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Deputy Sam Mézec Minister for Housing

BY EMAIL

15th May 2025

Dear Minister,

Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure Panel P.24/2025 – Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- Review

Thank you for your letter of 13th May 2025 setting out the reasons why you cannot accept a deferral of the debate on P.24/2025 – Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-.

The Panel fully understands your concerns and would reiterate that it is not seeking to delay the debate or potential implementation of any legislation which is approved by the States Assembly.

However, the Panel is also keen to ensure that the draft legislation which you have put before the Assembly receives a level of scrutiny which is appropriate to its importance and the changes that it seeks to enact. The Panel has received a high number of submissions from members of the public and from interested organisations and, further, has received a large response to its survey of tenants.

It is imperative that proper consideration is given to these submissions alongside the evidence which will be provided in public hearings to be held with stakeholders next week. The Panel would also welcome any feedback that you have on the submissions received (and publicly available here: States Assembly | Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202-).

In this context, the Panel will undertake to work to the timeline set out for a full debate of the legislation on 8 July. Should it be unable to complete its work within this time, it reserves the right – in accordance with <u>Standing Order 72 of the Standing Orders of the States of Jersey</u> – for the legislation to be referred for further scrutiny following the first reading debate on the principles of the draft law on 8 July.

It would then seek the leave of the Assembly for the second reading debate of P.24/2025 – Draft Residential Tenancy (Jersey) Amendment Law 202- to take place on the first sitting of the States Assembly after the summer recess, 9 September 2025.

In all of the circumstances set out above, the Panel will inform you and the States Assembly as soon as possible of the course that it is taking.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Hilary Jeune Chair, Environment, Housing, and Infrastructure Panel