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Deputy Hilary Jeune

Chair, Environment, Housing & Infrastructure Panel

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By email: scrutiny@gov.je

Dear Deputy Jeune,

Re: Animal Welfare & Control review, including the Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202- (P.97/2025)

Thank you for your letter of 22 December inviting a written submission from the States of Jersey Police (SOJP) to the Panel's review of the Draft Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 202- (P.97/2025). We have considered the provisions that are most relevant to policing, and set out our responses below.

1) Operational, staffing or resourcing implications for States of Jersey Police (SOJP):

We anticipate low overall demand arising directly from the Draft Law's policing powers. However, this Draft Law is arriving alongside other regulation and law changes affecting policing demand. Cumulatively, even low incremental demand can affect resourcing, particularly frontline response capacity, specialist advice availability, and call-handling. SOJP is currently experiencing unprecedented demand (e.g. violence against woman and girl, mental health, etc) in addition to numerous laws changes and challenges to its annual budget.

2) Training, procedural or coordination implications:

Targeted training and updated call-handling protocols will be required. We welcome the wider powers for animal inspectors, which should reduce police attendance in welfare-led scenarios e.g. Dogs in hot vehicles. It is important that this process is supported by joint training initiatives and the provision of clear guidance for all relevant parties. SOJP would welcome further information regarding the intended recipients and content of such training, as this will have implications for both costs and demand on resources.

3) Clarity of the Draft Law:



The Draft Law suits policing roles, pending guidance on lead agency responsibilities.

4) Balance between animal welfare objectives and public safety:

The Draft Law provides proportionate tools, enabling welfare specialists to act promptly while police intervene where risk or criminality arises.

5) Issues not addressed and need for guidance:

Role clarity, information-sharing gateways, and contingency arrangements for out-of-hours inspector availability would benefit from guidance. SOJP cannot be the first port of call and clear guidance for the public is required so public expectation can be managed.

SOJP welcomes the wider powers for animal inspectors and supports the Draft Law's preventive welfare model. While we expect low direct demand, we note this comes during other regulatory changes, and the combined incremental effect may impact resourcing. Public guidance will be essential to identify the appropriate agency to be contacted.

Yours sincerely,

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