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Deputy Helen Miles
Minister for Justice and Home Affairs

BY EMAIL

16 October 2023

Dear Minister,

Proposed Government Plan 2024-2027 (P.72/2023)

As you will be aware, the Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel has commenced a Review of the Government Plan 2024-2026, and that this includes projects assigned to the States of Jersey Police, for which you have Ministerial responsibility.

In order to inform the Panel's Review of the Government Plan, we should be grateful if you could provide responses to the following questions:

States of Jersey Police (SoJP)

1. SoJP is projected to have £162,000 of income earned through operations in 2024. Please could you provide detail about the source of this income?
2. The previous Government Plan identified £117,000 of value for money savings for SoJP in 2023. Are you able to confirm if those savings have been made / are on track to be achieved and where savings were identified?
3. SoJP has targeted £375,000 of value for money savings in 2024. Please could you provide a breakdown of where those savings will be achieved.
4. Please could you provide a more detailed breakdown of the following expenditure, as detailed in the statement of comprehensive net expenditure for SoJP:
 - i. Staff costs; and
 - ii. Other operating expenses.
5. The Annex to the Government Plan 2024-2027 details that the number of full-time employees (FTE) for the SoJP will be 338. This number has reduced from the previous Government Plan, which had outlined 357 FTE for the SoJP. Please could you advise of the reasons for this reduction?
 - a. With regards to the proposed figure of 338 FTE, please provide details of the job roles this includes, for example, how many police officers / support staff/ etc.
6. Please could you provide further details of the what the funding requested for the "Replacement Assets and Minor Capital – SoJP" for 2024 will include?



7. The Government Plan details that the total project cost for Dewberry House – Sexual Assault Referral Centre is £4.291 million. In a [letter](#) to the Panel on 21st August 2023 you indicated that there was a funding shortfall for this project of £785,521.27. Please could you advise why you have not sought to address this funding shortfall as part of the Government Plan?
 - a. Will the funding shortfall put the development of the project at risk?

8. Please could you provide the Panel with some further details about the budget for the Digital Forensics Unit (DFU) at SoJP, to include:
 - a. What was the 2023 budget allocation of the DFU?
 - b. Does the DFU have permanent dedicated staff? (If so, how many? What roles?)
 - c. How will the additional revenue funding (£237,000 in 2024) be used to address the increasing demands of the DFU? (Please provide specific examples, if possible).

The Panel looks forward to your formal response and would request this is received by **23rd October 2023**.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Catherine Curtis
Chair, Children, Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel