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Deputy Kirsten Morel
Minister for Sustainable Economic Development

BY EMAIL

13th September 2024

Dear Minister,

Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel **Proposed Budget 2025-2028 Review**

To inform the Panel's review of the Proposed Budget 2025-28, the Panel would be grateful if you could consider the following written questions and provide a formal response by no later than Friday 20th September 2024.

Expenditure

Statement of Comprehensive Net Expenditure

£'000	2025 Estimate	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate	2028 Estimate
Revenue				
Levied by the States of Jersey	-	-	-	-
Earned through operations	-	-	-	-
Total revenue	-	-	-	-
Expenditure				
Social benefit payments	-	-	-	-
Staff costs	5,109	4,725	4,725	4,725
Other operating expenses	4,471	4,693	4,911	5,154
Grants and subsidies payments	27,436	27,436	27,436	27,436
Impairments	-	-	-	-
Finance costs	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	37,016	36,854	37,072	37,315
Net revenue expenditure (near cash)	37,016	36,854	37,072	37,315
Depreciation and amortisation	-	-	-	-
Net revenue expenditure after depreciation	37,016	36,854	37,072	37,315

1. Please could you provide a more detailed breakdown of the following expenditure, as detailed in the [statement of comprehensive net expenditure](#) for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture:
 - a) Staff Costs
 - b) Other Operating Expenses
 - c) Grants and subsidies payments

Service Level Analysis						
2025 Estimate		Near-Cash	Net Revenue	Non-Cash	Net Revenue	FTE
£'000	Income	Expenditure	Expenditure	Depreciation	Expenditure	Employees
Local and Digital Economy	-	32,465	32,465	-	32,465	28.0
Future Economy	-	534	534	-	534	4.0
Economics	-	1,897	1,897	-	1,897	7.0
Management and Governance	-	882	882	-	882	4.5
Intellectual Property	-	240	240	-	240	-
Cyber Security	-	998	998	-	998	6.0
Total	-	37,016	37,016	-	37,016	49.5
FTE Role Reduction	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	37,016	37,016	-	37,016	49.5

2. Please could you provide a more detailed breakdown of the following expenditure, as detailed in the Service Level Analysis for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture:
 - a. Local and Digital Economy
 - b. Future Economy
 - c. Economics
 - d. Management and Governance
 - e. Intellectual Property
 - f. Cyber Security

Expenditure Growth

CSP Revenue Expenditure Growth				
£'000	2025	2026	2027	2028
	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Minimum Income Standards	200	50	50	50

3. Please could you provide a more detailed breakdown of the estimated £200k expenditure on the 'Minimum Income Standards' project in 2025? This should specifically outline areas of spending, organisations receiving any grants and any other information that may be relevant to the Panel's Review.

Savings Proposals

4. The previous Government Plan 2024-27 identified £1.87m of value for money savings for the Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture Department in 2024. Are you able to confirm if those savings are on track to be achieved, where savings were identified and how this will impact the approximately £1.050m of savings proposed in 2025?

5. The Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture Department has targeted approximately £1.050m of savings in 2025. Please could you provide a breakdown of where the savings will be achieved?
6. The Savings Proposals in the Proposed Budget 2025-2028 detail £256k under 'Roles' in 2025. However, the Service Level Analysis with the Annex to the Proposed Budget 2025-2028 states 'nil' in relation to 'FTE Role Reduction' in 2025. Please can you clarify the £256k under 'Roles' as detailed within the Savings Proposals of the Proposed Budget 2025-2028?
 - a. Please can you provide a breakdown of the total planned 'Role Reductions' within the Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture Department in 2025?
 - b. Please can you detail the nature of the roles affected by the 'Role Reductions' within the Savings Proposals in 2025?

Major Projects – Oakfield and Fort Regent Decant

Major Projects					
£'000	Spon Dept	Supp Dept	Previous Total	Total Project Approval	Change
Oakfield and Fort Regent Decant	I&E	I&E	9,402	10,242	840

7. The Panel note an additional £840k allocation of funding for the Oakfield and Fort Regent Decant, above that provided in Government Plan 2024-2027. Please can you provide a breakdown of the additional £840k allocated to this project?

Summary Table 5ii - Capital and Other Projects Heads of Expenditure

£'000	Major Project	Spon Dept	Supp Dept	2025 Estimate
Oakfield and Fort Regent Decant	M	I&E	I&E	6,664

8. Noting the potential implications upon sport provision. please can you, in conference with the Minister for Infrastructure, provide a breakdown of the £6.7m of estimated expenditure on the Oakfield and Fort Regent Decant in 2024?

States Funds – Technology Accelerator Fund

Technology Accelerator Fund				
£'000	2025 Estimate	2026 Estimate	2027 Estimate	2028 Estimate
Opening Balance	14,278	10,018	4,285	1,152
Programme expenditure	(2,971)	(2,346)	(1,746)	(1,152)
Transfer to Consolidated Fund	(1,289)	(3,387)	(1,387)	-
Closing Balance	10,018	4,285	1,152	-

Table 51: Technology Accelerator Fund

9. The Government Plan 2024-2027 set out an estimated £4.15m of expenditure from the Technology Accelerator Fund in 2024. Please can you provide a breakdown of expenditure from the Technology Accelerator Fund to date in 2024?
 - a. Please can you provide an estimate for total expenditure from the Technology Accelerator Fund in 2024?

10. Please can you provide a breakdown of the estimated expenditure from the Technology Accelerator Fund in 2025?

Other Special Funds – Agricultural Loans Fund

Consolidated Fund					
2024		2025	2026	2027	2028
Estimate	£'000	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
-	Agricultural Loans Fund	(5,000)	-	-	-

11. Please can you confirm the balance of the Agricultural Loans Fund in 2024 and forecast for the years 2025 to 2028?

12. If approval is given to transfer £5m from the Consolidated Fund to the Agricultural Loans Fund, please can you provide a breakdown of estimated expenditure from the £5m in 2025?

Other Special Funds

13. Please can you confirm the 2024 balances of the following funds set out within the 'Other Special Funds' section of the Proposed Budget 2025-2028, and there forecasted balances for 2025 to 2028:

- a. Tourism Development Fund
- b. Innovation Fund.

Other Special Funds					
		2025	2026	2027	2028
£'000		Estimate	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Opening Balance		52,802	64,536	65,477	66,295
Investment Income		4,600	4,100	3,800	3,000
Lottery and Other Income		34,217	34,523	34,830	34,830

14. Please can you confirm whether the 'Lottery and Other Income' item within Table 52 'Other Special Funds', is the balance of the CI Lottery (Jersey) Fund?

- a. If not, please can you confirm the balance of the CI Lottery (Jersey) Fund?

Formula Driven Growth

"As budgets for Arts, Heritage and Culture have now been increased to 1% of Net Revenue Expenditure, in future, this level will now be maintained and increased by RPI."

Arts, Heritage, and Culture (AHC) Revenue Expenditure⁶				
	2025	2026	2027	2028
£'000	Plan	Plan	Plan	Plan
AHC Base Budget	11,346	11,146	11,146	11,146
Inflation Increase	11,477	11,672	11,905	12,167
Total for GP25	11,554	11,551	11,771	12,015
Variance	(77)	121	134	152

15. Please can you provide a breakdown of the total expenditure of £11.554m on Arts, Heritage and Culture for 2025 to 2028?

16. Can you please provide a comparison for the figures if the calculation remained at 1% of Government expenditure?

Yours sincerely,



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