

Chief Minister



Deputy Inna Gardiner
President, Scrutiny Liaison Committee
By email

18th June 2025

Dear Inna,

Thank you for your letter, dated 4th June.

Standing Orders include provisions to support rigorous scrutiny. This includes the 6-week lodging period on government propositions and the ability to refer a Law or Regulations under Standing Order 72.

While referral under Standing Order 72 does mean approval takes place later than it otherwise might, it is a legitimate democratic mechanism, and I have no concerns with its use.

Nevertheless, Ministers often extend the lodging periods considerably to support Panels, and it would seem a shame having done so to also be subject to the full Standing Order 72 provision.

I would therefore encourage Ministers and Panels to continue to work together to find agreement, and where Panels feel that Standing Order 72 is appropriate, of course, it may be used.

Yours sincerely,

*With kind regards
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