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Deputy Inna Gardiner
Chair of the Public Accounts Committee
BY EMAIL

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Dear Deputy Gardiner

Citizens Panels/Juries

My apologies for the delay in responding to your letter dated 19th January 2021.

There are currently four projects in support of which a Citizens Panel, Jury, or Assembly have been or are planned to be used, following decisions of the Assembly. These projects are listed below, in Appendix A, with budgets allocated/expected costs.

Membership is largely selected on a randomised basis, and work also takes place to ensure that any membership is representative of Jersey's population. There has not been a single approach adopted, and we continue to learn and improve in what is a developing field of policy making, adapting to the service context, and setting that the most appropriate approach to suit the project. An example of the tailoring that has taken place, is the care inquiry legacy work which involved approaches to survivors of historic abuse. This was very specific to this piece of work.

Additional arrangements have been established to ensure that Panels and Juries are not influenced by the political process. As a result, we have had some very high calibre bodies and individuals undertaking this work, such as the Assisted Dying Independent Advisory Panel, and an independent Panel Chair for the hospital project.

You can find more detail on all the above by following the links below. A short note on the care inquiry legacy work is also appended.

We are also in contracting for these arrangements looking to develop the organisation's future capability, and therefore any selection processes that are adopted are aimed at ensuring that there is a programme for knowledge transfer for future Juries/Panels.

In each case, as we have sought to learn and adapt good practice and any learning is taken on board, we are developing some short generic guidance on these best practice arrangements. This will include the size and protocols for the operation (influenced by the breadth and complexity of the issues); and the terms of reference for any membership (we want to avoid dissuading islanders from participation in any work), so that we are clear and confident on issues such as identification and transparency.

In noting the above, as Principal Accountable Officer my responsibility is to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of expenditure relating to these arrangements, while respecting the political and democratic processes that have led to these bodies being established. I am nevertheless pleased

with both the use and development of these panels, juries, and assemblies, as part of our evolving toolkit.

If you have any questions, please let me know and I would be happy to respond.

Links to detailed information:

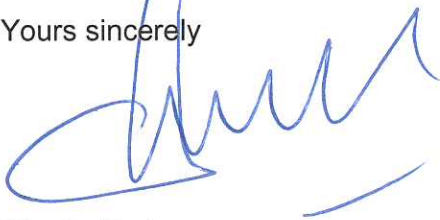
<https://www.gov.ie/Caring/AssistedDying/Pages/CitizensJuryOnAssistedDying.aspx>

<https://www.gov.ie/SiteCollectionDocuments/Environment%20and%20greener%20living/CNS%20amended%20version%20FINAL.pdf>

<https://www.gov.ie/government/departments/strategicpolicy/respondingtoindependentjerseycareinquiry/pages/carememorial.aspx>

<https://www.gov.ie/Health/OurHospital/Pages/OurHospital.aspx>

Yours sincerely



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APPENDIX A

Instance	Commissioned by	Area of focus	Number of participants	Selection method	Led by	Supported by	Period	Core costs*	Honoraria**	Comments
Care Inquiry Legacy Citizens' Panel	Council of Ministers (post JCI)	Recommendations to ministers on remembering historic abuse	14	Random invites and targeted invited; balance survivors and members of the wider community	Contact Consulting	GoJ (SPPP) Citizens' Panel Oversight Group	May 2018 – July 2021 (tbc)	£114,000 (actual)		See supporting document.
Our Hospital Citizens' Panel	Our Hospital Political Oversight Group	Advise on aspects of the site selection process	18	Anonymous weighted selection from expressions of interest	Independent Panel Chair	GoJ (Our Hospital programme team)		£10,417 (actual)		
Carbon Neutral Citizens' Assembly	States Assembly (P.127/2019)	How should we work together to become carbon neutral?	45	Sortition	Lead Facilitator (Involve.org)	GoJ (SPPP) States Greffe Expert Advisory Panel	March – May 2021	£86,086 (budget)	£30,900 (budget)	These exercises are supported by a joint contract with external organisations that aims to build the capability of GoJ to undertake (and thereby reduce the cost of) similar participatory exercises in future.
Assisted Dying Citizens' Jury	Minister for Health and Social Services	To consider the issue of assisted dying in Jersey	18-24 (tbc)	Sortition	Lead Facilitator (Involve.org)	GoJ (SPPP) Independent Advisory Panel Expert leads group	Spring 2021	£54,916 (budget)	£7,200 (budget)	

*The costs of designing, implementing and facilitating

** Payments to participants and day rate contributions to expert advisors

