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Minister for Children

BY EMAIL

9th October 2025

Dear Minister

Parishes and Government Review Panel – Update on Play Strategy

I'm writing in relation to the Parishes and Government Review to request an update on the Government's Play Strategy and to explore whether parishes have contributed to its development and implementation.

As part of our ongoing review of parish functions, the Panel has found that the provision of play facilities and spaces is an important part of community life. Given that some parishes are responsible for maintaining and developing parish-owned play areas, they are likely well placed to inform and support the delivery of the Play Strategy.

In light of this, the Panel would be grateful if you could provide:

1. An update on the progress and current priorities of the Play Strategy, including any timelines, consultation with parishes, and date of publication.
2. Information on engagement, specifically how the strategy will take account of variations in play provision and needs across parishes, including rural and urban areas.
3. Details of collaboration opportunities, particularly whether parishes will be (or have been) invited to participate in the consultation or development stages of the strategy.
4. Details of materials used in stakeholder engagement including briefing papers or PowerPoint presentations.
5. Clarification on implementation and support, including whether there will be mechanisms or funding streams to assist parishes in maintaining or improving play facilities including:
 - (a) Whether the Government plans to issue grants or other funding to support the development or improvement of play facilities.
 - (b) Specifically, what proportion of funding will Government contribute to delivering the Strategy?

6. A map or list of available play spaces in Jersey, clearly showing which are government-owned and which are parish-owned.
7. In what ways will the Government measure the success of the Play Strategy, and what are the identified risks to non-delivery, particularly given the current stage of the political cycle?

The Panel would also welcome your reflections on the role of the parish system in supporting children's wellbeing and community development. In particular, we would be interested in your views on how parishes might contribute more broadly to the Government's vision for children and young people, and to the priority of putting children first.

I have copied the Chair of the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel (who is also the Vice-Chair of this Panel) into this correspondence, given the crossover of remits.

We would be grateful to receive your response by 30th October.

Yours sincerely



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Chair
Parishes and Government Review Panel