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Deputy Lyndsay Feltham
Minister for Social Security

BY EMAIL

13th October 2025

Dear Minister,

Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel

Proposed Budget 2026-2029 Review

Thank you for sharing the Actuary's advice with the Panel in confidence. We appreciate the opportunity to review this important information.

The Panel believes it is in the public's best interest for this advice to be made publicly available. Transparency is essential to ensure that the Panel can properly scrutinise the proposals and that the public can engage with the process in an informed manner. We note that previous Actuary Reviews have been published and presented to the States Assembly as formal Reports, and we would expect the same standard to apply in this instance.

We would also like to ask whether the Minister sought any further actuarial or financial advice regarding the proposed reduction in the States grant. If not, the Panel would urge the Minister to do so to ensure that the proposals are sufficiently informed and that the assumptions underpinning them can be robustly assessed for reasonableness. If this action is not taken, the panel would welcome an explanation of the reasons why.

Furthermore, we would welcome clarification on whether the policy priorities guiding these proposals are based on long-term strategic planning rather than a focus limited to the next ten years. Understanding the long-term implications of the proposed changes is essential for the Panel to assess their sustainability and impact on future generations. In this context, we also seek clarity on what consideration has been given to adjacent policies and legislation—such as those addressing the declining birth rate and migrant worker policies that restrict settlement and family formation on the island—as these factors may significantly influence future contributions and demographic sustainability.

We would be grateful to receive this information by a formal response no later than **20th October 2025**. Please be advised that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Louise Doublet
Chair, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel