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By email

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Dear Chair,

Legislative Timeline for Public Entertainment Regulations

Thank you for your letter of 17th May in which I note the Panel's desire to see a shortened extension of the Unlawful Public Entertainments (Jersey) Regulations. As we have previously discussed, replacing the current Regulations with a permanent law is a key priority I wish to see advanced during this term of office.

Responsibility for the current Regulations has historically fallen to the Minister for Justice and Home Affairs and I was pleased to assume responsibility, in 2023, given the natural synergies between events regulation and my department's work to promote culture, arts, heritage, sport and the Island's hospitality sector.

As I set out in my previous letter, I do feel that the full three years will be needed to ensure that the primary law, secondary regulations and commencement can all be completed in good time (along with the establishment of a new licensing regime) and to avoid a further short-term extension.

I would observe that other significant pieces of legislation have taken a similar period of time to develop. The forthcoming amendments to the Competition Law have been considered for a number of years but work began in earnest in 2022 and will be brought to the Assembly for consideration later this year. Likewise, the Telecommunications Law (Jersey) Amendment Regulations which will be lodged this Summer, were first initiated in 2020 by my predecessor. In the case of the latter, a planned delay of eighteen months between the Assembly debate and (if approved) commencement is intended to allow time for the regulatory regime to be fully operational before the Law comes into force.

This notwithstanding, I would be comfortable committing to having the Primary Law in place before the end of this Assembly. Work on the Regulations will be done in parallel to this and should therefore be in a position for the incoming Government to consider and lodge in relatively short order before the end of 2026.

It should also be noted that alongside legislative improvements, my Department is undertaking a number of "quick wins" to improve the process for event organisers under the current system whilst the legislative changes are prepared. This includes additional logistical support, coordination and more transparent funding.

I would be pleased to meet with the Panel to discuss this subject further.

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Deputy Kirsten Morel, written in a cursive style.

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