



States Greffe: Scrutiny

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Dear Chief Minister

Government Plan - efficiencies

In the Government Plan 2020-23, you have committed to making £100 million of efficiency savings over the next 4 years, including £40 million of savings in 2020.

On page 110 of the Government Plan you have provided information about the efficiencies programme and confirm that £19.7m of efficiencies have been identified to date. However, you have not provided any details in the document about which parts of Government spending the efficiencies will come from. This information is critical to us if we are to effectively scrutinise the Government Plan.

Given your role overseeing the efficiencies programme, we are surprised that you have not made this information available at the same time as publishing the rest of your spending proposals for 2020-23. We note that in October 2018, you said in a speech to the Chamber of Commerce that "*over coming weeks, we will refine our work on efficiencies for 2020-23.*" We would have expected this work to have been completed by now and the detail to be made available to States Members and the public.

It makes it extremely difficult for us to assess the level of funding proposed for putting children first, improving wellbeing and your other strategic priorities, if efficiencies are to be allocated against these figures before the Plan is debated in November.

Therefore, we request that you provide us with detailed information on the efficiencies and where they will be attributed to. This information should be provided to us by Thursday 29th August.

This letter, and your reply, will be placed in the public domain.

Yours sincerely

Senator Kristina Moore
Chair, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel