



States Greffe

Deputy Kristina Moore  
Chief Minister

**BY EMAIL**

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

Dear Chief Minister,

**Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel**

**Quarterly Hearing - Residual Questions**

The Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel would like to thank you for your participation in our public hearing on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023. As you will appreciate, the Panel had a number of questions of public interest that it was, unfortunately, unable to pose due to time constraints.

The Panel would be grateful if you could please consider the following residual questions and provide a written response by no later than **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. Please be aware that it is the Panel's intention to publish the response it receives on the States Assembly Website.

**Recruitment and Retention**

1. What is the total cost of the Government's Communications Directorate?
2. In the Comptroller & Auditor General's (C&AG's) report **States Employment Board Follow-up**, it was found that the most significant recommendation in the original 2019 report was "*the need to fundamentally review the framework for the oversight of HR of the States, has not been implemented. The new CoM should prioritise this review*".
  - a) Can you confirm whether this is being carried out?
  - b) If not, why not?
  - c) If yes, is this being treated as a matter of priority as the C&AG recommended?

**Delivery Plans**

3. Your Delivery Plan notes service performance measures intended to track how key services are performing. However, many of the services baseline figures are "unavailable".
  - a) Can you confirm whether unavailable means that this data is not available for the purposes of the Delivery Plan or unavailable because it is not currently being collected?
  - b) If the latter, can you advise the Panel on who will be conducting this data collection and tracking and how this will impact current resourcing levels?

4. It is noted that there are several references to the increased output produced by Statistics Jersey within the Delivery Plans. Statistics Jersey has historically relied upon underspends within SPPP, and it is expected that underspent Covid Recovery funds will be reallocated to the body. However, given the importance of statistics to your Government's priorities, will you commit to sustainably funding the body by uplifting funding rather than by reallocating underspends in the next Government Plan?
5. 22 of the 47 Ministerial Priorities detailed within your Delivery Plan do not have a set time target: instead, their "by when" target is categorised as "ongoing". Given the purpose of the Delivery Plan, do you not agree that providing timed targets is an integral component of the document? If so, why do almost half of your priorities not have a deadline?
6. How are Ministerial departments aligned with Ministerial portfolios to ensure appropriate accountability and timely delivery of priorities?

## Legislative Programme 2023

### Statistics and Census (Jersey) Law 2018

7. Is the Statistics Legislation Steering Group still actively meeting and what can you tell us about what they are currently working on?
8. Following the publication of the Statistics Legislation Steering Group Consultation Feedback Report, can you confirm how its findings have been used in the legislative development process?

### Amendments to the Control of Housing and Work Law

9. Can you provide a progress update for this workstream and the expected lodging timeline?
10. Can you confirm whether the new IT system intended to improve the management of Control of Housing and Work applications has been successfully rolled out?
  - a) If no, why not?
  - b) If yes, can you provide an update on the data gathering process?
  - c) How is this data being used to inform population policy and target development?
11. Can you confirm whether the two new bodies intended to replace the Housing and Work Advisory Group have been established and, if not, why not?

## Financial Stability Board

12. Can you update us on the status of the Financial Stability Board's establishment and the drafting of the legislation thereof?
13. The consultation report was published in November 2022, are you happy with the level of engagement received and is any further consultation being considered?
14. Are you in a position to briefly explain the policy position as a result of the consultation feedback received in respect of an appropriate structure and duties for the Financial Stability Board?

15. How is it expected that information-sharing gateways will be achieved and with which bodies?

16. Considering this workstream was of importance to the former Chief Minister, can you confirm whether this is a priority for your Government?

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sam Mézec', is written over a horizontal dashed line.

Deputy Sam Mézec  
**Chair**  
**Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel**