



Deputy Lyndon Farnham  
Chief Minister

**BY EMAIL**

29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Chief Minister

## **Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel**

### **Proposed Budget 2026-2029**

The Panel writes to formally request clarification on the preparations underway in relation to the Proposed Budget 2026-2029 (Government Plan) and to seek definitive detail on the timeline for the lodging and presentation of key documentation to assist the Scrutiny process.

Furthermore, the Panel seeks clarity on how the progress of actions relating to the previous Budget 2025-2028 will be reported and shared with Scrutiny. Particularly, in respect of Scrutiny undertaking its role in holding Ministers to account on the delivery of their Ministerial priorities and portfolios.

### **Timeline and Information Request**

To further assist Scrutiny in its preparations for reviewing the Proposed Budget 2026-2029, the Panel requests definitive timings for the following:

1. The final meeting of the Council of Ministers to approve the Proposed Budget
2. When the draft Proposition and accompanying Financial Annex will be shared with Scrutiny
3. The lodging and debate timeline of the draft Proposition
4. The presentation of the Financial Annex
5. When Scrutiny will be provided with any new revenue growth bids and related business cases
6. When Scrutiny will be provided with a progress update in respect of the previous year's progress and spends and how this will be reported
7. When Scrutiny will be provided with a progress update on the Common Strategic Policy priorities and how this will be reported
8. When Scrutiny will be provided with a spreadsheet outlining the capital and other projects, which identifies continuing and new allocated projects by Ministerial department
9. When the States Members' briefing on the draft Proposition will be held
10. The publication of the Departments' Business Plans for 2026
11. The publication and sharing of the Youth Friendly versions
12. When Scrutiny Members can receive a technical briefing on the Budget and Annex
13. The latest Financial Report

The Panel notes that [Article 9 \(1\) Public Finances \(Jersey\) Law 2019](#) states that each financial year, the Council of Ministers must prepare a Government Plan and lodge it in sufficient time for the States to debate and approve it before the start of the next financial year. Moreover, that Standing Orders of the States of Jersey states that a minimum lodging period of 12 weeks applies to a Government Plan except in any year where there is an ordinary election, in which case a

minimum lodging period of 10 weeks applies. Therefore, the Panel emphasises the necessity to receive the Proposed Budget (Government Plan) and the accompanying Annex within that minimum lodging period of 12 weeks.

In order for Scrutiny to progress its work, the Panel would appreciate a formal written response detailing this information by no later than **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 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**