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Dear Ms Magalhaes

GOVERNMENT BUDGET PROPOSALS 2025

The Jersey Motor Trades Federation (JMTF) welcomes the opportunity to express its views on the Government's Budget Proposals for 2025 where they have specific reference to elements directly impacting on the motor trade and its workforce.

We have met with the Treasury Minister for two years to discuss, in particular, the impact of Vehicle Emission Duty (VED) and while welcoming what might be perceived as consultation, the exercise tends to be an exercise in giving the trade representatives the opportunity to be aware of the likely decisions of the Council of Ministers. Notwithstanding that it is proposed that there should be no increases in the lower bands, the Council of Ministers has consistently opted for the highest increases in the upper bands, the highest duty increasing the price of a vehicle with CO2 mass emissions of 201 or more by almost £10,000.

The principal concern of the JMTF is the Fuel Duty Replacement Policy and the Council stresses that there needs to be full and genuine consultation with the trade at every stage of the Policy research and planning to avoid a situation that is not uncommon – consultation

which is little more than the trade being presented with a 'fait accompli.' Our request, therefore, to the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel would be to obtain an assurance from the appropriate Minister that meaningful consultation will be undertaken.

If any point in the foregoing needs clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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