



Senator John Le Fondré
By email

9th March 2022

Dear Chief Minister,

Scrutiny Liaison Committee

Competent Authority Ministers (CAM) Minutes

In response to [P.86/2021 Competent Authority Ministers: Release of Minutes of Meetings to Scrutiny](#), the Committee has been informed by the States Greffe of the recent delivery that you have arranged of two folders containing hard copies of redacted minutes and associated papers of CAM meetings held for the period 2020. Our understanding is that you have requested the Greffe to facilitate 'secure' access of relevant Scrutiny Members to hard copies only of the material contained.

As we relayed in our initial letter sent on the 8th November after approval of P.86 by the Assembly, it was the intention of SLC to distribute all CAM minutes to the Health and Social Security Panel and the Safer Travel Guidelines Review Panel with the aim to inform their work. It was also stated that any additional distribution would be made on a case-by-case basis, which we would inform you of as they arose.

Notwithstanding the undue delay that we have incurred for the redaction phase to be completed, or that we have only been provided with minutes/associated papers for 2020, I must convey the significant disrespect and lack of trust felt by the Committee by your choice to provide the material in such a restrictive and conditional format. Furthermore, on a practical level it significantly undermines the ability for us to carry out our work in accordance with our mandated remits and the reasonable expectations that the Assembly and public would have had of P.86.

In keeping with the provisions and spirit of the Engagement Code of Practice and the longstanding arrangements we already have in place for STAC minutes and Council of Ministers material amongst other sensitive information, we ask you to immediately authorise provision of the material in electronic form via the existing Teams platform used by our respective officials, on the condition of course that any Scrutiny Member who comes into receipt of the material must respect the associated confidentiality.

We also ask you to ensure the provision of all outstanding approved CAM minutes for 2021 and 2022, in electronic form, by midday on Friday 18th March. We understand from your letter dated 12th November that the redaction process involves the Law Officers' Department, and we therefore copy the Attorney General into this correspondence so that he is informed about our position.

Yours sincerely

Senator Kristina Moore
President, Scrutiny Liaison Committee