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Connétable Richard Vibert
Minister for Children and Families

BY EMAIL

20th May 2025

Dear Minister

Follow-up matters from the Quarterly Public Hearing on 30th April 2025

Thank you for your letter dated 19th May 2025 providing some additional clarifications following the quarterly public hearing with the Panel on 30th April 2025. The Panel would also like to follow up on areas where it was indicated that further information could be provided to the Panel, namely:

- With regards to the Children's Social Care workforce, please can you confirm the number of posts filled by permanent, fixed term, and agency workers?
- Minister, can you set out the cost of agency social work provision in 2023 and 2024, along with forecasted spend for 2025? How would this compare if the posts had been filled by permanent staff?
- Please confirm the number of children in Jersey who live in poverty, as per the Government's calculations, and provide details about the measures and indicators used for that calculation.
- If possible, please can you provide any details about the play and youth spaces planned at Fort Regent and how, or if, this will be shaped by the forthcoming play strategy?
- With regards to short breaks and respite care, please can you provide further details about the development of the plan and the next steps that will be taken to consider the offers available to families.

Thank you in advance for your assistance. The Panel looks forward to your formal response and would request that this is received by **Wednesday 28th May 2025**.

Yours sincerely,

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