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Subject: RE: JEP coverage
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 21:50 BST

Thanks Richard,

We can have these lines ready for Monday morning - Lucy will be on BBC at 8am, and no doubt on the other media throughout the day.

Thanks
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Hi All

I think we should be clear that they approach to GoJ was by investors and MEDTSC sought to meet the principal investor who could not meet until Wednesday of this week.

In the background, Jersey Reds has adopted a presumptuous attitude regarding GoJ support with very little to endear their 'ask' commercially.

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Subject: RE: JEP coverage

Hi Lucy,

To confirm issues:

- * JEP have taken down and won't publish tomorrow
- * It's still on Bailiwick (Government denies last-minute Jersey Reds funding U-turn | Bailiwick Express Jersey<<https://www.bailiwickexpress.com/jsy/news/government-categorically-denies-jersey-reds-funding-u-turn/>> and attached)
- * ITV - Watch ITV News in the Channel Islands | ITV News Channel<<https://www.itv.com/news/channel/2015-04-16/catch-up-on-itv-news-on-channel>> -
- * Harvey told the crowd that 'all it would cost is 750,000 to get them through to the end of the season'.

* This evening, during a live interview on BBC (BBC iPlayer - Channel Islands News - Evening News: 29/09/2023<<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m001qycp/channel-islands-news-evening-news-29092023>>) Harvey Biljon alleged:

- * This decision made over a week ago - if we had been told a week ago we could have been able to try to get a rescue package in place.
- * I couldn't hear him say that there was money promised and withdrawn.
- * Incidentally, he said rugby brings 10,000 bednights and 9000 flights every winter period

* On the programme, Jersey RFC said that they would be asking for government support (play at 5:45 link above)

Actions:

- * Written statement to BBC for tonight, with offer of an interview with you on Monday
- * Prepare stronger lines and ensure that the 800K was not promised without your knowledge
- * Email to Harvey asking where he got the information from - written confirmation would help

I've copied in [REDACTED] and Richard who will be able to confirm what can be said about the COM decision, but response for tonight could be:

* Deputy Stephenson said: "Our thoughts are with the players, support staff and their families, who suddenly find themselves in a terrible situation. Government have offered them help and guidance to understand all of the financial support available, and emotional support offered through the Listening Lounge.

* "I understand that the Council of Minister's decision was relayed to Jersey Reds' management at the first available opportunity, and attempts had been made to speak to them before.

* "Jersey Reds is a private business which has received substantial financial support from the Government of Jersey over several years.

* "The Council of Minister had been asked to approve a third short-term grant to give Jersey Reds the opportunity to find alternative funding when there was no indication that the first two grants, totalling 370,000 had succeeded.

Please let me know your thoughts.

Thanks

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Subject: JEP coverage

Hi both

I'm very unhappy with the JEP article posted this afternoon claiming that 800,000 of funding was pulled by government at the last minute.

Yes they contain my quotes saying it isn't true, but not a shred of evidence to support the initial claim, nor a source willing to provide their name. Instead they have used my denial as the basis of a story. It's poor, lazy journalism and far below the standards I'd expect of a local newspaper with a responsibility to its community. Bailiwick have now posted it.

I've flagged with [REDACTED] as deputy editor as [REDACTED] has not answered.

I'd be interested to hear your thoughts in due course, but perhaps a formal email setting out my concerns to them is the place to start?

Thanks

Lucy

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Yes that's fine, I'll be with you just before 8 is that right?

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Thanks very much [REDACTED] and Lucy

And also would 8am on Monday work for you, Deputy, please?

Many thanks

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Subject: Statement from Dep Stephenson

Hi [REDACTED]

As discussed, The Minister with responsibility for Sport, Deputy Lucy Stephenson, said: "This is clearly a period of heightened emotions for everyone, and my thoughts are with the people most closely affected: the players, support staff and their families. Our immediate focus is on supporting them. I will ensure that Government's position is articulated clearly and openly in the coming days. I strongly refute any claim that the Government somehow "pulled out" of any kind of deal with Jersey Reds - it was asked for another grant on top of the 370,000 provided in July and August, which ministers declined to provide."

Kind regards,

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1. The Minister said: "This is clearly a period of heightened emotions for everyone, and my thoughts are with the people most closely affected: the players, support staff and their families. Our immediate focus is on supporting them. I will ensure that Government's position is articulated clearly and openly in the coming days. I strongly refute any claim that the Government somehow "pulled out" of any kind of deal with Jersey Reds - it was asked for another grant on top of the 370,000 provided in July and August, which ministers declined to provide.

Deputy Lucy Stephenson

Representing St Mary, St Ouen & St Peter in the States Assembly

Assistant Chief Minister with responsibility for communications

Assistant Economic Development Minister with responsibility for sport

Member of the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Member of the Political Awareness Education sub-committee

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Thanks Richard. Lucy et al,

These are the BBC's questions - sent at 8:30 this evening for a 10pm programme, which is totally unreasonable given their detail and the subject.

Thank you so much for taking the time to look at this for us - it's greatly appreciated. We're talking about this tonight, so we would like to give you the opportunity to respond to Harvey's comments tonight.

[REDACTED] also mentioned that you very kindly agreed to speak to us on camera next Monday. Are you available to come into the studio [REDACTED] for Breakfast next Monday at 8am please and we can film at the same time. If you can come 5 or 10 minutes before, that would be great.

Please find our questions below accompanied by quotes from Harvey Bi jon collected this evening in both pre-recorded and live output.

Were Jersey's government the investor that pulled out?

If not, why is Harvey Biljon accusing you of this?

What was your role in discussions regarding future investment in Jersey Reds?

What discussions have the government had with Reds regarding investment in the past week?

Harvey Bi jon says you said to him in a meeting 'why would I support such a rich sport like rugby'. Did you say that? If not, why does he think you did?

If Jersey's government are not to blame, who is?

What does this mean for the government's relationship with Jersey Reds?

Live transcript

"The emotion keeps catching up on me but right now, on the information I found out, I'm really frustrated with the Jersey government.

"We know that through the winter months, we bring 10,000 bed nights, 9,000 flights, never mind the hotels, bars - sorry - the restaurants, the bars and even the taxi drivers. It's really going to make a difference.

"But what's also probably angered me was that this decision was made by government over a week ago and if they could have told us then and not waited a day before pay day, it could have at least given us an opportunity to get a rescue package in place, so that's made me angry with the lack of support on the whole."

Pre-recorded transcript

"I think we all know now that the secret investor was Jersey government. They were part of a business plan to allow Jersey Reds to continue.

"What I have found out, and what I'm frustrated about, is the fact that this decision was made over a week ago and, with waiting until Wednesday afternoon, the day before pay day, to actually give us the information, has not given us the opportunity to possibly go and put a rescue package in place.

"It's not allowed the players to get themselves organised. What I do know is that it will have a huge impact on the island.

"I am confused because what I do know is that during the winter months Jersey Reds will have 10,000 bed nights, 9,000 flights, and that's before you go onto the hospitality of restaurants, bars, and taxi drivers. All of that will have a huge impact on the island."

Are you referring to the investors that pulled out?

"Correct. I think the Jersey government were part of our plan and when they pulled out that has been one of the pieces of the puzzle that has got us to this position.

"I've spoken to Lucy Stephenson and she's been very clear. And I quote 'why would I support such a rich sport like rugby'.

"I think it's not just about rugby. It's about an island that needs to be active, young people that need to be inspired, it's about sport everywhere. I just think if your Minister of Sport doesn't want to put herself out there and get behind us, I think we're in a difficult place."

How did the conversation with Lucy come about?

"The conversation initially was with Lucy months ago and then I followed up with a call today just to understand everything that's going because I haven't been privy to all the information.

"After that call today, I was just more shocked than what I am now."

Was it a conversation between just you and Lucy?

"No. When Lucy made the statement about Jersey rugby being such a rich sport, I was present, Heath Harvey was present, Mark Morgan was there, Mark Chalm was there and it really took me back because clearly we're not that rich a sport."

We've learned about the 370,000 put in over three months. Did that come up in the conversation?

"I'd like to put that into context.

"That was because a business plan had been put in place. It was not indefinite funds that were going to roll out forever. It was funding that was going to come in this season and the following season.

Was there a long-term plan for the funds?

"Trying to put all the pieces of the puzzle together, it was to find that gap between where we currently are now and making sure of our survival and I think Jersey government were well aware, if they weren't going to be investors, Jersey Reds were not going to survive."

I suggest that

It may be more prudent to provide a calming holding statement for this evening along the pity, praise promise lines and focus on a longer, more considered response on Monday.

I suggest:

1. I call BBC and tell them they cannot expect such detailed questions to be answered in such an unreasonable timeframe. We expect to be given right of reply in due course.
2. For this evening, the response is:
3. The Minister said: "This is clearly a period of heightened emotions for everyone, and my thoughts are with the people most closely affected: the players, support staff and their families. Our immediate focus is on supporting them. I will ensure that Government's role is articulated clearly and calmly in the coming days."

Thanks

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Subject: Re: JEP coverage

Hi [REDACTED]

It's really important that we emphasise GoJ was approached for 3rd consecutive month to support and at short notice. We are disappointed to hear of onward commitments to players and staff about viability of Jersey Reds when this is very much a private endeavour and where it's clear that investors have decided not to support any further.

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can I also get confirmation please that there is no confidentiality agreement in place? Or if there is then exact clarification of what it is, who is involved and when it came about? Jersey Reds appear to have been suggesting there is one.

Thank you all for your work on this.

Lucy

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Thanks [REDACTED]

We should probably redact the name of the primary investor.
Wishing everyone a good weekend,
Kristina

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Thank you.

We should also note that the separation of the two clubs was a condition of the first lot of emergency funding.

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Thanks Lucy,

Please find an updated version below:

I can't seem to find a copy of the email to the CEO so have asked [REDACTED] However I can see that it must've been sent on the 23rd January.

Kind regards,



Ministerial engagement with Jersey Reds:

- * Meeting on 10th November 2022, Deputy Stephenson and the head of local economy – met with Jersey Reds at their request
 - * Jersey Reds expressed their desire to play in the Premiership and noted their hope for recurring Government grants to achieve this.
 - * Deputy Stephenson made clear that long-term/ recurring funding was not factored into the existing Economy budget and that Jersey Reds would need to manage their spend appropriately
 - * Importantly there was no indication from Jersey Reds that they were in short-term financial difficulty
- * Email to CEO on 23rd January – Jersey Reds contact CEO Suzanne Wylie to request urgent funding of 250k with a further 250k later in 2023 to avert short term financial challenges.
- * This request is passed onto officers and Ministers who draft a reply to be sent by the Minister with responsibility for Sport.
- * Letter on 26th January 2023 (attached), Deputy Stephenson replied to a Jersey Reds request made to the CEO for funding of 500k (250k immediately and a further 250k during 2023).
- * Deputy Stephenson (after discussion with MEDTSC and officers) highlighted the previous government support provided and made it clear that it was not possible to underwrite further support and explained that as Minister it was important to ensure an even-handed approach to sport support rather than disproportionately supporting rugby in particular.
 - * Deputy Stephenson's letter included an offer to meet in person to discuss further. This was not taken up.
 - * Meeting with officers 16th March – Jersey Reds meet with officers from Treasury and Economy to discuss the Club's finances following Deputy Stephenson's letter. Treasury requested further information to understand the Club's financial position in depth.
- * Call to Director, Treasury and Investment Management 23rd June (Friday), Jersey Reds (Mark Chown) contacted Simon Hayward to advise that in the absence of any Government Support the Reds would enter administration on 30th June. The Minister for Treasury and Resources, MEDTSC and AMEDSTC were advised and a meeting with Santander was set up for first thing on the following Monday to understand the situation.
- * MEDTSC and Deputy Stephenson met with Santander on 26th June (Monday) - Ministers requested that Santander suggest that they undertake an urgent audit of Jersey Reds financial position to understand the medium/ long term viability of the club.
- * Treasury Minister had a separate call with Santander 26th June – Treasury Minister had a separate call with Santander as a follow-up to the above.
- * Treasury officers have a call with Santander 26th June – Treasury officers meet with Santander following Ministerial meetings. Santander agreed to undertake a review of the Club's financial viability and, in the immediate term to provide urgent financial support (220k) on the proviso that Government agree to re-imbursement.
- * TRM, MEDTSC and AMEDTSC agreed to this course of action on 27th June (emails attached).
- * Officers meet with Santander 7th July – Officers from Treasury and Economy meet with Santander as part of their work to review the Club's finances and its medium/ long term viability.

* Officers meet with Santander 19th July – Officers from Treasury and Economy meet with Santander as part of their work to review the Club's finances and its medium/ long term viability.

* Meeting with Santander 20th July, TRM and Deputy Stephenson meet with Santander to understand their analysis of Jersey Reds financial position.

* This analysis is subsequently considered and challenged by Treasury and Economy officers and forms the basis of the CoM paper attached.

* Meeting with Jersey Reds and Santander 30th August – TRM, MEDTSC, Deputy Stephenson alongside officers meet with Jersey Reds and Santander to discuss funding for Jersey Reds and long-term funding for the Club.

* Ministers explain that any long-term commitment will need to be considered by CoM

* It is understood that 590k will be required during 2023 to meet the Club's cashflow constraints (this includes the 220k provided in June and subsequent 150k noted below).

* Jersey Reds emphasise that 150k is required in the immediate term to meet the Clubs cashflow needs

* Following the meeting with the Reds, MEDTSC requested a separate meeting with primary investor [REDACTED] – dates offered from 18th September onwards (due to Ministerial availability). [REDACTED] agreed date of 23rd October due to his own planned annual leave.

* Letter of instruction and letter of comfort issued 30th August to action a further grant of 150k to Jersey Reds.

* Letter of instruction and letter of comfort issued by MEDTSC and TRM respectively to provide for a 150k payment directly to the Jersey Reds.

* This grant was to provide immediate support for the Club to allow for the financial viability assessment and subsequent CoM consideration to be completed.

* Council of Ministers meeting 19th September – (paper attached) Ministers discussed future funding for Jersey Reds and decided not to proceed with additional support.

* Ministers considered a request from Jersey Reds for support of 590k (minus the 370k already provided) and a further 300k in the 2024/25 season to sustain their operations.

* A business plan was prepared by Jersey Reds, in association with Santander International. A number of assumptions within which were challenged by Ministers and officers, in particular:

* The assumption of 1,000,000 revenue in 2024/25 and 2025/26 from RFU vs c.150,000 in preceding years without contractual foundation. This was deemed an overly optimistic assessment, it was noted that should a new arrangement fail to materialise Jersey Reds would see further funding gaps of c.850,000 from as early as the 2024/25 season.

* A cumulative cost challenge of 350,000 starting immediately and continuing through to 30-Jun-26 was noted as speculative and non-specific

* During CoM, MEDTSC suggested that he meet with primary investor to understand whether any further private investment would be forthcoming and to communicate the Council of Ministers' decision in person.

* Request was made to [REDACTED] to bring forward the planned meeting from 23rd October to 21st September (this was not possible due to [REDACTED] being out of the Island on holiday until the evening of the 26th September). A meeting date of 27th September was agreed.

* Email from Mark Morgan 23rd September - In advance of meeting with MEDTSC, Jersey Reds advise that they required a further urgent grant (the exact amount was unspecified in the email but later understood to be 150k) to meet September salaries.

* MEDTSC meeting with [REDACTED] and Mark Chown 27th September – MEDTSC and head of local economy meet with Jersey Reds to communicate CoM decision and ask for an update on private sponsorship. In the absence of new private investment MEDTSC communicated that the government would not be providing further funding.

* Jersey Reds emphasise that without 150k by close of play that same day, the Club would cease trading.

* The Club subsequently ceased trading at 5pm that afternoon and the news was announced on 28th September.

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Thanks [REDACTED]

Some points please: I did not attend the 30 August meeting as I was on leave. I was not involved in that decision.

The timeline misses off the letter to Suzanne Wylie and request for funding, which I believe we also turned down.

I would challenge the wording that ministers 'requested' Santander to carry out the review. My recollection is they proposed the idea, we discussed it and accepted it was a sensible way forward. Perhaps 'it was decided that a review would be carried out' would be a more appropriate way of phrasing.

Thank you

Lucy

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Subject: RE: Jersey Reds - questions for States Assembly

Good afternoon Ministers,

[REDACTED] and I have brought together a draft timeline below which we've asked Treasury to add officer-only meetings to (there should be a few extra with Santander).

This along with the attached notes/ relevant documents have been provided for the CM's QWON pack.

I'll pick up with [REDACTED] on the terms attached to the grants.

Kind regards,



Financial Support provided by Government

Year

Form and extent of support

2019

GoJ grant of 200,000.

2020

GoJ grant of 250,000 (1st instalment of multi-year support totalling 450,000)

For the purpose of "securing professional rugby in Jersey" - the purpose of this grant was to enable Jersey Reds to become financially sustainable over an extended three-year period after which no further Government support would be required.

2021

GoJ grant of 150,000 (2nd instalment).

2021

GoJ COVID-19 support – loan guarantee for 80% of a 500,000 loan to Jersey Reds from Santander International.

2022

GoJ grant of 50,000 (3rd instalment)

2022

Introduction of 3 x High Value Residents with each committing 500,000.

2023

Re-profile of ITIS debt repayment of 400k to now be repayable over 36 months rather than 12 months

2023 – July

Emergency payment of 220,000 to sustain operations sought and granted by decision of Ministers.

2023 – August

Emergency payment of 150,000 to sustain operations sought and granted by decision of Ministers

Ministerial engagement with Jersey Reds:

- * Meeting on 10th November 2022, Deputy Stephenson and the head of local economy – met with Jersey Reds at their request
- * Jersey Reds expressed their desire to play in the Premiership and noted their hope for recurring Government grants to achieve this.
- * Deputy Stephenson made clear that long-term/ recurring funding was not factored into the existing Economy budget and that Jersey Reds would need to manage their spend appropriately
- * Importantly there was no indication from Jersey Reds that they were in short-term financial difficulty

* Letter on 26th January 2023 (attached), Deputy Stephenson replied to a Jersey Reds request made to the CEO for funding of 500k (250k immediately and a further 250k during 2023).

* Deputy Stephenson (after discussion with MEDTSC and officers) highlighted the previous government support provided and made it clear that it was not possible to underwrite further support and explained that as Minister it was important to ensure an even-handed approach to sport report rather than disproportionately supporting rugby in particular.

* Deputy Stephenson's letter included an offer to meet in person to discuss further. This was not taken up.

* Meeting with officers 16th March – Jersey Reds meet with officers from Treasury and Economy to discuss the Club's finances following Deputy Stephenson's letter. Treasury requested further information to understand the Club's financial position in depth.

* Call to Director, Treasury and Investment Management 23rd June (Friday), Jersey Reds (Mark Chown) contacted Simon Hayward to advise that in the absence of any Government Support the Reds would enter administration on 30th June. The Minister for Treasury and Resources, MEDTSC and AMEDSTC were advised and a meeting with Santander was set up for first thing on the following Monday to understand the situation.

* MEDTSC and Deputy Stephenson met with Santander on 26th June (Monday) - Ministers requested that Santander undertake an urgent audit of Jersey Reds financial position to understand the medium/ long term viability of the club.

* Treasury Minister had a separate call with Santander 26th June – Treasury Minister had a separate call with Santander as a follow-up to the above.

* Treasury officers have a call with Santander 26th June – Treasury officers meet with Santander following Ministerial meetings. Santander agreed to undertake a review of the Club's financial viability and, in the immediate term to provide urgent financial support (220k) on the proviso that Government agree to re-imburement.

* TRM, MEDTSC and AMEDTSC agreed to this course of action on 27th June (emails attached).

* Officers meet with Santander 7th July – Officers from Treasury and Economy meet with Santander as part of their work to review the Club's finances and its medium/ long term viability.

* Officers meet with Santander 19th July – Officers from Treasury and Economy meet with Santander as part of their work to review the Club's finances and its medium/ long term viability.

* Meeting with Santander 20th July, TRM and Deputy Stephenson meet with Santander to understand their analysis of Jersey Reds financial position.

* This analysis is subsequently considered and challenged by Treasury and Economy officers and forms the basis of the CoM paper attached.

* Meeting with Jersey Reds and Santander 30th August – TRM, MEDTSC, Deputy Stephenson alongside officers meet with Jersey Reds and Santander to discuss funding for Jersey Reds and long-term funding for the Club.

* Ministers explain that any long-term commitment will need to be considered by CoM

* It is understood that 590k will be required during 2023 to meet the Club's cashflow constraints (this includes the 220k provided in June and subsequent 150k noted below).

- * Jersey Reds emphasise that 150k is required in the immediate term to meet the Clubs cashflow needs
- * Following the meeting with the Reds, MEDTSC requested a separate meeting with primary investor [REDACTED] – dates offered from 18th September onwards (due to Ministerial availability). [REDACTED] agreed date of 23rd October due to his own planned annual leave.

- * Letter of instruction and letter of comfort issued 30th August to action a further grant of 150k to Jersey Reds.

- * Letter of instruction and letter of comfort issued by MEDTSC and TRM respectively to provide for a 150k payment directly to the Jersey Reds.
- * This grant was to provide immediate support for the Club to allow for the financial viability assessment and subsequent CoM consideration to be completed.

- * Council of Ministers meeting 19th September – (paper attached) Ministers discussed future funding for Jersey Reds and decided not to proceed with additional support.

- * Ministers considered a request from Jersey Reds for support of 590k (minus the 370k already provided) and a further 300k in the 2024/25 season to sustain their operations.
- * A business plan was prepared by Jersey Reds, in association with Santander International. A number of assumptions within which were challenged by Ministers and officers, in particular:
 - * The assumption of 1,000,000 revenue in 2024/25 and 2025/26 from RFU vs c.150,000 in preceding years without contractual foundation. This was deemed an overly optimistic assessment, it was noted that should a new arrangement fail to materialise Jersey Reds would see further funding gaps of c.850,000 from as early as the 2024/25 season.
 - * A cumulative cost challenge of 350,000 starting immediately and continuing through to 30-Jun-26 was noted as speculative and non-specific
 - * During CoM, MEDTSC suggested that he meet with primary investor to understand whether any further private investment would be forthcoming and to communicate the Council of Ministers' decision in person.
 - * Request was made to [REDACTED] to bring forward the planned meeting from 23rd October to 21st September (this was not possible due to [REDACTED] being out of the Island on holiday until the evening of the 26th September). A meeting date of 27th September was agreed.

- * Email from Mark Morgan 23rd September - In advance of meeting with MEDTSC, Jersey Reds advise that they required a further urgent grant (the exact amount was unspecified in the email but later understood to be 150k) to meet September salaries.

- * MEDTSC meeting with [REDACTED] and Mark Chown 27th September – MEDTSC and head of local economy meet with Jersey Reds to communicate CoM decision and ask for an update on private sponsorship. In the absence of new private investment MEDTSC communicated that the government would not be providing further funding.

- * Jersey Reds emphasise that without 150k by close of play that same day, the Club would cease trading.
- * The Club subsequently ceased trading at 5pm that afternoon and the news was announced on 28th September.

From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je<mailto:L.Stephenson@gov.je>>

Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 2:16 PM

To: Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je<mailto:K.Morel2@gov.je>>; [REDACTED]@gov.je<mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.je>>; [REDACTED]@gov.je<mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.je>>

Cc: Kristina Moore <K.Moore2@gov.je<mailto:K.Moore2@gov.je>>

Subject: Re: Jersey Reds - questions for States Assembly

Hi all,

I agree this is important. I would add, following my monitoring of social media and the way the media questions to me went yesterday, that clarity about how the emergency payments were made and any conditions on them is needed too. I checked back last night and I am confident we made the separation of the amateur and professional clubs a condition of the first payment.

Included in the timeline should be the meeting last year myself and [REDACTED] attended with Mark Morgan and Mark Chown at the rugby club, during which I made my position clear that I did not believe further financial support of the kind previously provided under grant agreements would or should be forthcoming during this government's term of office.

Kirsten I would also flag that the JEP were interested to know if all ministers were in agreement with there being no further funding, and cited a rumour that the Economy ministers and Treasury Ministers did not agree. This echoes the rumour in an email from the rugby club a few weeks back.

Thanks,

Lucy

Deputy Lucy Stephenson

Representing St Mary, St Ouen & St Peter in the States Assembly

Assistant Chief Minister with responsibility for communications

Assistant Economic Development Minister with responsibility for sport

Member of the Privileges and Procedures Committee

Member of the Political Awareness Education sub-committee

Please note I am sending this email at a time which is convenient to me. I do not expect you to respond or action this email outside of your own working hours.

From: Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je<mailto:K.Morel2@gov.je>>

Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 1:30 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.je<mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.je>>; [REDACTED]@gov.je<mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.je>>

Cc: Kristina Moore <K.Moore2@gov.je<mailto:K.Moore2@gov.je>>; Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je<mailto:L.Stephenson@gov.je>>

Subject: Jersey Reds - questions for States Assembly

Hi [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Please could you make sure the CM, Lucy and I have a detailed timeline of engagement with the Reds this year, as well as details of all support

given to the Reds by GoJ and all debt owed to GoJ by the Reds, in a pack for the States Assembly, in case questions come up in QWON.

We should also have details of their request for future funding that would have covered the coming months.

Kind regards

Kirsten

Deputy Kirsten Morel

Deputy Chief Minister

Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport & Culture

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Dear Mark,

Thank you for your email to Suzanne Wylie of the 23rd January.

I have discussed your request in detail with Deputy Morel and Government officers and I appreciate that a decision is a matter of urgency for you and your Board. As the Assistant Minister responsible for Sport I regret that at this point I am minded not to support your request for emergency funding and Deputy Morel is aligned to this decision.

As the records show, Government has historically been a strong financial supporter of Jersey Reds since your promotion to the Championship back in 2012. It is my understanding that the most recent grant of £450,000 was awarded to Jersey Reds for the purpose of "securing professional rugby in Jersey". The purpose of this grant was to enable Jersey Reds to become financially sustainable over an extended three-year period after which no further Government support would be required. These grants were very much made on account of the Government recognising the value that rugby brings to the island both socially and economically whilst also wishing to see your business achieve financial sustainability.

In addition to cash grants, Government has worked to support the Jersey Reds through the difficulties of the Covid period, where your fixtures were suspended and finances were impacted as a consequence. This support extended to guaranteeing a £500,000 small business loan with Santander through to deferring Social Security, GST and ITIS payments which currently account for a debt to Government of almost £300,000 for these items combined.

When we met with yourself and Mark Morgan on the 10th November 2022 you asked about the ability to access further grants and I explained that there was no funding allocated in the current Government Plan. In that meeting I was appraised of the Reds' desire to build a squad designed to win the Championship by 24/25, with aspirations to be promoted and play in the Premiership. You also updated me on your fundraising efforts with High Value Residents, the facility challenges the club was facing and the impending split from Jersey Rugby Club, formally separating the amateur and the professional clubs.

I left that meeting with no indication that there was an imminent financial crisis in the making and feedback at the closing of the meeting was a recommendation that Jersey Reds needed to

manage their spend appropriately; that Jersey Reds should continue to fundraise with HNW individuals and build their cash position, and: that Jersey Reds reconsider the timing of their ambition as the Premiership was in disarray and subject to significant restructuring in the season/s ahead.

I am aware of the structural issues that exist within professional rugby at present however I also need to be even-handed in my approach to the development of all sports in Jersey and what they are able to deliver back to community. It is increasingly difficult to support a single sport disproportionately and against a backdrop of a need for continued financial support. I am happy to meet in person to discuss the above if you feel that would be of benefit.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Lucy Stephenson
Minister for Sport
E l.stephenson@gov.je

ORAL QUESTION FOR TUESDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2023
(To be answered by the Minister in person under Standing Order 13(3A))

Deputy R.S. Kovacs of St. Saviour will ask the following question of the Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture –

“Given the recent success of the Jersey Team at the Worlds Bowls Championships, alongside other sports clubs securing medals at world class championships, will the Minister confirm if clubs that represent the Island on a high level are awarded the same level of funding as Jersey Reds; and will he further provide a breakdown of what the £370,000 provided to Jersey Reds was intended for?”

Answer

I am incredibly proud of the recent successes of local athletes and sporting clubs, and was delighted to be part of the recent Island Games in Guernsey.

Members will be aware that I have committed to a review of Government’s delivery of sports policy which will be published later this year. This will identify where delivery of sport can be improved to better support clubs and athletes across all sporting disciplines.

I will also be producing an Elite Sport Strategy which will seek to identify how we can support and fund pathways for local athletes in a fair and even way across sports.

With regards to Jersey Reds, two payments were made during 2023.

The first of these was in June and consisted of £130,000 to meet June wage costs, with an additional £90,000 provided for other immediate costs.

A further payment of £150,000 was made directly by Government in August to meet the Club’s urgent cashflow constraints and underwrite operations until September.

The Council of Ministers considered further requests for funding during September and concluded it was not in the best interests of the Island to provide further support.

Supplementary information

Why were the payments made?

It would have been unreasonable to enforce the closure of such a socially valued business without first considering the financial viability of the Club. The short-term funding provided time for a contemporary review of the Club’s finances and consideration of its viability in the medium to long term. Following the conclusion of this analysis, the Council of Ministers decided not to proceed with further payments.

Background

The Council of Ministers considered a request from Jersey Reds for a grant of **£590k** (minus the £370k already provided) on September 19th and a further **£300k** in the 2024/25 season to sustain their operations.

A revised business plan was prepared by Jersey Reds, in association with Santander International. A number of assumptions within which were challenged, in particular:

1. The assumption of £1,000,000 revenue in 2024/25 and 2025/26 from RFU vs c.£150,000 in preceding years has no contractual foundation and is an optimistic assessment of timing and value of any re-distribution of revenues within the upper tiers of RFU competition. Should a new arrangement fail to materialise Jersey Reds would see further funding gaps of c.£850,000 from as early as the 2024/25 season.
2. A cumulative cost challenge of £350,000 starting immediately and continuing through to 30-Jun-26 seems speculative and non-specific

Economic value

Economic Value of Jersey Reds to Jersey's local economy: In 2016, Via Analytics were employed to measure the economic value of Jersey Reds to the wider economy. This independent assessment determined that Jersey Reds made a contribution of £1.4 - £2.1m annually. This is largely derived from tax on payroll and fans from visiting clubs travelling to watch their team play in Jersey.

Social Value

This is largely derived through the volume of fans who watch home games. Matchday spectator numbers (c.1,200 last season) have fallen from c.1,500 in 2018/19 and from over 2,000 at home matches in September 2013. Whilst spectator growth is recognised to be challenging in a finite population / catchment area, it is evident that Jersey Reds has actually lost a significant percentage of its local audience.

Wider context

Rugby as a sport has faced serious financial challenges over the past 3 years. The top tier of professional rugby in the UK saw three Premiership Rugby Clubs file for bankruptcy in 2023, reducing the league from 13 to 10 teams. Additionally, the RFU, the governing body of rugby, reduced their annual financial support for Championship (Tier 2) teams from £650k per team pre-covid down to £288k and again in 2022/23 down to £145k.

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Addressed To: [REDACTED]@gov.je [REDACTED]@gov.je [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Re: Letter to AMEDTSC re Jersey Reds
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 17:14 BST

Apologies, just saw the oral question which allows this

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Subject: Re: Letter to AMEDTSC re Jersey Reds

Thanks [REDACTED]

I do wonder if there's a case for a statement to be made to the assembly on Tuesday, to provide an opportunity for questions in a privileged environment.

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To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: FW: Letter to AMEDTSC re Jersey Reds

Hi Lucy,

For your reference, please find attached a letter received from the EIA Panel regarding the Jersey Reds. I'll pick up with [REDACTED] to draft a response for you to consider early next week.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Deputy Lucy Stephenson
Assistant Minister for Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture

BY EMAIL

29th September 2023

Dear Assistant Minister,

Jersey Reds

With regards to the recent ceased trading of the Jersey Reds, could you confirm on which basis the short term loans of £370,000 were made available to the Club and if these loans were supported by a robust financial business case.

Could you also confirm the regulations on how tax payers money is used to support private business enterprises such as the Jersey Reds and if this is an appropriate use of public funds

We would be grateful if you could respond to this no later by 9th October 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,

Deputy Moz Scott
Chair
Economic and International Affairs Scrutiny Panel

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
To: Harvey Biljon <harvey.biljon@jerseyreds.je>
Addressed To: harvey.biljon@jerseyreds.je
Subject: Re: Jersey Reds
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 14:14 BST

Hi Harvey

I am free now for a call on [REDACTED] if you're available? Or give me a call when you can.

Equally, if you'd like to schedule a more formal meeting I can do that.

Take care,

Lucy

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Subject: Jersey Reds

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Hi Lucy,

Hope you are well.

Are you free for a call or meeting

Thanks

Harvey

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Cc: Press Office <PressOffice@gov.je>, [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: RE: Jersey Reds value to economy - JEP
Date: Friday, September 29, 2023 11:55 BST
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Hi

[REDACTED]@gov.je>, do we have figures we can provide? [REDACTED]@gov.je> is there anything which can be said more widely?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 10:33 AM
To: [REDACTED]@gov.je>; Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Cc: Press Office <PressOffice@gov.je>
Subject: Jersey Reds value to economy - JEP

Morning all,

Issue: [REDACTED] from JEP has asked for information regarding proof of Jersey Reds' value to the economy, in relation to the funding provided by Government.

Background:

Email: "Please can I know what Jersey Reds' estimated value to the economy was (both the figure per year and how it was calculated ie. a full breakdown of how that number was reached)

My understanding is that there would have been some kind of report or consultant work carried out on this - if so please can we have a copy of the report.

The below quote from Mark Morgan in the June CONNECT magazine may help in terms of context

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/ktlu/ehpu/>

"We've done some work with an independent consultant, and the government looking at the value...Something like 5 million a year is generated as a direct benefit to the Island."

Timing: Today (Fri)

Please advise how you'd like us to respond.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: Jersey Reds interview
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 22:39 BST

Dear Lucy

A really super interview tonight on BBC Lucy. Well done. Been a tough few days for you I'm sure.

Sending my best

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Subject: Re: Statement on Jersey Reds
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 18:06 BST
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Thank you Elaine, I really appreciate that feedback and your support.

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From: Elaine Millar <E.Millar2@gov.je>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 6:01:44 PM
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: FW: Statement on Jersey Reds

Hi Lucy,

Just to say I think this is a great statement – we need to get on the front foot (be more open) about things like this more often!

Elaine

From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 1:42 PM
To: Council of Ministers [REDACTED]
Subject: Statement on Jersey Reds

Good afternoon Ministers,

For your awareness, please find below a statement on today's announcement from Jersey Reds, which has been issued by the Minister with responsibility for Sport and is being distributed to the media this afternoon.

The Minister with responsibility for Sport, Deputy Lucy Stephenson, said:

"Like many, I am saddened by today's announcement from Jersey Reds<https://www.jerseyreds.je/news_article/jersey-reds-financial-challenges-lead-to-club-ceasing-trading/>, who have been a much valued addition to Island life.

"The previous Government provided extensive financial support to the club, and Jersey Reds also enjoyed significant support during Covid.

"With the welfare of players, coaches and their families in mind, in the last three months this Government has twice given Jersey Reds short-term grants totalling 370,000 to provide them with the opportunity to try to find alternative funding sources. Sadly, their efforts have not been successful.

"Government could not commit further money at a time when there are so many other demands on the public purse – including responding to the cost-of-living crisis – and in fairness to other sports and businesses in the Island.

"The Reds' announcement shows how prudent it was for them to separate the professional and amateur arms of rugby. Participation in amateur


rugby remains strong, and the minis, juniors, and parts of JRFC will continue to thrive. Government will work to ensure that any impact on the amateur game is minimised."

Kind regards,





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[REDACTED]@gov.je> [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: RE: Press Statement from Chairman of Championship Rugby
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 16:21 BST
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Thanks [REDACTED] The public have also turned on the RFU. There's been some mention of gov in social comments, but they've been mostly shut down by other comments in favour of gov not propping the Reds up.

Our statement still holds and provides a good balance between facts and empathy.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
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[REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: FW: Press Statement from Chairman of Championship Rugby

Good afternoon,

Championship Rugby have sent over the attached statement which they've issued from their chairman, Simon Halliday. As you'll see they're blaming the RFU, and they're not pulling their punches.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Hello [REDACTED]

Thanks for your time just now.

Here is Simon Halliday's statement on Jersey Reds in case it is useful. I am sure the government of Jersey is as surprised as Simon is at the lack of central funding of its own second-tier clubs by the Rugby Football Union and the responsibility thus transferred to investors and even public bodies to help these proud rugby clubs through such a difficult time.

Yours sincerely,



Head of Communications,
Championship Rugby

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To: "dan.mcalister@jrjc.je" <dan.mcalister@jrjc.je>
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Addressed To: dan.mcalister@jrjc.je
Subject: Support for JRFC
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 15:35 BST

Dear Dan,

I, like many, am saddened by the news from Jersey Reds this morning that they have ceased trading. And of course my thoughts are with the players, coaches and other staff and their families who will be impacted.

I am also mindful of the potential impact on JRFC, and I wanted to reach out to seek to reassure you and the rest of the club and its management that I see it as an absolute priority to try to minimise any impact on the amateur game locally. If I or my officers can do anything to help now or going forward, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

Lucy

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To: [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je
Cc: Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je;
[REDACTED]@gov.je; Richard Corrigan <R.Corrigan@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je
Addressed To: [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; r.corrigan@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Re: Jersey Reds statement
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 12:50 BST
Attachments: image00001.png (758 B), image001.png (6 KB), image002.png (38.9 KB)

Thanks [REDACTED] I am happy to approve

Kind regards,

Lucy

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Cc: Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@gov.je; Richard Corrigan <R.Corrigan@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Jersey Reds statement

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the statement, as discussed. I have made two minor tweaks to smooth the copy – I would be grateful if you could review and amend.

The next steps will be:

* Approval by @Lucy Stephenson<mailto:L.Stephenson@gov.je>

- * Check with [REDACTED] (I'm checking)
- * Distribution to other Ministers and AMs
- * Use as a reactive response to media
- * Minister will be interviewed – to give broadcast media the statement

- * [REDACTED] Minister to draft letter to JRFC to give them support that amateur game will continue and receive support, if required
- * Press Office / Comms will monitor social media for sentiment (there is currently very little criticism of GoJ)
- * We will assess further Reds announcements as they are made.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>

To: [REDACTED]@gov.je> [REDACTED]@gov.je>, Lucy Stephenson
<L.Stephenson@gov.je>

Subject: JEP interview - Jersey Reds

Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 12:13 BST

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Hi Lucy, [REDACTED] & [REDACTED]

Just a note to say [REDACTED] from the JEP is very keen to come down to Broad St and interview you in person on Jersey Reds, Lucy. He's asked if he can be front of the queue for interviews and says he can be here in 5 mins, whenever you're free.

I explained that you've set aside time this afternoon and we'll be in touch when you're available, but wanted to give you the heads up.

Thanks,

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To: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>, [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Addressed To: [REDACTED]@gov.je [REDACTED]@gov.je [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Re: Jersey Reds go into administration
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:06 BST
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Thanks [REDACTED] We were aware it was coming, unfortunately.

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Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:02:40 AM
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: RE: Jersey Reds go into administration

Local club website confirmation: Jersey Reds' financial challenges lead to club ceasing trading - Jersey Reds<https://www.jerseyreds.je/news_article/jersey-reds-financial-challenges-lead-to-club-ceasing-trading/>

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, September 28, 2023 10:01 AM
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: Jersey Reds go into administration

Dear Deputy,

You may be aware but FYI: Last season's Championship winners Jersey Reds are set to enter administration, as English rugby's financial crisis continues after three Premiership clubs folded last season | Daily Mail Online<<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/sport/rugbyunion/article-12570075/Last-seasons-Championship-winners-Jersey-Reds-set-enter-administration-English-rugbys-financial-crisis-continues-three-Premiership-clubs-folded-season.html>>

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@gov.je

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
To: [REDACTED]@gov.je
Addressed To: [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Re: Jersey Rugby Football Club (2016) Trading Ltd ("Trading")
Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023 06:36 BST



Thank you [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.je
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 10:19:01 PM
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: Fwd: Jersey Rugby Football Club (2016) Trading Ltd ("Trading")

Good evening Minister,

For your reference, please see below.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@gov.je
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 9:37:06 PM
To: Richard Corrigan <R.Corrigan@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Fwd: Jersey Rugby Football Club (2016) Trading Ltd ("Trading")

Good evening all,

For your reference, please see below.

Kind regards,
[REDACTED]

From: Mark Chown <markchown@[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 9:26:25 PM
To: Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je>; Ian Gorst <I.Gorst@gov.je>
Cc: Kristina Moore <K.Moore2@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Jersey Rugby Football Club (2016) Trading Ltd ("Trading")

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Ministers

I am writing to you as I attended a meeting at Broad Street today, 27.9.23., between Deputy Morel, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of GOJ, along with Gordon Crawford at which Mr Crawford and I were informed of the Council of Ministers decision on 19.9.23. not to provide further financial assistance to Trading, as previously requested by Trading. There was suggestion that the Council of Ministers ("COM") decision may be reviewed if 150k could be found to meet immediate liabilities, within the subsequent 36 hours, however this was felt to be a remote possibility by Mr Crawford and myself.

Mr Crawford and I are directors of Jersey Reds (2022) Ltd, the investment company that has provided 900k of funding for Trading in the period since June 2022. Neither of us are directors of Trading.

I informed the directors of Trading, Mark Morgan and Brian Morris, of the discussions outlined above, including the COM decision, immediately following the meeting with Deputy Morel. The directors of Trading were concerned why the COM decision on such an important matter was not immediately conveyed, despite multiple requests from Trading for clarification of the situation. They feel that the extended period of delay to learn of the decision curtailed their ability to raise further short-term funds and has made the situation more traumatic than it may have been with immediate notification of the COM decision. Once they learned of the COM decision the directors sought legal advice [REDACTED]. As a result of this advice Trading ceased operation and trading as a business as at 17.30 on 27.9.23. Announcements will be made to staff early on 28.9.23. and subsequently to other interested parties.

Mark Chown

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>

To: [REDACTED]@gov.je>

Addressed To: [REDACTED]@gov.je

Subject: Accepted: Jersey Reds comms discussion

Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 16:37 BST

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Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: Jersey Reds comms discussion
Date: Wednesday, September 27, 2023 16:22 BST

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: Automatic reply: COM discussion paper - Jersey Reds
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 17:59 BST

I am out the office on annual leave, returning Monday 25th September.

Please bear with me if you are expecting a reply to your email. If your matter is urgent then please contact Dan Houseago in my absence.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
To: Richard Corrigan <R.Corrigan@gov.je>, Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je>
Cc: Alex Curtis <A.Curtis@gov.je>, [REDACTED]@gov.je
Addressed To: k.morel2@gov.je, a.curtis@gov.je, r.corrigan@gov.je, [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Re: COM discussion paper - Jersey Reds
Date: Thursday, September 14, 2023 17:59 BST
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Thank you Richard.

I will be speaking against further support at this stage and expressing my view that it will put me personally in a very difficult position should COM decide to support.

Thanks

Lucy

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From: Richard Corrigan <R.Corrigan@gov.je>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 5:57:07 PM
To: Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je>; Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Cc: Alex Curtis <A.Curtis@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: COM discussion paper - Jersey Reds

Dear Ministers,

With thanks to [REDACTED] we now have a paper ready for a facilitated discussion of Jersey Reds by CoM next week. This does not carry an officer recommendation as we could not recommend further support at this stage so it provides background, summary of the Jersey Reds request and hopefully the right triggers for discussion.

Kind regards

Richard

Richard Corrigan

Chief Officer, Department for the Economy

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
To: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Addressed To: [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Re: Meeting
Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:51 BST

Thanks [REDACTED] that's helpful. We will need to have made a decision on funding by then already so I just wanted to make sure we weren't waiting for this meeting to do that.

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:49:19 AM
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: RE: Meeting

Hi Lucy,

This follows the meeting with Jersey Reds the week before last and a request by the Minister to meet with [REDACTED]. I'll double check with the Minister whether there are any particular topics he wants to raise – the meeting date is after the CoM discussion on the Jersey Reds so it shouldn't be focused on funding.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2023 11:18 AM
To: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: Meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for the invite to the meeting with [REDACTED]. Can I ask what it's in relation to please?

Thanks

Lucy

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
To: Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je>
Addressed To: k.morel2@gov.je
Subject: Accepted: MEDTSC introduction with Jersey Rugby Chairman
Date: Tuesday, September 05, 2023 12:21 BST



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Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je, Simon Hayward <S.Hayward2@gov.je>, [REDACTED]@gov.je, Daniel Houseago <D.Houseago@gov.je>, [REDACTED]@gov.je
Addressed To: i.gorst@gov.je, k.morel2@gov.je, s.hayward2@gov.je, d.houseago@gov.je, [REDACTED]@gov.je, [REDACTED]@gov.je, [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Re: Reds - update ahead of Wednesday's meeting
Date: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 14:50 BST

Thank you [REDACTED]

I was incred bly disappointed by Mark's email on Friday, particularly it's tone. And it seems like this continued in the conversation you've had. My internet connection is better than I expected here in France and if I am able to join tomorrow I will. While I recognise what Jersey Reds offers the island and islanders from a sporting perspective, I remain very concerned about what is being asked of government - and the public purse - and how it is being asked.

Take care all,

Lucy

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2023 3:40:48 PM
To: Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je>; Ian Gorst <I.Gorst@gov.je>; Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>; Simon Hayward <S.Hayward2@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>; Daniel Houseago <D.Houseago@gov.je>; Daniel Houseago <D.Houseago@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: Reds - update ahead of Wednesday's meeting

Good afternoon Ministers.

I had a call with Mark Chown over the weekend and wanted to provide you with a readout of that call ahead of tomorrow's meeting.

The purpose of the call was to provide constructive feedback following Mark Morgan's email and to facilitate a constructive meeting tomorrow.

The ask from Reds is for 500k over the next 4 months. This is over and above the 220k provided via Santander last month.

This is requested as a grant and the same amount is required in 2024.

What you will hear from Mark and his fellow directors is that the reason the club finds itself in a perilous financial position is not through unmanaged spend and failing to operate within a budget but rather due to a number of failings on the part of the Government.

These were:

- 1 - the removal of ongoing grant funding
- 2 - Gov encouraging multiple fiscal stimulus bids which were unsuccessful
- 3 - Gov failing to deliver on the Island Stadium

There has been little in the way of creative proposals to share the downside / risk of the assumptions in their business plan not materialising (either in the short term or over the next two seasons) and I have suggested that some thought be given to this as Ministers may wish to see risk shared if they are to support financially given that Gov has:

- 1- provided 450k under the previous Government "to secure Championship rugby in Jersey"
- 2 - deferred c.400k in ITIS, GST etc
- 3 - reprofiled the repayment of the above debt from a 12 to a 36-month payment plan and
- 4 - underwritten 80% of a 500k Santander payroll loan.

The call ended with a reminder that a failure by Government to find the required cash by the close of business on Wednesday would result in the certain closure of the business. I reiterated the difficulty that emergency payments posed to Treasury and all Departments of Government.

I am on annual leave this week but will be joining the meeting online and M available to speak ahead of the meeting if required.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Government of Jersey

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
To: [REDACTED]@gov.je
Addressed To: [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Re: Reds - Meeting invitation
Date: Friday, August 25, 2023 13:27 BST
Attachments: Outlook-2zxynx3p.png (6 KB)

Hi [REDACTED]

That's fine with me, although as advised when the meeting invite was sent I'm away next week so will not be able to attend.

Thanks
Lucy

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2023 1:24:57 PM
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: Fw: Reds - Meeting invitation

Lucy
Are you okay with this draft to go to Reds today asking them to next Wednesday's meeting ? I need to send this out this afternoon so your approval would be appreciated
Thanks
[REDACTED]

Dear Mark,

Further to your request for financial support for Jersey Reds, Ministers have requested a meeting with yourself and shareholders at Broad Street offices, next Wednesday 30th August at 12.00.

Following the Santander International review of Reds finances and future business plans, Ministers remain unconvinced of the reds need for Government support and need to understand first-hand the assumptions within the business plans and what has changed since Reds last approached Ministers.

Please could you confirm your attendance next week and who else will be attending with you.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: RE: Jersey Reds follow up meeting
Date: Thursday, August 24, 2023 16:58 BST

Hi Lucy,

Thank you for letting me know.

Have a great break.

[REDACTED]

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>

Sent: Thursday, August 24, 2023 4:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Declined: Jersey Reds follow up meeting

When: 30 August 2023 12:00-13:00 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

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Unfortunately I'll have to decline as I'm on leave next week and will be without internet for some of the time.

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>

To: [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je

Addressed To: [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je

Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Date: Monday, August 21, 2023 12:12 BST

[REDACTED]

I have had a diary invite for Wednesday at 5.30pm from treasury called 'Jersey Reds update' so I am assuming this is it. I am surprised you have not been looped in and think you should have been. I can chase this or you can?

Thanks

Lucy

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 12:04:16 PM

To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je; [REDACTED]@gov.je

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>

Subject: Re: Fortnightly Department for Economy Sport catch-up

Hi Lucy

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

With regards to Reds, I caught up briefly with Simon Heyward in Treasury on Friday afternoon and he informed me that his team were preparing a presentation to give to Ministers which recommends supporting a rescue package for Reds rather than them folding and Government having to absorb their accrued debts.

I am conscious that it's a decision for yourself and Kirsten to make and not one for Treasury to make but hopefully it's a set of recommendations and decisions still rest fully with Ministers in Department for the Economy.

I'll push for a date for this presentation to take place ASAP as the issue has dragged on for 6 months now.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>

Sent: Monday, August 21, 2023 10:57:00 AM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>

Subject: [REDACTED]

Hi all,

I will join today's sport meeting on teams if that's okay, [REDACTED]

Thanks

Lucy

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To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: FW: Jersey Reds update
Date: Friday, August 18, 2023 15:55 BST

From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Sent: 18 August 2023 14:12:29 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London
To: [REDACTED]@gov.je>; Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: Jersey Reds update
When: 23 August 2023 17:30-18:15.
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>

To: [REDACTED]@gov.je>

Addressed To: [REDACTED]@gov.je

Subject: Accepted: Jersey Reds update

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To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: Jersey Reds update
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From: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>, Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je> [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: RE: Jersey Reds
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 09:43 BST

I will keep you posted on developments Lucy.

From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 2:09 PM
To: Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: Jersey Reds

Hi all (and welcome back Kirsten, I hope you had a good week off)

It seems likely a final decision will need to be made soon about Jersey Reds, pending the bits of further work Treasury were going to do over the next few days. [REDACTED]

However, given the public interest in this if/when it becomes publicly known I would like to be kept informed please if possible. Please do [REDACTED] call if needed. My concerns haven't changed since we last all spoke on this.

Take care,

Lucy

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Cc: [REDACTED]@santanderinternational.co.uk>
Addressed To: i.gorst@gov.je, k.morel2@gov.je, s.hayward2@gov.je, d.houseago@gov.je, [REDACTED]@gov.je, [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Re: Jersey Reds / JRFC SPA and OA
Date: Monday, July 24, 2023 07:05 BST

Thank you [REDACTED]

Kind regards,

Lucy

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 12:19:53 PM

To: [REDACTED]@santanderinternational.co.uk>; Ian Gorst <I.Gorst@gov.je>; Kirsten Morel <K.Morel2@gov.je>; [REDACTED]@gov.je>; Simon Hayward <S.Hayward2@gov.je>; Daniel Houseago <D.Houseago@gov.je>; [REDACTED]2@gov.je>

Cc: [REDACTED]@santanderinternational.co.uk>

Subject: [External Sender] Re: Jersey Reds / JRFC SPA and OA

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for this and for taking the time to follow up on this area specifically.

For complete clarity, do the two still intend to separate following that meeting at the end of this month? The comment about 'continued co-existence' seems to contradict the rest of the update, or by that do you mean they will separate legally but then continue to work closely together?

Once again I appreciate the time and effort being put into trying to help Jersey Reds find a sustainable way of continuing.

Kind regards,

Lucy

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To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: Automatic reply: Jersey Reds / JRFC SPA and OA
Date: Friday, July 21, 2023 12:19 BST

I am out of the office on leave until 25 July and will not have access to my inbox.

If you need a response before then kindly email [REDACTED]@gov.je) who will direct your request as appropriate.

Kind Regards,

[REDACTED]

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From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
To: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Addressed To: [REDACTED]@gov.je
Subject: Accepted: Jersey Reds update - Placeholder
Date: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 10:31 BST

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From: Simon Hayward <S.Hayward2@gov.je>
To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>
Subject: Automatic reply: Jersey Reds Review
Date: Monday, July 17, 2023 17:35 BST

I am on annual leave until Tuesday 25th July with no access to emails. If you require an urgent response, please contact:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Regards

[REDACTED]

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To: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>, Ian Gorst <I.Gorst@gov.je>, Richard Corrigan <R.Corrigan@gov.je>, Simon Hayward <S.Hayward2@gov.je>
Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>
Subject: RE: Jersey Reds update - Placeholder
Date: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 13:53 BST

Thanks Lucy, I will update the invitation now.

From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 1:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.je>; Ian Gorst <I.Gorst@gov.je>; Richard Corrigan <R.Corrigan@gov.je>; Simon Hayward <S.Hayward2@gov.je>

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je>

Subject: Re: Jersey Reds update - Placeholder

Hi [REDACTED]

Yes I'm free then. Sorry I'll update my diary now RE Tuesday

Thanks

Lucy

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Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je<mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.je>>

Subject: RE: Jersey Reds update - Placeholder

Dear Deputy Stephenson,

Our apologies, we thought your diary was clear on Tuesday at 1pm. Are you available on Wednesday the 19th during the Assembly lunch break?

From: Lucy Stephenson <L.Stephenson@gov.je<mailto:L.Stephenson@gov.je>>

Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2023 12:42 PM

To: [REDACTED]@gov.je<mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.je>>; Ian Gorst <I.Gorst@gov.je<mailto:I.Gorst@gov.je>>; Richard Corrigan <R.Corrigan@gov.je<mailto:R.Corrigan@gov.je>>; Simon Hayward <S.Hayward2@gov.je<mailto:S.Hayward2@gov.je>>

Cc: [REDACTED]@gov.je<mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.je>>

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Apologies I have another meeting at this time - hadn't realised there was a Reds discussion on the agenda

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