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Deputy Lyndon Farnham  
Chief Minister

**BY EMAIL**

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Dear Chief Minister

## **Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel**

### **Freedom of Information Law and Legislative Programme**

#### ***Freedom of Information Law and Function***

At the meeting of the Panel yesterday, the function of Freedom of Information in Jersey and recent Government communications in relation to potential considerations to amend the Law were discussed.

Our Officer has already been in contact with your Officers to request a briefing from the Freedom of Information Team on the Freedom of Information Law, the function of Freedom of Information in Jersey, the Governments obligations and responsibilities under the Law and its delivery thereof. However, in the interim, the Panel also requests to receive the following information:

- An overview of any discussions and considerations for amending the Freedom of Information Law and function in Jersey.
- The scope and timeline for amending the Freedom of Information Law and function.
- An overview of the delivery process followed for Freedom of Information requests.
- An overview of any proactive measures being taken by Government to improve the efficiency of the process, particularly where multiple Freedom of Information requests seeking the same information are received.
- An overview on whether Government automates data compilation on the back of previous Freedom of Information requests that it receives.

#### ***Legislative Programme 2025-2026***

The Panel has noted the following legislation under your responsibility for lodging in 2025-2026, which has been confirmed in a letter to the Scrutiny Liaison Committee. Please could you provide the scope, any progress update and timeline of lodging for these. Please can you also confirm what legislation and policy workstreams you anticipate to lodge and bring forward during 2025.

#### **Chief Minister**

<a href="#">Powers of Attorney (Jersey) Law 1995</a>
<a href="#">Comptroller &amp; Auditor General (Jersey) Law 2014</a>
<a href="#">Control of Housing &amp; Work Law Regulations</a>

The Panel would appreciate to receive a formal written response detailing this information by no later than **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025** and for the briefing from the Freedom of Information Team to be confirmed as soon as possible. Please be aware that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website.

Yours Sincerely



Deputy Helen Miles  
**Chair**  
**Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel**