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Minister for Justice and Home Affairs

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BY EMAIL

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Dear Minister,

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Draft Elections (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- [P.28/2025]

As you will be aware, the [Draft Elections \(Jersey\) Amendment Law 202- \('P.28/2025'\)](#) lodged by the Privileges and Procedures Committee ('PPC') was referred to the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (the Panel) under Standing Order 72, following the States Assembly debate on 14th May 2025. The Panel is now considering the proposals within P.28/2025, and the views raised by States Members during the States Assembly debate.

One of the areas being considered by the Panel is '*Article 4 of the Elections Law: Disqualification of certain offenders*', whereby it is being proposed that Article 4 be deleted and Articles 4A and 5 be amended to bring forward the proposed change to the Elections Law. Considering that the change being proposed – *to remove the blanket ban on the right to vote for persons serving prison sentences exceeding four years* - may impact upon the States of Jersey Prison Service ('SoJPS'), the Panel has agreed to seek clarification on the following:

1. The extent of any consultation undertaken by the PPC with the SoJPS on the proposed change (as outlined above) and its potential impact upon the SoJPS.
2. Whether the SoJPS would require any additional resources to facilitate an extension of voting rights to all prisoners based in Jersey.
3. Whether any cost implications would result from an extension of voting rights to all prisoners based in Jersey.

The Panel would appreciate a formal written response detailing this information by no later than **Friday 30th May 2025**. Please be aware that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website. However, should the information provided be confidential, please can you inform the Panel accordingly and the response will not be published.

Yours Sincerely



Deputy Helen Miles

Chair

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel