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Dear Kevin

EXPORT OF WASTE TO JERSEY

The Public Services Department is making progress with the implementation of the revised waste strategy as approved by the States last year.

As you know, the new strategy includes the export of residual waste for recovery in an off-Island facility and the Department is keen to explore the possibility of sending its waste to Jersey for this purpose.

However, the Department is concerned at the apparent lack of engagement from its Jersey counterparts, which is leading it to wonder whether there is a general lack of enthusiasm in Jersey to accept Guernsey's waste.

When I spoke to you and your Chief Officer a couple of months ago to encourage some engagement after a hiatus in response following our visit to you in the summer I was reassured that this issue would now receive some prioritisation from your Department, which regrettably has still not materialised. Months are drifting by with little discernible progress. For example, there has been no response from Jersey on legal issues raised that must be addressed before export can commence – and, as you know, such issues can take time to resolve, meaning that timely responses are crucial. Similarly, the States of Jersey are yet to confirm their willingness to accept any imported waste and this is another important factor that must be addressed before any deal can be struck.

Other Ministers and senior Deputies from Jersey have been informally encouraging me to ensure we pursue export to Jersey, to which I have responded positively, but to date at a practical level we are frustrated.

I am sure that these matters can be ironed out and believe that a meeting would be useful for both sides to reaffirm their respective commitment to the whole process. To this end, I know that your officers are travelling to Guernsey for a meeting with their counterparts on 22 February and I wonder whether it might be possible for you and I to meet briefly for this purpose ahead of the officer-level meeting?

Should this date not be suitable, please feel free to propose an alternative.

Yours sincerely

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Minister