



Scrutiny Office

Senator Ian Gorst
Chief Minister
Cyril Le Marquand House,
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6th September 2017

Dear Chief Minister,

Care of Children in Jersey Review Panel

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Care of Children in Jersey Review Panel. The Panel was constituted and met for the first time on Tuesday 5th September. I wanted to take the opportunity, now that membership of the Panel has been established, to inform you of the Panel's creation and the intentions of how the Panel will work within the existing Scrutiny function.

Membership of the Review Panel currently exists of, but is not limited to, myself, Deputies Vallois (Vice-Chairman) and Hilton and Senator Ferguson. As you will note, this constitutes four members from the Scrutiny Panels most involved in this matter and as such, will enable effective coverage of all topics arising from the Care Inquiry, as well as effective communication with the existing Scrutiny Panels.

Our intention is that the Care of Children in Jersey Review Panel will conduct all reviews in relation to any policy arising from the Care Inquiry, as well as examining both new and revised legislation that may be brought before the States Assembly. Scrutiny of individual pieces of legislation, where deemed necessary, will be undertaken by the Care of Children in Jersey Review Panel as distinct reviews.

I hope you will agree with me that coordination between the Care of Children in Jersey Panel and your Department will be crucial in achieving an effective balance between the comprehensive scrutiny of the implementation of the recommendations, whilst not delaying the important work of the various Departments involved.

I have enclosed a copy of our proposed terms of reference for your consideration. Should you have any questions surrounding these, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy S.Y. Mézec
Chairman, Care of Children in Jersey Review Panel

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Terms of Reference

1. To examine the policy of the Council of Ministers in relation to the eight core recommendations made by the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry Panel (IJCI).
2. To consider the recommendations contributed to the IJCI by members of the public and stakeholder organisations in Jersey (659 individual recommendations grouped into 11 categories by the IJCI Panel) and examine the policy of the Council of Ministers to those matters.
3. To scrutinise all legislation arising from the recommendations made by the Independent Jersey Care Inquiry.