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Dear Deputy Bree

Chairman's Committee - Future Hospital Review Panel

Following the meeting of the Future Hospital Political Oversight Group (POG) on 18 September 2017, I would like to share with you the progress so far in the drafting of the Future Hospital Outline Business Case. I would also like to share my understanding of the States Assembly timetable for the remainder of 2018 and its relationship with the approvals timetable, which I hope will be helpful to the Panel.

We are approaching the completion of a draft of the Future Hospital Outline Business Case (OBC). The timetable for the finalisation of the document through its approval processes, including the review by your panel and its advisors, was discussed at our POG meeting 18 September.

The OBC Report and Proposition was originally scheduled to be lodged in the week commencing 2 October. This would have enabled the OBC to be debated on 14 November. The POG received an update on progress and considered the deliverability of the OBC and associated Report and Proposition, alongside the funding Report and Proposition.

The POG supported a recommended alternative timetable that would see the OBC presented to the Future Hospital Project Board on 3 October and lodged in the week commencing 30 October for debate on 12 December 2017.

The POG considered that this extended timetable would be beneficial to all concerned for the following reasons:

1. Lodging the OBC Report and Proposition in the week commencing 30 October and debating both Propositions for the Outline Business Case and Funding Strategy on 12 December would enable us, ahead of approval by the Council of Ministers, to share with the Panel the early version of the OBC. In turn, this would provide sufficient time for Scrutiny's independent advisors to

review the OBC after, we understand, advisors visit the Island in the week commencing 23 October.

2. The Public Inquiry to consider the Outline Planning application is scheduled for the week commencing November 6. The outcome of this Inquiry would not have been known by 14 November, but may be available by 12 December.
3. The additional time allows Members involved in scrutiny of the 2018 Budget some additional time to consider fully these two important issues.
4. It will also provide States Members with an opportunity to raise and receive responses to questions or queries they may have about the OBC in good time before the debate. To this end, I am proposing two States Members' Briefings. The first on the 17 October would focus on the content of the OBC and the Funding Strategy. The second briefing on 17 November would provide an opportunity to clarify any points of detail for States Members ahead of the debate. The invitations for both of these events are in the process of being sent.


I have attached a timetable setting this proposal in context.

Subject to any changes to the Report and Proposition required by the Council of Ministers (CoM) at its meeting of 18 October in the period between approval by the Future Hospital Project Board on 3 October and lodging on 30 October, the draft OBC would remain substantially the same. We would not expect CoM to require any substantive changes to the OBC although we would need to ensure that any CoM requirements to change the Report and/or Proposition would be checked against the body of the content of the OBC. The Review Panel and its independent advisors would be alerted to any changes in a highlighted text version.

I hope that this approach is helpful to the Review Panel and I look forward to receiving your comments.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

 **Senator Andrew Green, MBE**
Minister for Health and Social Services

OBC DEBATE TIMELINE

	September		October		November		December										
	04-Sep	11-Sep	18-Sep	25-Sep	02-Oct	09-Oct	16-Oct	23-Oct	30-Oct	06-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	04-Dec	11-Dec	18-Dec	25-Dec
W/C																	
Report & Proposition OBC					3rd FH Board	Send out papers	Special POG Special CMB CoM 18th Special CMEX	POG 23rd CMB 24th Special CoM 26th Send to Greffe	Lodge R&P								
Report and Proposition Funding							CoM 18th TAP-?	CMB 24th Special CoM 26th Send to Greffe	Lodge R&P								
Scrutiny								Concerto Review	Lodged					Report			
States Debates OBC and Funding									Lodged						Debate-12th		
2018 Budget					Lodged								Debate-28th				
Key Dates					Complete OBC Draft		17th SM Workshop			Planning Inquiry	17th SM Workshop						
Board Dates	5th FH Board				3rd FH Board						15th FH Board			7th FH Board			
POG			18th POG				special POG	23rd POG				20th POG				TBC 20th POG	
COM	6th COM		20th COM		4th COM		18th COM	Special CoM		8th COM		22nd COM		6th COM			