



States Greffe: Scrutiny

Deputy Susie Pinel
Minister for Treasury & Resources

By email

29th July 2020

Dear Minister

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

COVID-19 Financial Position - Test and Trace Programme

I write in relation to the above programme which has received General Reserve funding under the Treasury and Exchequer Ministerial Decision Reports entitled: MD-TR-2020-0033 - testing, MD-TR-2020-0039 – additional testing kits, MD-TR-2020-0053 – testing additional costs and MR-TR-2020-0089 – testing programme phase 2.

The Panel has reviewed the Treasury and Exchequer Ministerial Decision Reports and would like to request additional documentation. Please could you provide:

- the individual department business cases for all test and trace programmes as per the Treasury and Exchequer Ministerial Decision Reports provided; and;
- drawdown documentation by department for the all test and trace programmes as detailed above.

The Panel would also be most grateful if you could confirm whether the Government has had to enter into any leases due to the test and trace programme and, if so, the Panel request that the leasing arrangements are provided by the Minister. The Panel further requests clarification on the number of staff allocated to achieve the test and trace programme, and associated costs of employment.

I look forward to your response and would appreciate it if this could be received by Friday 7th August 2020.

Yours sincerely

Senator Kristina Moore
Chair, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel