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Deputy Lyndon Farnham
Chief Minister

BY EMAIL

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Dear Chief Minister,

Parishes and Government Review Panel – submission request

Further to my letter dated 10th April 2025, the Parishes and Government Review Panel is now inviting input from relevant stakeholders regarding its Terms of Reference. As part of this review, the Panel aims to gain a clearer understanding of the relationship between the parishes and the government.

To assist in this process, I set out below a number of questions for your consideration:

1. How does the government engage with the parishes on a day-to-day basis, and what is the nature of the working relationship between the two?
2. What mechanisms are in place for collaboration between the government and the parishes on community services and local issues?
3. How often do representatives from the government and the parishes meet to discuss joint priorities or concerns (if at all)?
4. Do the parishes have a role in shaping or providing input into broader government policies and strategies? If so, how is this done?
5. Is there a formal process for ensuring that parish needs are considered when the government is developing new policies?
6. How are government-wide strategies communicated to the parishes, and do they have any involvement in their implementation?
7. Is there a designated liaison officer within the government responsible for coordinating with the parishes on local matters?
 - a. If there isn't a parish liaison officer, do you think it would be beneficial to have one to streamline communication and collaboration between the government and parishes?
8. How does the government ensure that feedback from parishes is heard and acted upon in decision-making processes?

9. Does the government provide any support to the parishes to help them deliver services effectively?
10. Are there any specific grants, funding programs, or resources that the government offers to assist parishes with local projects or initiatives?
11. What are the main challenges, if any, the government faces in working effectively with the parishes? How can these challenges be addressed?
12. Are there any plans to enhance the relationship between the government and the parishes?
13. How do you envision the relationship between the government and the parishes evolving over the next few years?
14. Are there any upcoming projects or initiatives where the government anticipates closer collaboration with the parishes?

The Panel would be grateful if you could provide your responses on or before 23rd July 2025.

Thank you in advance for your engagement with this review. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please feel free to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,



Deputy Helen Miles
Chair,
Parishes and Government Review Panel