

Minister for Sustainable Economic Development



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By email

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Dear Chair,

BBSP

Thank you for your letter of 14th May, in which you ask a number of follow-up questions regarding the Better Business Support Package (BBSP). I have set out answers to each of your questions below in turn:

1. How the threshold would be set by Government and Jersey Business officials?

As in my previous response, this threshold will be set to allow for a proportionate amount of transparency without unduly burdening smaller grant recipients or the process.

2. Is there a preliminary indication of the anticipated threshold level?

Our thinking at the moment is to set the threshold level at £10,000.

3. Is there is precedence for setting publication thresholds?

The States of Jersey Annual Report and Accounts includes a schedule of significant grants over £75,000. However, the Minister for Treasury and Resources is supportive of greater transparency in publishing more information on grants for the Annual Report and Accounts 2025.

There are examples of grants delivered by Arms-Length Bodies such as Digital Jersey's Impact Jersey that do publish recipient information, but this is context dependent and there are examples where this is not the case.

4. What is your direct oversight of the grants?

As Minister for Sustainable Economic Development and chair of the Cost of Living Ministerial Group, I have strategic oversight of the full £20m Better Business Support Package. This includes oversight of the £5.3m grant to Jersey Business which enables them to deliver the Better Business Grant. Government have reviewed and approved the application process Jersey Business undertake and there are clear governance processes in place that enable issues and exceptions to be escalated to Government officials and, if necessary, Ministers.

I hope the above information provides clarity to the areas you have raised.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K Morel".

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