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# **STATES OF JERSEY**



## **COUNCIL OF MINISTERS AND SCRUTINY: DEVELOPMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT PLAN – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

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**Presented to the States on 10th July 2020  
by the Chief Minister**

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**STATES GREFFE**

## REPORT

In advance of the debate on [P.72/2020](#), “Variation to Lodging Period for the Government Plan lodged in 2020”, the Chief Minister wishes to present to the Assembly a Memorandum of Understanding agreed between the Council of Ministers, as represented by the Chief Minister, and the Government Plan Review Panel, as represented by the Panel Chair. (Attached in the **Appendix**)

The Memorandum aims to enhance engagement during the development of the Government Plan, including the provision of timely and relevant information.

I would like to thank the Government Plan Review Panel for their collaborative approach in bringing this to fruition.

**Memorandum of Understanding**  
**on enhanced engagement during the development of the Government Plan**  
**between**  
**the Council of Ministers and Scrutiny**

**Objective**

The Council of Ministers (represented by the Chief Minister) and Scrutiny (represented by the Government Plan Review Panel) supported by Officers, wish to develop, agree and publish a Memorandum of Understanding on enhanced engagement during the development of the Government Plan (the 'MoU') for agreement between the Council of Ministers and Scrutiny by the end of June 2020.

The purpose of the MOU is to facilitate the provision of timely and relevant information by the Council of Ministers to the Government Plan Review Panel in order to mitigate the impact on Scrutiny of a variation to the lodging period for the Government Plan to be approved by the beginning of 2021 (the 'Government Plan 21-24').

Once agreed, the MoU will be signed and published in advance of the debate on the Proposition to vary the lodging period for the Government Plan 21-24 (P.72/2020), however, the MoU would come into effect only if the variation to the lodging date is approved by the States Assembly.

**Memorandum of Understanding**

1. The following enhanced engagement with the Government Plan Review Panel during development of the Plan is agreed:
  - 1.1. Appointment of a Government Plan Liaison Officer to act as first point of contact (strengthening existing SLO arrangements);
  - 1.2. Every two weeks – private Officer briefings;
  - 1.3. Monthly – private briefing by Chief Minister and/or Minister for Treasury & Resources accompanied by other Ministers/Assistant Ministers as necessary;
  - 1.4. Work with Scrutiny during the development of the Government Plan to enable where possible confidential stakeholder engagement by Scrutiny on decisions made by CoM subject to confidentiality arrangements being in place;
  - 1.5. Provision of interim draft chapters, or similar, during development of the Government Plan;
  - 1.6. Provision of final draft chapters of the Government Plan as soon as available;
  - 1.7. Provision of background information and Business Cases as soon as available;

- 1.8. Two weeks in advance of lodging - provision of Word draft of Government Plan 21-24 to enable Scrutiny to begin internal review, provide to advisers and plan hearings etc;
- 1.9. Ministers will, during the lodging period, prioritise Scrutiny hearings; and
- 1.10. CoM will inform Scrutiny of any planned amendments to the lodged Government Plan to be made by CoM.



**By Chief Minister  
On behalf of the Council of Ministers**



**By Chair of the Government Plan Review Panel  
On behalf of Scrutiny**