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Deputy Lyndon Farnham Chief Minister

BY EMAIL

9th October 2024

Dear Chief Minister

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Quarterly Hearing Follow Up – Written Questions

Following our Quarterly Hearing on 20th September 2024, the Panel has agreed to seek further clarity on a number of areas that were raised. The Panel would be grateful if you could consider the following written questions and provide a formal response by no later than **Wednesday 16th October 2024**. Please note that the Panel intends to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly website.

Statistics and Analytics

Discussions took place regarding the reduction in budget for Statistics Jersey and the impact thereof including the discontinuation and reduction in frequency of particular workstreams, which were <u>announced</u> on 18th September 2024. In the hearing, the Panel was informed of the Chief Statistician's professional recommendations to Ministers as part of Government's reprioritisation process. For further clarity on the process that has resulted in the reduction to outputs by Statistics Jersey, the Panel requests the following:

- 1. Any briefings or briefing papers provided by the Chief Statistician to Ministers on their professional recommendations and the implications of any budget reductions.
- 2. An outline of the percentage budget reductions across the sections of the Cabinet Office over the budget period, including for the following sections:
 - a) Ministerial Office and FOI
 - b) Public Policy
 - c) Housing, Environment, and Placemaking
 - d) Governance and Assurance
 - e) Communications
 - f) Statistics and Analytics
 - g) Public Health
 - h) Safeguarding Partnership
 - i) Care Commission
 - j) Children's Commissioner
 - k) Charities Commission
 - Advice and Conciliation Services

Business Cases for Revenue Growth Bids

3. Any business cases in relation to revenue growth bids which were provided to the Council of Ministers by departments, however, were not successful.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair

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