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Dear Deputy Ward

Government Plan Review

Thank you for your letter dated 21st August regarding your review of the Government Plan. I have responded to your requests in turn below.

Request 1: All supporting information relating to the projects listed in your letter will be provided in the corporate response as outlined in the Chief Minister's letter to the Chair of the Government Plan Review Panel.

Request 2: With regard to my involvement in the capital projects listed in your letter, I receive regular briefings from my officers on capital requirements for each of the services in Justice and Home Affairs. Based on this advice, I provide political approval and support for these projects. I have received briefings on all the capital projects set out in your letter.

Request 3: With regard to the business cases for the capital projects, these will be provided in the corporate response.

Request 4: I have set out my involvement in each of the actions listed in your letter below including whether they relate to a specific project:

Increase support for vulnerable children and young people

I have supported proposals which engage relevant Justice and Home Affairs services and which relate to the criminal justice system, including:

- Creation of additional posts dedicated to responding to those affected by domestic abuse, alongside maintained investment in multi-agency safeguarding.
- Continuing investment in Dewberry House Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), specifically the introduction of an integrated "Child House" model which will offer increase support for children who are victims of sexual assault.
- Employing more Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) (to be based in different services across the 'system' to ensure a very quick point of contact and support for victims of abuse including children and young people.
- Starting policy work focused on reforming Jersey's youth justice system.

Invest in an increase to police numbers

Following an assessment from the States of Jersey Police and the Jersey Police Authority, which found that police numbers were now too low, I have proposed an increase in the number of police officers from 190 to 215, and an increase in the number of police staff from 116 to 125.

Continued funding for dedicated officers to deliver the Jersey EU settlement scheme (we note this is in partnership with the Minister for External Relations)

I received advice that the caseworkers who are processing applications associated with the Jersey EU Settlement Scheme (JSS) would be required until the end of 2020. So far we have received approximately 20% of the anticipated 20,000 applications for the Scheme. This will ensure that EU nationals continue to have a legal route to acquire the required immigration permission to remain after Brexit. I therefore supported this proposal.

Making the Economic Crime and Confiscation Unit permanent (again we note this is in partnership with the Minister for External Relations)

I have supported this proposal which has brought together and deepened capability within the Police and the Law Officers Division, to tackle this complex field of law enforcement.

Request 5: My officers are available to brief the Panel on any of the projects set out in your letter, if required.

I look forward to discussing the Government Plan with you at the next hearing on Friday 27th September.

Yours sincerely

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**Connétable Len Norman
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