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Senator John Le Fondré Chief Minister By email

22 November 2021

Dear Chief Minister

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Government Plan Review 2022-25

Delayed response to letter dated 27 October 2021

On the 27th October 2021 the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (the Panel), following the public hearing held on the 12th October 2021, sent you a letter raising a number of additional questions to aid its review of the Government Plan 2022 to 2025.

The Panel requested a reply to these questions by Wednesday 3rd November 2021 as per the Code of Practice which exists between Scrutiny and the Executive for routine information. However, on the reply date it was confirmed by email that you had not had an opportunity to review the letter and that there would be a slight delay with a response being provided. A subsequent email confirmed it would be with the Panel by the 10th November 2021 at the latest. Once this deadline had passed and on being asked why two deadlines had been missed the Panel were advised that you were off island for the remainder of the week and owing to the number of questions posed you had not had the opportunity to review the draft response and as such would be reviewing the response at the earliest opportunity in the week commencing 15th November 2021. On 17th November 2021 the Panel were advised that you would be reviewing the draft response and had received a physical copy of the draft following your return from the UK and that a response would be forthcoming to the Panel by the 22nd November 2021. However, no reply has been received to this deadline and the reply is now outstanding for 26 days.

The Panel are concerned as they have tight deadlines for their review and this significant delay will affect the Panel's ability to ask any other questions and therefore scrutiny has been restricted to inform its review which is highly regrettable.

The Panel would request that the response to the Panel's letter dated 27th October 2021 is prioritised immediately and that a reply is received by Tuesday 23rd November 2021.

Yours sincerely

Senator Kristina Moore

Chair Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel