Strategic Policy priorities. The following points were highlighted:</p> <p><u>Violence Against Women and Girls Taskforce recommendations</u></p> <p>Officers confirmed that scoping documents for a standalone public hearing to scrutinize progress relating to the Violence Against Women and Girls taskforce report recommendations were being drafted, as per the Panel’s previous request.</p> <p><u>Early Years pilots and Primary School meals</u></p>	KdC

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<p>Officers confirmed that arrangements were underway to schedule visits to various schools in 2025, primarily to view the school meal delivery. The Panel noted its interest to visit schools where it could see the Early Years pilots in action and asked that officers make arrangements to visit both Trinity Primary School and D’Auvergne School for this purpose.</p> <p>The Panel agreed to write to the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning to ask for further details about the Early Years Plan [R.168/2024] and Early Years pilot programmes. The Panel asked officers to draft and circulate a letter for its review on Teams.</p> <p><u>Lifelong Learning</u></p> <p>The Panel agreed that it would consider any response from the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning in the ‘Questions Without Notice’ session of the States Assembly sitting on 25th February 2025 and would subsequently consider if it wanted to write to the Minister to ask for further information about the distance learning policy and maintenance grant.</p>	<p>KdC</p> <p>KdC</p>
<p>4. Scrutiny Briefings</p> <p>The Panel noted that it was due to receive the following briefings from Government officials in March 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th March 2025: a private briefing about forthcoming amendments to gas legislation, to be lodged by the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs; and • 6th March 2025: a private briefing about the Ambulance and Fire and Rescue Headquarters capital projects. 	
<p>5. Scrutiny Review: ‘What protection do children in Jersey have from online harms?’</p> <p>The Panel received a verbal update from the officer about the status of the review. The Panel reviewed and approved letters to send to the Minister for Children and Families, the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, the Children’s Commissioner for Jersey, and the Attorney General. The officer advised that other draft letters requested by the Panel for its review would be circulated by Teams for electronic approval.</p> <p>The Panel noted receipt of a number of written submissions from members of the public. At the time of the meeting, seven anonymous public submissions and one confidential submission had been shared with the Panel. The officer noted that approximately seven other submissions had been received by email, but data processing confirmations were required before these were shared. The officer confirmed that any further submissions from the public or other stakeholders would be shared on Teams as soon as possible and put on the review page of the website, if consent was provided.</p> <p>The Chair referenced a news item that had informed about the publication of a UK inquiry report (from the Raising the Nation Play Commission) which had identified concerns that children were spending less time playing, less time outside, and less time with friends, and more time inside and on digital technology. The Panel asked officers to circulate details of the inquiry report to assist with its research.</p>	<p>MM / KdC</p>

<p>6. States Business</p> <p>The Panel considered items of business for forthcoming States Assembly meetings and noted recent Ministerial decisions by the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning and Minister for Justice and Home Affairs.</p>	
<p>7. Update to the Panel about communications and media</p> <p>The Communications Officer provided a verbal update to the Panel in relation to forthcoming public hearing and reviews.</p> <p>The Panel had previously discussed the possibility of using a social media poll to assess opinion about the changes made to the school uniform policy (updated in December 2023). Officers highlighted some challenges of this approach and suggested other options for collecting more targeted feedback. The Panel agreed to write a letter to the Union of Headteachers to ask about the impact of changes made to the uniform policy.</p>	KdC
<p>8. Quarterly Hearings</p> <p>The Panel discussed its upcoming quarterly public hearing with the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs on Thursday 27th February 2025 (rescheduled from 11th February 2025) and tabled its updated question plan for approval.</p> <p>The Panel approved the question plan, subject to a few additions and minor amendments. The Panel asked the officer to make the necessary updates.</p> <p>The Panel noted and discussed a letter dated 11th February 2025 from the Minister for Education and Lifelong Learning, which was received in response to follow up enquiries from the Panel's Quarterly Hearing held on 30th January 2025. The Panel noted some further queries it had as a result of the letter, but agreed that the questions could be put to the Minister at the next quarterly hearing of the year.</p>	KdC KdC
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>The following items of other business were discussed by the Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Panel noted that the Chair of the Panel (and officer) had met with the President of the Scrutiny Liaison Committee (and officer) on 11th February 2025 to provide an update about the Panel's plans for scrutiny of the Government's Common Strategic Policy priorities (see item 3 of these minutes for details). • The Panel noted receipt of correspondence dated 20th February 2025 from the Minister for Children and Families regarding follow up matters from the public hearing on the subject of Foster Care in Jersey. The next steps for the Panel's work on this area would be recorded on the work programme. • Connétable Mark Labey apologised to the Panel for an email he had sent to the Panel Chair which had unintentionally copied in all Panel members, a Panel officer and a member of the public through the 'reply all' email function. The Connétable advised that he anticipated that the member of the public would submit a complaint due to the opinion expressed therein. The Panel noted that the subject matter of the email was not relevant to its remit and that the email did not constitute a data protection breach, therefore no action from the Panel was required. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Chair informed the Panel that she would shortly be lodging a proposition for which the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs would be the main respondent. A verbal summary of the proposition content was provided by the Chair and noted by the Panel.	
<p>10. Future Meetings</p> <p>The Panel noted that its next scheduled private meeting would take place at 9:15 am on Monday 17th March 2025 in the Le Capelain Room of the States Building.</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 27th February 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Deputy Helen Miles, Member
Apologies	Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member
In attendance	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs Connétable Richard Vibert, Assistant Minister for Justice and Home Affairs Kate Briden, Chief Officer of Justice and Home Affairs Scott Hall, Deputy Chief Officer, States of Jersey Police Nathan Fox, Head of Policy, Justice Policy, Strategic Policy Planning and Performance Rhiannon Small, Head of Service, Jersey Customs and Immigration Service Warrick Horsfall, Senior Manager, Customs and Immigration Katherine de Carteret, Committee and Panel Officer Michael Morris, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
1. Public Hearing with Minister for Justice and Home Affairs The Panel welcomed Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, Connétable Richard Vibert, Assistant Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, and Government Officers to a Quarterly Public Hearing. The proceedings were streamed live to the public and a recording was taken so that a written transcript could be produced.	
2. Post Hearing Discussion The Panel discussed areas from the hearing and agreed the highlights with the Communications Officer to share on social media. The Panel requested the Officer put its remaining questions into a letter to send to the Minister for a written response.	MM KdC

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Record of Meeting

Date: 5th March 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Helen Miles, Member (online, via Teams)
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member
In attendance	Deputy Hilary Jeune, Chair of Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel (EHI Panel) Deputy Tom Coles, Vice-Chair of the EHI Panel Connétable David Johnson, Member of the EHI Panel Deputy David Warr, Member (online, via Teams) Deputy Mary Le Hagarat, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs Kate Briden, Chief Officer, Justice and Home Affairs Department Andrew Scate, Chief Officer, Infrastructure and Environment Department Andrew Metcalfe, Associate Director of Strategic Planning and Accountability, Cabinet Office Sylvia Roberts, Director of the Civil Division, Law Officers Department Sara Johns, Legal Advisor, Law Officers Department Joseph Brannigan, Research and Project Officer Anna Thorne, Committee and Panel Officer Michael Morris, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Private Briefing: Draft Jersey Gas Company Amendment Law 202- (the draft Gas Law)</p> <p>The Panel, joined by members of the EHI Panel, welcomed Deputy Mary Le Hagarat, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, and Government Officers to a private briefing about the draft Gas Law.</p> <p>A private file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Qualified Exemption 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).</p>	

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Record of Meeting

Date: 6th March 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Helen Miles, Member
Apologies	Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member
In attendance	Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs Kate Briden Chief Officer, Justice and Home Affairs Department Peter Gavey, Chief Ambulance Officer, Justice and Home Affairs Department Paul Brown, Chief Fire Officer, Justice and Home Affairs Department Steven Dicker, Head of Change and Projects, Chief Operating Office Anthony Norman, Capital Projects Manager, Infrastructure and Environment Department Joseph Brannigan, Research and Project Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Private Briefing: Capital project to replace the headquarters of the States of Jersey Ambulance Service and the headquarters of States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service</p> <p>The Panel welcomed Deputy Mary Le Hegarat, Minister for Justice and Home Affairs, and government officials to a private briefing regarding a capital project to replace the Ambulance Station and Fire Station in St. Helier.</p> <p>A private file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Qualified Exemption 35 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).</p>	

Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Record of Meeting

Date: 7th March 2025

Present	Deputy Catherine Curtis, Chair Connétable Mark Labey, Vice-Chair Deputy Beatriz Porée, Member (online, via Teams)
Apologies	Deputy Helen Miles, Member
In attendance	Vivienne Scott Johnston, Educational Psychologist Joanna Hill, Educational Psychologist Morag Farley, Association of Educational Psychologists (online, via Teams) Kavita Solder, Educational Psychologist Joseph Brannigan, Research and Project Officer Michael Morris, Communications Officer

Agenda matter	Action
<p>1. Private Meeting: update from Educational Psychologists</p> <p>The Panel welcomed the attendees to the meeting which related to the Educational Psychology Service in Jersey.</p> <p>A private file note was made of the briefing, classified as exempt in accordance with Absolute Exemption 26 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (as amended).</p>	