



Scrutiny Office: States Greffé

Senator Sam Mézec  
Minister for Children and Housing  
by Email

18th February 2019

Dear Minister,

**Draft Commissioner for Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 201-**

First and foremost, may I please extend my thanks to both yourself and your officers for regularly updating the Care of Children in Jersey Review Panel on the development of the Draft Commissioner for Children and Young People (Jersey) Law 201-. The Review Panel intends to discuss the legislation at its next meeting on Monday 25th February, after which it will determine whether any further review is required.

The Review Panel notes that significant changes have been made to Article 8 of the draft Law (Provision of Information to the Commissioner) from previous drafts that have been made available to us. We are concerned that the legislation, as drafted, limits the Commissioner's powers to request information under the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011. I would therefore request that the reasons and drivers behind this significant change are shared with the Review Panel.

I would be grateful of your response no later than **Friday 22nd February** so that the Review Panel can discuss this matter further at its next meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Rob Ward  
Chairman  
Care of Children in Jersey Review Panel