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Deputy Catherine Curtis  
Chair, Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

**BY EMAIL**

11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Chair,

**Draft Children and Civil Status (Amendments) (Jersey) Law 202-**

Thank you writing to myself and the Minister advising your intention to carry out a Scrutiny Review of the above legislation proposition [P104/2023](#). As Assistant Minister with delegated responsibility for this draft Law, I welcome the Panel's review and the terms of reference seem entirely appropriate.

Further to your letter of 9<sup>th</sup> January and email of 11<sup>th</sup> January, I can appreciate that the original date of debate (6<sup>th</sup> February 2024) would not allow enough time for the Panel to carry out an effective and timely review. On this basis, I agree with the Panel's request for a 6-week deferral and will contact the Greffier to request that the debate is postponed until the Assembly Sitting starting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

As the Panel will be aware the draft Law has been through a lengthy process to bring it to the Assembly and many families are keenly awaiting the outcome of the debate. If the Assembly adopts this legislation, it will make a significant difference to the lives of many children and their families, and I do appreciate their continued patience.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any information that can assist with the review and / or any requirements for a public hearing as appropriate.

Yours sincerely,



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Assistant Minister for Children and Education