



States Greffe: Scrutiny

Senator John Le Fondré
Chief Minister
By email

21st July 2021

Dear Chief Minister

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

People and Culture Review: Chief Executive Recruitment

The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel (the “Panel”) submitted a letter to yourself, the States Employment Board and the Jersey Appointments Commission on the 8th June 2021 in relation to the recruitment of the Chief Executive. Despite the letter including a request for a response by Monday 14th June, the Panel has not yet received a response.

The Panel would like to express concern that due process has been ignored and that the lack of response demonstrates a disregard for Scrutiny in its role as a constructive partner and critical friend to the Council of Ministers and the Island’s government. We therefore wish to request a response to this letter as soon as possible.

Whilst writing the Panel would also like to refer to the article by the Jersey Appointments Commissioner in the Jersey Evening Post, dated 13th July 2021, and Oral Question 161/2021, which was answered by yourself on Monday 19th July.

Please could you outline why you chose not to canvas a wider selection of States Members or seek input from those outside of the States Employment Board, when you chose to extend invitations to the five members of the Board. Although the Panel has the greatest of respect for the UK residents who have been appointed, it nonetheless wishes to express its concern that the selection process for this important role will not have sufficient representation from Islanders and those with experience of working with the Island’s public sector.

The Panel would appreciate a response to this letter by close of business on Monday 26th July 2021.

Yours sincerely

Senator Kristina Moore
Chair, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel