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4<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Rob,

**Government Plan Review 2022 – 2025**

Thank you for your letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> October requesting the views of the Authority in relation to the Proposition P.90/2021 – Government Plan 202-2025.

Having taken into consideration the letter copied to ourselves from the Police Association, and having heard the evidence presented to your Panel at the recent Scrutiny hearings from both the Minister of Home Affairs and the Chief of Police, the Jersey Police Authority (JPA) has met and discussed the proposed budgetary reductions outlined in the government plan. As you would expect, it has discussed these with the Chief Officer of States of Jersey Police (SoJP), and based on the assurances given by the Chief Officer, the JPA is cautiously supportive.

It is important that the SoJP plays its full part in delivering best value to the public, however, much like the reductions of warranted Officers that we have seen in the last 10 years, we do not wish to see any future reductions in police staff numbers, owing to the undoubted detrimental impact this would have on the organisation's efficiency and effectiveness, staff morale and wellbeing. As you know, the JPA's statutory duty is to report upon SoJP efficiency and effectiveness and our position is that this is best done by considering the roles and numbers required to deliver such a policing service and not what sort of policing service can be delivered for 'x' number of pounds.

For this reason the JPA will, over the coming year, monitor monthly for any adverse impact these reductions may cause and if we believe it to be in the best interests of the public and SoJP service, we will petition the Minister for additional funding as we are required to do by statute.

Thank you for inviting the JPA to participate in this review.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Lane", written over a horizontal line.

Dr Jason Lane  
Chair

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