



Senator John Le Fondré  
By email

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Dear Chief Minister,

**Scrutiny Liaison Committee (SLC)**

**Publication of Minutes**

Further to the correspondence dated 7<sup>th</sup> January that was sent to me by yourself and the Minister for Health and Social Services, the SLC Chairs have asked me to seek immediate clarification from you. You mention that '*...the role of scrutiny is strengthened when it engages constructively, forensically, and based on the available facts rather than opinion*'.

A fundamental challenge that Scrutiny Panels and the wider community have faced throughout the pandemic response is appropriate and timely access to Government held information, and more specifically the communication of that information, as we have expressed to you on number of occasions. The high-profile example of a backlog of unpublished STAC minutes remains unsatisfactorily resolved. Additionally, could you explain why:

1. There are no Council of Ministers meeting minutes published on the Gov.je website for any meeting throughout the whole of 2020
2. There are no Emergencies Council meeting minutes published on the Gov.je website
3. There are no Competent Authorities meeting minutes published on the Gov.je website
4. In the case of the Emergencies Council and Competent Authorities, although agendas and most papers are shared with Scrutiny Panels via a dedicated Teams channel this has not extended to minutes (Item 1 papers – 'Minutes' and 'Actions' – are excluded from the papers shared with us)

In addition to your explanation, please could you remedy these matters with immediate effect.

Yours sincerely

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President, Scrutiny Liaison Committee