

Chief Minister



Deputy Helen Miles
Chair, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel
By email

19th February 2025

Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter dated 29th January 2025. The answers to your queries are provided below.

Freedom of Information Law and Function

A technical briefing has now taken place, which I trust provided the Panel with insights into the workings of the Law and the issues to be considered in the review. These will include the proactive publication of information that is frequently requested, measures to improve efficiency, and how to increase the engagement with requestors.

Deputy Ferey will lead the review in his capacity as Assistant Chief Minister. The terms of reference are attached for your information.

Legislative Programme

An update on the legislative programme will be published before the end of the month and the following items sit within my responsibility:

- Powers of Attorney Law: The Legislation Advisory Panel (LAP) is due to receive an update after Easter and will make recommendations with a view to lodging later this year. I will ask the LAP to update the Panel.
- Controller and Auditor General Law: The Treasury and Resources Minister has engaged with the Controller and Auditor General on the proposals, and the intention is for the law drafting instructions to be approved this month. Legislative amendments are therefore on course to be lodged by the end of Q3 this year.
- Control of Housing and Work Law Regulations: The Regulations have been considered by the Housing and Work Advisory Group and the Council of Ministers; and have been lodged for debate on 1st April. The work has been led by Deputy Alves, in her capacity as an Assistant Chief Minister. This is a more flexible set of Regulations that align with decisions previously taken by the States Assembly. I am aware that the Panel has recently received a briefing.

If Ministers can be of further assistance on any of the above, please do not hesitate to make contact.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lyndon Farnham".

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