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Dear Deputy Mezbourian

Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel – Customs and Immigration Review

Thank you for your letter of 6th May.

The Head of the Customs and Immigration Service and the Chief Officer of the Home Affairs Department have provided the Treasury with information relating to the need for additional funding of up to £650,000 per annum from 2009. As with all requests for additional funding, this information was fed into the Annual Business Plan process for consideration by the Council of Ministers. My fellow Ministers and I have not yet decided whether we are able to put forward any of this particular request to the States in the light of other competing pressures (e.g. the Prison) and the wish to restrain any increase in total States expenditure.

As far as the introduction of GST is concerned there has been significant cross-departmental co-operation and discussion on staffing impacts. Two additional members of staff were allocated in February 2007 and a further three in January 2008. Funding for these employees was agreed within the £1 million provided for the costs of staffing for the implementation of GST.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Le Sueur', written over a horizontal line.

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