



States Greffe: Scrutiny

Senator Lyndon Farnham
Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture
By email

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Dear Minister

Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

Regulations for the Licence Application, Production and Export of Medicinal Cannabis on Jersey

I write to you regarding the ongoing delay of the Ministerial Response (MR) to our report, S.R.1/2022 on the Regulations for the Licence Application, Production and Export of Medicinal Cannabis on Jersey.

You will be aware that the response was due on 22nd February 2022 and the Panel has been informed that the delay was due to half term and officers being on sick leave. Whilst the Panel appreciates that some of these circumstances are unavoidable, it has now been informed that the MR has been further delayed due to annual leave within the Department. At our recent public hearing on 6th April 2022, we were informed that the MR was with the Law Officers who were finalising the responses to the Panel's key findings and recommendations and would be provided to the Panel the following week; however, this has not been the case.

The Panel is in the process of drafting its legacy report and part of its legacy is the report and the response from the Minister. Without the MR, we are unable to complete this section of the legacy report and without it, will have to highlight the difficulties faced by the Panel in obtaining the MR and the continuous delay. In addition, the Panel had planned to undertake some additional work based on your response; however, with the pressing time schedule until the purdah period, this will now not be possible.

Could we ask that you provide the MR to us in its current format by 12 noon on Monday 25th April to enable us to complete the work within our legacy report. If we do not receive the MR by this deadline, we will have no option but to raise an urgent oral question at next week's States sitting.

Yours sincerely

Deputy David Johnson

Chair
Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel