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Deputy Karen Wilson Minister for Health and Social Services

BY EMAIL

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## Health and Social Security Panel Review of Government Plan 2023-2026

Following the Public Hearing on 7th November, the Panel would like to ask a number of followup questions. We would be grateful if you could provide a response by **18th November 2022**.

- 1. In the hearing on 7th November, you advised that you might "struggle to meet some of the efficiencies that have been identified" and that you would be talking to the Minister for Treasury and Resources "to address some particular pressures that are recurrent and have not been appropriately structurally funded over time". Please can you advise what pressures you are referring to? (page 4)
- 2. The Director General advised that £7.4m has been withdrawn from the Health Insurance Fund this year against a budget of £17.9m and that she does not envisage that money will continue to be withdrawn until you have concluded your review of the Jersey Care Model (page 9). Why then does your letter dated 2nd November state that your forecasted total spend for 2022 is £12.3m?
- 3. In the hearing on 7th November the Estates Manager advised that you have a RAG rating for issues across the estate to manage the backlog of maintenance. Can you advise how many red RAG ratings you have in total and the percentage of this number against all of the ratings? (page 19)
- 4. The Government Plan states that the Value for Money programme will 'launch a refreshed focus on improving productivity'. What will this mean for your department and how will it be achieved?
- 5. Do you consider that previous and new revenue growth, as well as any capital projects, should be clearly mapped to each Minister in each proposed Government Plan so that there are clear lines of political accountability, as well as to demonstrate how the key priorities laid out in the Ministerial Plans will be funded?

In addition to the above, we would like clarity on the below in respect of your answer to question 22a in your letter dated 2nd November 2022:

6. Please can you provide the full names of the projects where acronyms have been used in your answer.



- 7. Are you now in a position to provide a breakdown of how the £5.3m will be spent across the projects highlighted?
- 8. How much has been spent to date on each of the stated projects and what have the outcomes been?
- 9. Please can you explain the aims and objectives of each project.
- 10. Can you please explain why 'Referral Services and Jersey Care Record have been reprofiled in line with the Online Hub platform currently being led by Modernisation and Digital as part of Service Digitalisation programme"?
  - a) Were any additional costs involved?

Yours sincerely,

**Deputy Geoff Southern** 

Chair, Health and Social Security Scrutiny Panel