

Minister for Sustainable Economic Development
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By email

23rd January 2026

Dear Chair,

Policing of Beaches (Jersey) Regulations 1959

Thank you for your letter of 15th January in which you note your Panel's review of animal control legislation.

As you know, the Policing of Beaches (Jersey) Regulations 1959 ('the Regulations') have been in place for a number of years and were introduced at a time when visitor numbers to Jersey were significantly higher.

The Regulations require that between the 1st May and 30th September dogs must be kept on a lead if they are visiting a beach between 10:30am and 6pm.

You may be aware of a petition in 2024 which called for the creation of a dedicated, year-round dog friendly beach, or beaches. I remain open to this proposal and would add that other options could be explored including changing the start time or delaying the implementation of the restrictions to commence later in the year.

However, while the Regulations themselves fall within my area of responsibility, the policing of these Regulations and their day to day management are within the remit of the twelve Parishes. It would therefore not be appropriate to reform this legislation without the support and engagement of the Comité des Connétables.

It was with this in mind that the Comité des Connétables and I exchanged a series of letters in 2024 to explore reforming these Regulations. Specifically, I proposed three options for the Comité to consider:

- a) Designate specific beaches to allow for dogs to be walked off the lead at any time.
- b) Changing the start time for dog walking restrictions from 10:30am to 11:30am.
- c) Remove the current restrictions on weekdays during May, leaving restrictions for weekends and public holidays.

I understand that the Comité gave due consideration to these options and informed me, by letter, that no Connétable was supportive of option a) and that there was very limited support for options b) or c). The Comité therefore concluded that the status quo should be maintained.

I have respected this position but remain open to pursuing reform of the legislation, should the views of the Parishes shift.

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Your letter further requests any data held by my Department in relation to the enforcement of the Regulations, including the number of fines or complaints raised regarding dog-related offences on beaches over the past 5 years.

I'm afraid that my Department does not hold this information as the Regulations are enforced by the honorary police and statistics on fines etc are not shared with Government.

I hope the above information provides clarity to the areas you have raised.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Kirsten Morel".

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