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Dear Deputy Jeune,

Thank you for your invitation to respond to the Panel's comments on the Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027 (P.72/2023). Please find our response below.

RECOMMENDATION 5: The Minister for Infrastructure should work with Jersey Property Holdings and the Minister for Treasury and Resources to prioritise a longer-term funding solution for ongoing maintenance and future investment in the Public Estate for inclusion in the Proposed Government Plan 2025-2028.

Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) is working very closely with Treasury and Resources on a long-term infrastructure plan that sets out the short, medium and long-term funding requirements associated with maintaining the current and future property portfolio. This work leans heavily on the condition survey of the property estate commissioned by JPH that was undertaken in 2023 and identified the condition, costs, risks, and costs for maintaining the estate over the next 10 years (short-medium term). The plan will also capture the anticipated longer-term changes to the size and composition of the property estate that is being identified through the Government Plan Capital programme and the work being undertaken by JPH on developing property asset management plans which will identify future redevelopment, disposal, and acquisition of sites to meet future Government services. Finally, there is also an on-going improvement programme that is being rolled out to deliver tangible improvements in the energy performance of the property estate to help meet the zero-carbon target, and this will also be included and costed in the long-term infrastructure plan.

RECOMMENDATION 6: The Minister for Infrastructure should work with the Minister for Treasury and Resources to prioritise a long-term funding model for waste charging. Key stakeholders, the public and Scrutiny should be engaged with from an early stage and before any final proposals are brought to the States Assembly in time for the Proposed Government Plan 2025-2028.

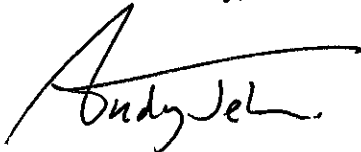
Partially Agreed. The Minister for Infrastructure will collaborate closely with the Minister for Treasury and Resources to develop a long-term funding model for Liquid and Solid Waste Services, incorporating potential charging mechanisms. However, it is unlikely that this comprehensive funding and charging model, along with public and scrutiny engagement will be finalised in time for the Proposed Government Plan 2025-2028. Instead, it is expected to be completed in time for the Proposed Government Plan 2026-2028.

RECOMMENDATION 7: The Minister for Infrastructure should work with the Minister for Treasury and Resources to explore longer-term funding solution(s) for the numerous coastal adaptation projects identified in the Shoreline Management Plan. Noting that several defence projects have been identified in the first epoch of the Plan as needing to be constructed by 2040, a long-term funding solution should be brought forward that enables work to start on these projects in sufficient time for these to be completed by that date.

Agreed. The Minister for Infrastructure will work closely with the Minister for Treasury and Resources to explore longer funding solutions for the coastal adaption projects identified in the Shoreline Management Plan so that projects can be completed within the first epoch.

I hope the above is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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