



Deputy Kirsten Morel  
Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

**BY EMAIL**

30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Minister,

**Public Hearing**

Thank you for your attendance at our Public Hearing on the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025. As discussed, there were a select number of questions that the Panel was unable to ask during the scheduled time and the Panel would be grateful if information on the following points could please be provided:

**Draft Harbours (Inshore Safety) (Jersey) Amendment Regulations**

1. In the Panel's review of the draft Regulations, questions arise around the decision to give policing powers to a private commercial entity that is the Ports of Jersey. Can you advise if there seems to be any concern around a potential conflict of interest in a private company enforcing these draft Regulations?
2. In your opinion, should the Harbour Authority not be independent of the Ports of Jersey?
3. As Ports of Jersey are not trained police officers, what training will be undertaken by individuals to ensure that skill levels are adequate to enforce the draft Regulations?
4. What consideration was given around the policing powers being given to States of Jersey Police?
5. Has any consideration been given to the creation of a Maritime Police unit in Jersey?
6. In your opinion what should government's role in enforcement with regards to this type of regulations be?
7. Earlier this year, Jersey Airport was put on under special attention by the aviation regulator the Office of the Director of Civil Aviation (OCDA). Can you outline is there an equivalent for Ports of Jersey in it's maritime capacity? And if not, why does this not exist?
8. Has any consideration been given to the need for an independent regulator for the maritime space given the further inclusion of criminal offences within the proposed draft Regulations?
9. Can you advise the Panel Jersey what is the complaints process if an individuals wish to lodge a formal complaint against the Harbourmaster or Ports of Jersey?

10. As part of the Panel's review, it received in confidence the draft MOU between Ports of Jersey and States of Jersey Police. Can you confirm if this has now been finalised and signed? If not, when will this be finalised?
11. The Ports of Jersey Enforcement policy is not currently updated to reflect the draft regulations (if adopted), will this be updated and if so has work begun to finalise the updated version?
12. What consideration has been given to random breathalysing of ship operators?
13. Should the draft Regulations be adopted, what processes are in place around the collection of and sharing of maritime data around incidents and occurrences where alcohol or drugs has been tested for?
14. Has the Health and Safety Inspectorate been consulted about the proposed offences and their implications, and about working together with the other agencies involved?

### **Supply Chain Resilience**

15. The Panel notes reports of Guernsey exploring direct imports of produce from Brittany. Has your department also explored this option, and what progress has been made?
16. The Comptroller and Auditor General has highlighted the Island's reliance on the Northern route. Why has there not been a policy focus on developing a southern supply route, and are there plans to do so?
17. Have any capital investments been earmarked for upgrading port related infrastructure, and if not, why?

### **Proposed Budget 2026–2029**

18. What are your priorities within the Proposed Budget 2026–2029, and are you satisfied with the level of funding allocated to your department?
19. Which areas of work have been reprioritised or significantly reduced in funding, and are any savings required in areas under your remit?
20. Will any changes in funding impact the services your department delivers, and if so, could you provide details?

### **Proposed Amendment to the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974**

21. Could you provide an update on the proposed amendment to the Licensing Law and how consultation feedback has influenced its development?
22. In the Assembly you noted your intention for one authority to undertake both alcohol licensing and Gambling Commission functions. What additional resources would this require, and has this been budgeted for?
23. Can you provide the Panel with detail on how drinks promotions and minimum pricing will be dealt with and what process and evidence will guide any future policy decisions on these matters?

24. What role will the Parishes and their Honorary Police have under the proposed Amendment?

### **Telecommunications Law (Jersey) Amendment Regulations**

25. Following Ofcom's April 2025 ban on Global Titles Leasing, could you provide an overview of the economic impact this has had on Jersey telecoms providers?

26. Has any assessment of this impact been carried out, and can it be shared with the Panel?

27. Are you aware of what alternative income streams local telecoms providers are pursuing to mitigate the loss from Global Titles Leasing?

We would be grateful if you could respond no later than Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 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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**Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel**