States Greffe: Scrutiny

Senator John Le Fondré Chief Minister By email

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Minister

## **Safer Travel Guidelines Review Panel**

I write to inform you that the Scrutiny Liaison Committee has approved the formation of the Safer Travel Guidelines Review Panel (the Panel).

The Panel will undertake a review of the Safer Travel Guidelines over the coming weeks. I have attached the Panel's Terms of Reference for your information.

As I'm sure you can appreciate, this is a large piece of work that needs to be undertaken in a short space of time. I am positive that I can rely on your full cooperation with the Panel and that you, or the relevant Minister, will be available for a hearing at a date to be arranged through Officers.

To aid the Panel in our work, could you please provide the following initial information by way of background:

- Who has Ministerial responsibility for the Safe Travel Guidance?
- What format/s is the Safer Travel Guidance available in? I.e. is the website the only place this information can be accessed?
- Is the guidance available in multiple languages and in other accessible formats?
- How many testing centres are there on the Island and where are they located?
- Should an arriving passenger not be able to be tested at the port of arrival, will transport be arranged to an alternative testing facility?
- What are the hours and capacity of the helpline?
- Does the form ask for a home address for visitors to Jersey or only a Jersey address?
- Can you please provide the full form?
- How will travellers coming for short stays be treated given that they may not have test results before leaving Jersey?
- How will travellers arriving by private craft (air or sea) be treated?
- How many passengers are expected to arrive in Jersey by plane a ferry over the next 6 weeks?
- Is the policy no form, no travel?

- How will you ensure daily contact with all arriving passengers in Jersey, especially if their phone network does not allow access in Jersey?
- How many sampling phone calls do you expect the team to make?
- How and when will updates to the guidance be reflected (for example any changes arising from the debate in the Assembly)?
- When will the guidance be reviewed?

Given the rapidly changing nature of this subject, I would appreciate a response by Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Please contact the Panel Officer, Gary Eisner, for any further details or clarification via email at g.eisner@gov.je.

I also request that a briefing is provided to the Panel by the lead officers and the responsible Minister on or before Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

We look forward to working with you and thank you in advance for your assistance on this issue and I have attached the Panel's Terms of Reference and membership for your information.

Yours sincerely

Deputy Robert Ward

Chair, Safe Travel Guidelines Review Panel

## Safer Travel Review Panel

## Terms of reference

To review the Government's Safer Travel Guidance in relation to passengers arriving in Jersey during the COVID-19 pandemic, with a view to assessing their:

- Suitability to Jersey
- Clarity
- Accessibility
- Flexibility
- Responsiveness to changes in the pandemic, and
- Impact on Jersey

## Panel Membership

Deputy Rob Ward, Chair

Deputy Kevin Pamplin

Deputy Inna Gardiner

**Deputy Trevor Pointon** 

**Deputy Mike Higgins** 

Connétable Sadie Le Sueur-Rennard