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Dear Chair,

## Heritage (Jersey) Law 202-.

I am writing to advise you of a change to the intended completion date for the proposed draft Heritage and Antiquities legislation, which will simply be referred to as the Heritage (Jersey) Law 202- owing to its broad remit.

As you will be aware, the 2023 Ministerial Delivery Plan identified the need to develop and lodge a new bespoke Heritage and Antiquities Law with a target completion date of Q4 2023. This piece of legislation will make provision for the securing of Jersey's archaeological heritage including the reporting, protecting and recording of these objects.

Officers have been working closely with the Law Drafting Office along with experts from Jersey Heritage to shape the proposed draft legislation, and work on the enabling law is progressing well. Indeed, the enabling law is intended to be ready by the end of 2023, however, following due consideration it has been deemed necessary for the subordinate legislation to be developed and lodged at the same time as the enabling law to ensure clarity in the operation of the draft law.

To enable sufficient time to engage with the various stakeholders, the draft enabling law and subordinate legislation will be lodged for consideration by the States Assembly during Q1 2024. This amended timeline will be reflected in the forthcoming 2024 Ministerial Delivery Plan.

Should the Panel wish to receive a briefing on the progress of the draft legislation I would be pleased to facilitate this.

Yours sincerely,

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