



States Greffe: Scrutiny

Senator Lyndon Farnham
Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
By email

3rd February 2022

Dear Minister

Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Jersey Gambling Commission

I write following correspondence between myself as Chair of the Panel and the Chief Executive of the Jersey Gambling Commission (JGC).

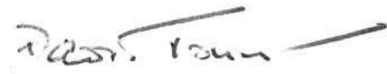
The Chief Executive has informed the Panel that things have moved on in a positive light as to which we are extremely pleased to hear. We would be grateful if you could clarify some of the issues raised within the Chief Executive's correspondence which are detailed below:

- We understand that the Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture, Deputy Morel, has met with the Chief Executive and has expressed sympathy and support for the JGC's desire to have greater legal powers (particularly in respect of public notices), but also to get more done to support those individuals who may suffer from problem gambling. In addition, we also understand that the Group Director of the Economy is liaising with the Department of Health and Social Services together with the Department of Education to try and move this latter agenda forward. Could you provide us with the details involved in moving this forward and the timeline within which you hope to achieve it?
- We understand that the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the JGC and the Government of Jersey (GoJ) is something that has yet to be concluded and the Chief Executive of the JGC has informed us that Deputy Morel stated that he was awaiting officers' advice. Could you provide an update as to the status of the MoU and what advice officers have offered? Could you also provide us with a timeline by which you hope to achieve it? It would also be appreciated if the Panel was allowed the opportunity for input before the MoU is finalised.
- Could you provide us with information regarding the work that has been undertaken to promote the gambling industry as a whole and the risks and benefits associated with it?

The Panel is concerned that with so much 'on the table' for this sector and the arrival of the upcoming election period, things could be substantially delayed and these extremely important issues may not be resolved.

If you have any questions regarding this and our work in general, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Johnson", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Deputy David Johnson
Chair
Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel