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Senator Ian Gorst
Minister for External Relations and Financial Services
By email

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Dear Minister

Government Plan Amendment - Establishment of the Ministry of External Relations

I write further to your recently proposed amendment to the Government Plan regarding the re-establishment of the Ministry for External Relations as a separate Department.

The Panel understands the rationale behind the amendment but would be grateful if you could provide a response to the following:

- Could you explain why the establishment of a Ministry for External Relations was not included within the original Government Plan prior to lodging and thus required an amendment?
- Is there a particular reason why the amendment is being brought by yourself as Minister and not the Council of Ministers?

The Panel is considering a short comments paper to your amendment and would be extremely grateful of your immediate response to these queries to help inform our work.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter or our work in general, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Deputy David Johnson
Chair
Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel