



Deputy Carolyn Labey  
Minister for International Development

**BY EMAIL**

28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Minister,

**Public Hearing**

Thank you for your attendance at our Public Hearing on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025. As discussed, there were a select number of questions that the Panel was unable to ask during the scheduled time and we would be grateful if information on the following points could please be provided:

**Policy Priorities for 2025**

1. The Panel notes that your legislative programme for 2025 includes the National Day and Jersey Anthem workstream, other than this please can you detail any other proposition workstreams you are or will be working on?
2. What initiatives do you have planned to support the Common Strategic Policy priority of 'strengthening Jersey's international reputation'?
3. The Panel understands that there have been a number of discontinued, replaced or restructured roles in the Government of Jersey, has this impacted any of your work?
4. The Panel understands that, although paused, the Government of Jersey had undertaken to review oversight and operation of Arm's Length Organisations, and that other discussion, for example concerning Freedom of Information has been held. How do these aspects impact you Ministerial portfolio and the work of the Jersey Overseas Aid Commission?
5. Following our discussion during the hearing of June last year, has any further consideration been given to the benefits and need for you to act as both chair of Jersey Overseas Aid Commission and Minister for International Development? Furthermore, has there been any discussion as to whether the ministerial representation may sit better within the remit of the Minister for External Relations, given your delegation as Assistant Minister under that appointment?

## A National Day and Jersey Anthem

6. What measures were taken to engage harder-to-reach populations who may not have had access to the consultation through traditional or digital means?
7. Given the significant involvement of young people in the survey (49% under 18), how will their feedback shape the future celebrations and significance of the National Day?
8. Is it possible to collate the results of the schools survey separately for comparison, and if so, can this comparison please be provided?
9. Should the proposition be adopted, how do you plan to leverage the establishment of a National Day to boost tourism and international recognition of Jersey?
10. Will the Government commit resources to support community events and celebrations on the National Day?
11. With only 50% of respondents supporting "Beautiful Jersey" as the official anthem, how do you plan to proceed in selecting an anthem that resonates with a broader spectrum of Islanders?
12. What was the criteria for selecting an anthem, and will there be an opportunity for further public consultation or even a public competition to create a new anthem?
13. What consideration, if any, will be given to the public and social media debate of the Jersey Anthem?
14. What is the timeline for the remaining workstream?
15. When will the formal anthem be selected and what will be the process?
16. Finally, this work was progressed and lodged by you as Minister for International Development, why was it not done so through your delegation as Assistant Minister for External Relations?

We would be grateful if you could respond no later than Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025 in line with the 5 working days approved for responses between Scrutiny Panels and Ministers.

If you have any questions regarding this or our work in general, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that unless otherwise stated, all letters will be uploaded to the Scrutiny website as a matter of course.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chair**  
**Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel**