

Deputy Chief Minister |
Minister for Economic Development,
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By email

30th August 2023

Dear Richard,

As you are aware, the Jersey Reds is seeking government grant support for its financial years ended June 2024 and June 2025. The Club has immediate cashflow constraints that mean it urgently requires £150,000 to underwrite its operations until late September 2023.

The Council of Ministers and I need further time to determine whether or not to provide the level of support that has been requested and intend to provide the £150,000 that is needed to allow more time for a longer term decision to be taken. The Jersey Reds contribute significant economic and sporting value to our community that will be lost if an immediate provision of funds is not agreed as the Club would become insolvent.

I am conscious that you have legal obligations for economy, efficiency and effectiveness in relation to all expenditure for which you are Accountable Officer and, given the urgency of the situation, we have not had the opportunity to discuss whether you believe that the provision of this funding would be consistent with your legal obligations. Therefore, in order to provide time for the Council of Ministers and I to reach a carefully considered decision on the provision of support that the Jersey Reds has requested, I have taken the decision to formally instruct you to make an immediate £150,000 payment that will meet the Club's cashflow needs until late September. Given your planned absence I will notify other relevant officials within the Department for the Economy to execute this instruction.

I recognise that I am unable to direct you to contravene the Public Finances (Jersey) Law 2019 and that implementation of this instruction is subject to the necessary funding being made available through underspends in the Department for the Economy or via other mechanisms with the consent of the Treasury Minister.

In line with the usual process, I will copying this letter to the Comptroller and Auditor General.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. Morel", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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