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Deputy Tom Binet Minister for Infrastructure

BY EMAIL

10th July 2023

Dear Minister,

Scrutiny Review: Secondary Education Funding

Further to our letter of 21st June 2023, you will be aware that the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel is currently collecting evidence and information in relation to its review of secondary education funding.

The Panel would like more information to understand how the secondary school buildings and facilities fit into the Island Public Estates Strategy 2021-35. Therefore, we would be grateful for information on the following areas which fall under your remit as Minister for Infrastructure:

- 1. Please could you confirm all of the secondary school buildings and facilities for which Jersey Property Holdings (JPH) is corporate landlord?
- 2. In respect of secondary school buildings and facilities, please could you provide the Panel with some detail about the structure of the relationship between JPH in it's capacity as corporate landlord to the Department for Children, Education, Young People and Skills (CYPES) and, also, schools directly (as the site occupants)?

(Please highlight any service level agreements and funding flows as part of the response).

- a. Please could you clarify if there is a different relationship structure between Jersey Property Holdings and the provided schools and fee-paying schools?
- 3. Please could you clarify the role of JPH, as a corporate landlord, in the overall budget management of secondary school buildings and facilities?
- 4. Please could you provide details of all financial transfers between JPH and CYPES in relation to each secondary school site since 2021, to include the reason for the transfer, for example, occupancy charge, or maintenance charge. Please provide this information in a table format, if possible.
- 5. Please could you describe how the budget and practical responsibility for the maintenance of the buildings and facilities of secondary schools is divided between JPH and other parties?

- 6. Please could you provide a copy of the asset management plans for each of the secondary schools?
 - a. Please could you confirm whether there is a maintenance programme for the secondary school buildings and facilities?
 - b. How are the current and future service needs of secondary schools reviewed with CYPES?

The Panel would be grateful of a response in writing in the first instance as it is intended to publish this as part of the evidence for its review. Could I kindly ask for this response in writing to be received by 17th July 2023 at 5pm.

Should you have any questions or require any further information please contact the Panel's Committee and Panel Officer, Katherine de Carteret by email at k.decarteret@gov.je or telephone on 01534 441041.

Yours sincerely,

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Chair, Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel