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Pierre Horsfall  
Chair, Jersey Opera House Board Limited  
By email

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Dear Mr Horsfall

**Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel**  
**Jersey Opera House**

The Panel has noted the recent press release issued by the Government of Jersey (GoJ) regarding the Jersey Opera House. We would be interested to know the extent of your involvement in the ongoing refurbishments and developments within the Opera House and would be grateful if you could provide some further information on the following areas:-

- The Opera House was originally due to reopen in the summer of 2022, but having reviewed its condition and considered the volume and complexity of the restoration, this has now been revised to June 2023. Have you been involved in the discussions regarding the delay in re-opening and if so, how confident are you that this date can be achieved?
- Have you been involved with the experts employed to undertake the design and structural works and if so, to what extent?
- Have you been involved in any of the funding discussions between the Ministers and if so, are you confident the funding sources proposed are adequate and can be met?
- Are you aware of any contingency plan to keep the project moving as it is likely this term of Government will have ended before any funding has been allocated?
- Have you been involved with the Assistant Minister's plans to support the arts community whilst facilities remain unavailable and if so, in what way?

We look forward to hearing from you and, if you have any additional information or comments relating to this particular matter, I would obviously be interested to receive this.

Yours sincerely

Deputy David Johnson  
Chair  
Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel