



States Greffe

Deputy Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister

BY EMAIL

17th March 2025

Dear Chief Minister

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Inquests and Post-Mortem Examinations (Jersey) Law 1995 and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001

The Panel writes to seek clarity on the delivery of the Inquests and Post-Mortem Examinations (Jersey) Law 1995 and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001 workstream.

The Panel was formally updated in [March](#) 2024 and June 2024¹ on the progress of this workstream, where it was noted that work was progressing on the legislative drafting instructions required to amend the legislation to improve Jersey's current coronial practices and procedures related to the investigation and registration of death. At that time, it was noted that the workstream would form part of the legislative programme and it was anticipated that the amendments would be prepared in time to be lodged in mid-2025.

During the Panel's recent hearing² on 7th March 2025, the progress of this workstream (which does not include matters related to missing persons) was not made clear to the Panel. As such, we would be grateful to receive clarification regarding any progress of this workstream and whether the amendments will be brought forward as anticipated or during this Government term. If it is no longer your intention to progress this workstream, could you please inform us accordingly and also provide the rationale for the decision taken and any impact thereof.

The Panel would appreciate to receive a formal written response detailing this information by no later than **Monday 24th March 2025**. 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

¹ [Quarterly Hearing – Pg 37](#)

² [Quarterly Hearing – Pg 16](#)