



JERSEY MOTOR TRADES FEDERATION

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Deputy Sam Mézec
Chairman
Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

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Dear Deputy Mezec

CORPORATE SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL GOVERNMENT PLAN REVIEW 2023- 2026

The Jersey Motor Trades Federation welcomes the opportunity to express its views on the two particular aspects identified for scrutiny in your letter of 26 October 2022.

You have identified those elements of the Government's Business Plan for 2023 onwards which are of particular interest to the motor trade and its customers;

- The freezing of duties on road fuel
- The increase on VED rates

The Federation's view is that, while a freezing of fuel prices might be welcomed, in the wider schemes of working towards carbon neutrality, this initiative effectively benefits the user who is causing the highest carbon output and does nothing to encourage these high output users to change their vehicle to a more efficient one. At the same time the person seeking to purchase a significantly less polluting vehicle is disadvantaged by having to pay a much increased Vehicle Emission Duty.

Members of the Panel will be aware that the Federation has written to the Treasury Minister (copied to all States members) with regard to its views on the proposed increases in Vehicle Emission Duties and those views stand and for the Panel's convenience a further copy of that original letter is attached.

Much has been made by both sides, during the Federation's discussions with the Strategic Policy, Planning and Performance Dept on progressing the Carbon Neutral Roadmap, of the need to incentivise current users of internal combustion engine vehicles towards electric vehicles, particularly given the current high cost of EVs. This is especially so since there is already disincentive enough in the global factors which are having a major impact on the production and hence supply of EVs causing lead times of several months from production to supply to the customer.

Accordingly, the Federation sincerely hopes that these two proposals will be reconsidered with a degree of realism and that when it comes to the States debate, members will recognise that, if not reconsidered, support of these measures will achieve the very opposite result to what the proposers intend. The ultimate loser will be the Government whose plans will be frustrated by the lack of consideration of the likely outcomes of ill-considered policies.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Tabb', with a horizontal line underneath and two dots at the end.

**Peter Tabb MCIM MCIPR MIMI
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