



Deputy Kirsten Morel
Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

BY EMAIL

16th April 2024

Dear Minister,

Public Hearing

Thank you for your attendance upon the Panel at our Public Hearing on the 11th April 2024. As discussed, there were a select number of questions that the Panel was unable to ask during the scheduled time and we would be grateful if information on the following points could please be provided:

Filming

1. What is the Ministerial policy regarding granting of funding to media projects such as films, for example what elements such as topic or genre are considered?
2. The Panel has discussed recent media reports of potential Government funding for filming of Bergerac, can you please provide details?
3. Can you please outline the governance of such funding requests, for example what Ministerial decisions are needed in these circumstances?
4. There have been historic instances of funding to filming productions that have not materialised, what learnings have been recorded and what safeguards are now in place?
5. How would potential funding be distributed, for example would third parties such as ArtHouse Jersey be involved?
6. What direct revenue do films provide to Jersey, for example are there permits or other such charges and payments?
7. What levers does the Island have in promoting a film industry?

Retail

8. The Panel is aware that your ministerial priorities include design and delivery of a new retail strategy, can you please outline the progress in this area?
9. There is a belief among some that a number of retailers operating in the Island fail to remove Value Added Tax from their prices when selling in Jersey. What, if any,

consideration have you given to this topic and will the Retail Strategy include any actions in this regard?

Inward Investment

10. The Panel understands that an update to the Inward Investment Strategy was anticipated to be shortly forthcoming, can you please outline when this can be expected?
11. Are there any updates to the strategy that you would like to highlight at this juncture?

Ports Policy and connectivity

12. The Policy Framework for the Ports Sector was published earlier this year. How has then been received by stakeholders and the wider public?
13. The Panel understands that Condor Ferries Chief Executive Officer resigned earlier this year, what actions have you been undertaking to ensure continuation of shipping services?
14. Are you able to provide any update as to the progress of the negotiations for the ferry Operating Agreement, due to expire in March 2025?
15. The Framework indicated that the Public Service Obligations of Ports of Jersey should be periodically reviewed and updated, can you please outline how this works in practice?
16. The Panel is aware of the recent events and discussion of fixed connections, such as tunnels to France and Guernsey. Can you please outline what consideration and actions the Government of Jersey will be undertaking in this area?

We would be grateful if you could respond no later than Tuesday 23rd April 2024 in line with the 5 working days approved for responses between Scrutiny Panels and Ministers.

If you have any questions regarding this or our work in general, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please note that unless otherwise stated, all letters will be uploaded to the Scrutiny website as a matter of course.

Yours sincerely,



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