

States Greffe

Deputy Elaine Millar Minister for Treasury and Resources

BY EMAIL

14th February 2025

Dear Minister

#### **Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel**

# Review of the Memorandum of Understandings for States Owned Entities, Ministerial Decisions and Legislative Programme – Follow up

Thank you for you letter dated 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the Panel discussed your response at its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and agreed to request further clarity on certain areas raised. The Panel would appreciate to receive further information on the following:

### Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) for States Owned Entities (SOEs)

The Panel notes the proposed timeline provided for reviewing the MOUs, however, wishes to raise the importance of involving Scrutiny at the appropriate stage during that process to establish an efficient and effective review process. The Panel is of the view that only involving Scrutiny at the end, when the final versions of the MOUs are drafted, would not be adequate. The Panel therefore requests to be engaged at the earlier stage at which the SOE Boards are engaged so that Scrutiny is provided with the opportunity to consider the initial drafts and any changes being proposed. As such, Scrutiny would also have the opportunity to feedback at that stage of the process rather than when the draft is in its final form. The Panel would appreciate if you could confirm whether the above request could be accommodated.

#### Ministerial Decision – Amendments to the Public Finances Manual [MD-TR-2025-30]

The Panel notes the responsibility of the Minister for Treasury and Resources and Public Accounts Committee in respect of this workstream <a href="MD-TR-2025-30">MD-TR-2025-30</a>, however, also notes its role of holding the Minister for Treasury and Resources to account. Therefore, the Panel is of the view that it should also be kept abreast of the changes being considered and wishes to have sight of any draft proposals. The Panel would be grateful for confirmation that this request could be accommodated.

## Legislative Programme 2025-2026

It was commented in your response that due to demands of the legislative programme as a whole, there is a likelihood that the legislation for Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 – Role of the Fiscal Policy Panel, which is estimated for lodging in Q4 2025, would not go forward. Please could you clarify what the impact would be, should this legislation not progress as anticipated, and could you also confirm whether it would be carried over to 2026 under such circumstances.

The Panel would appreciate to receive a formal written response detailing this information by no later than **Friday 21**<sup>st</sup> **February 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**