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Deputy Susie Pinel
Minister for Treasury and Resources

By email

12th August 2021

Dear Minister,

Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel

Goods and Services Tax - Personal Importation Review

Thank you for your letter of 26th July 2021 and for confirming that you intend to publish the Review Team's report. The Panel would appreciate formal clarification from you as to the date that you will formally lodge the report as an intention to publish is somewhat vague for the Panel's work.

The wording in the letter also implied that it was unlikely that there would be further substantive changes to GST in the lifetime of this Government. The Panel would appreciate it if you could clarify further the wording in your letter and confirm that you will not be changing the structure of the Island's Goods and Services Tax (GST) before the General Election in June 2022 and that it is not therefore your intention to propose any changes in the Government Plan 2022 – 2025.

In addition, the Panel would also be grateful if you could provide clarity on how the draft Finance Law referenced in your letter will provide greater flexibility to make changes to tax laws as and when required, and what impact it would have on GST.

Finally, the Panel would be grateful if you could provide an indicative timeline of any reviews to be undertaken by your department before the review of International Services Entities in 2024, and can you outline the expected duration of this review.

The Panel looks forward to your response if this can please be received by Tuesday 24th August 2021.

Yours sincerely

Senator Steve Pallett
Lead Member for this Review, Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel