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# STATES OF JERSEY



## **GOVERNMENT PLAN 2023-2026: SCRUTINY REVIEW BY THE CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND HOME AFFAIRS SCRUTINY PANEL (S.R.21/2022): RESPONSE OF THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS**

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by the Minister for Home Affairs**

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<b>Ministerial Response to:</b>	S.R.21/2022
<b>Ministerial Response required by:</b>	Tuesday 24th January 2023
<b>Review title:</b>	Government Plan 2023-2026: Scrutiny Review
<b>Scrutiny Panel:</b>	Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

**FINDINGS**

	<b>Findings</b>	<b>Comments</b>
15	Discussions about the transitional arrangements relating to line management, facilities and processes, for the Office of the Superintendent Registrar (OSIR) are ongoing, and the OSIR will continue to operate with the support of Customer and Local Services until 31st December 2022. The additional £207,000 of funding from 2023 onwards will support additional staff at the OSIR for undertaking the registrations function. No funding has been allocated for software changes.	Correct.
16	The Government Plan 2023-2026 funding allocated to the States of Jersey Ambulance Service addresses staffing, equipment and governance concerns raised by the will make provision for 13 additional full time equivalent frontline staff.	Correct
17	The States of Jersey Ambulance Service commenced a formal Demand and Capacity Review which is due to complete by the end of 2022.	Correct
18	The funding allocated to the States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service as part of the Proposed Government Plan	Correct

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	2023-2026 will fund firefighter training and, also, an increase in the number of firefighters (at various levels and ranks), with a recruitment campaign to start in early 2023.	
19	Staff costs historically reduced the spending capacity of the non-staff allocation available to the States of Jersey Fire and Rescue Service.	<p>Whilst it is the case that staff costs make up the majority of spend in the Fire Service, it is not strictly the case that this necessarily reduces capacity for non-staff spend.</p> <p>The Service has in recent years faced pressure on its budget arising from both staff and non-staff costs, i.e., some non-staff spending has been constrained by other non-staff spending, which has been deemed a higher priority.</p>
20	The funding allocated to the Combined Control Room will be used to fund staff training and implement a management structure that will be guided by a new Service Level Agreement.	Correct
21	The timetable for the 'extend and replace strategy' of the TETRA Extension project is likely to continue through to 2029 and 2030.	Correct
22	The States Assembly has agreed that the States of Jersey Police has an agreed establishment number of 215 police officers, however, due to previous efficiencies this target has not been met. The additional revenue funding of £500,000 per annum for each year of this Government Plan will support the employment of more police officers to bring the force up to the requirements.	Correct. This was agreed when the Assembly gave its assent to the 2020-2023 Government Plan which included investment in the States of Jersey Police to increase officer numbers to 215.
23	The additional revenue programme for 'Victim Support' will provide longer term investment funding into the services provided to victims of crime.	Correct.
25	The £144,000 of Value for Money Savings target for the Department of Justice and Home Affairs has not been allocated.	<p>Correct</p> <p>This has been allocated as part of the JHA 2023 budget, but has not been allocated to individual Services, in terms of known savings plans.</p>

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26	The £117,000 of Value for Money Savings target for the States of Jersey Police has not been allocated.	It has been included in the budget for the States of Jersey Police, however there are not currently any savings plans within the service.
27	The major project to develop a new joint Ambulance, Fire and Rescue headquarters has been delayed because of a wider estate review and the previous States Assembly decision to review the current Fire and Rescue headquarters site for a new town primary school.	Correct
32	A potential location for the future Army and Sea Cadet headquarters has been identified and the project has been progressed with initial planning and design, involving consultation from cadet leaders. The location of the new Army and Sea Cadet Headquarters will be announced in early 2023.	Correct.
33	The new Firearms Range has received planning permission, however, at the time of the Panel's hearing only one bid had been received for the building and delivery of the project. In addition to providing the Police with a site to train and use long arm weapons, the new facility could be used by other Islanders.	Correct
34	The Firearms Range will be solely funded out of the Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund.	Correct
35	Clarification is required about the funding of the Dewberry House – Sexual Assault Referral Centre Estates project from the Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund for 2023.	Page 58 of proposed GP23-26 notes SARC is paid for out of Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund. Further clarification is included in response to the Panel's recommendation below.
36	Prison Improvement is underway at H.M. Prison La Moye in various phases. Works will continue beyond 2023 and further funding will be required. Plans include using parts of the prison estate as a space for the wider community and workplace 'hub' for Government employees.	Correct

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37	Clarification is required about the funding of the Prison Improvement Works from the Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund for 2023.	Page 58 of proposed GP23-26 notes this is to be paid for out of Criminal Offences Confiscation Fund. Further clarification is included in response to the Panel's recommendation below.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

	<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Accept / Reject</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Target date of action/ completion</b>
9	The Council of Ministers should identify funding for the maintenance of the current States of Jersey Ambulance Service building, as plans and location for replacement Headquarters are yet to be determined.	MHA	Accept	The Minister has asked officers to work closely with colleagues in Jersey Property Holdings in order to establish an appropriate programme of works for the Ambulance Service building.	
15	The Minister for Home Affairs should announce the site and publish the plans for the new Army and Sea Cadet Headquarters as soon as possible in 2023. With a view to long term recruitment, the Minister for Home Affairs and the Minister for Children and Education should explore ties with the cadet services to ensure that there are sufficient opportunities to connect cadets with the range of community service occupations and career opportunities.	MHA	Partial accept	The Minister is committed to announcing plans for the Sea and Army Cadet Headquarters as soon as it is appropriate to do so.  The recruitment into all of the Island's Cadet forces is a matter for the Cadets, but the Minister for Home Affairs stands ready to support this in any way.	
16	The Minister for Home Affairs should clarify the cashflow from the Criminal Offences	MHA	Accept	The discrepancy noted by the Panel is as a result of the transfers from the COCF	

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	Confiscation Fund (£1.8 million) in 2023. This relates to the 2023 funding for the Firearms Range (£1.7 million), Dewberry House (£2.8 million) and the Prison Improvement works (£2.985 million).			<p>and the project budgets themselves being accounted for differently.</p> <p>The amounts for the projects included in the Government Plan for 2023 are the monies required to complete the projects on a cash flow basis. As the projects have developed, they have been subject to reprofiling across the years to better reflect the pattern of planned spend.</p> <p>Monies have been transferred in previous years, according to the previous profiling.</p> <p>The transfer from the COCF which is detailed on page 74 is required to provide additional monies in accordance with the reprofiling.</p> <p>It remains the intention that these projects will be funded from the COCF in their entirety.</p>	
17	The Minister for Home Affairs should ensure that Islanders and community groups, where appropriate, can use the new Firearms Range facility.		Accept	It has always been the intention that, subject to the training requirements of the States of Jersey Police, the range will be made available to the community for use.	
18	The Minister for Home Affairs should explore opportunities for adding solar panels to H.M. Prison La Moye as part of future improvement works at the site.		Accept	The Minister will ask the project teams to explore the feasibility of this for future phases.	