



Water Quality & Strategy Board Minutes

13th January 2026

ATTENDEES

- Minister for the Environment (MENV)
- Minister for Health & Social Services (MHSS)
- Group Director – Regulation (GDR)
- Director of Public Health (DPH)
- Chief of Medicine, Health and Care Jersey (CMHCJ)
- Senior Public Health Officer (SPHO)
- Technical Support Officer (TSO)
- Regulatory Improvement Officer (RIO)
- Group Director of Natural Environment (GDNE)
- Director for Housing, Environment and Placemaking (DHEP)
- Head of Media Relations (HMD)

REPORT FOUR UPDATE

Discussion:

- Timeline of key milestones presented to board members up until the PFAS Panel provide the final issue of report 4.
- Seeking direction from board members on the Government response to the second draft of report 4 that was launched in December.
- Discussion around Panel's mains water recommendation of 4ng/l
- Discussion around Panel's soil thresholds and management recommendations
- Discussion around Panel's recommendations in relation to non-drinking water
- Discussion around Panel's recommendations in relation to boreholes and in home water treatments
- Discussion around Panel's recommendations in relation to biosolids and waste management

Decision:

- Ministerial Public meeting confirmed for Thursday 26th February for Government response to the second draft of report 4
- Initiate law drafting for Water law to include 4ng/l for the sum of 4 PFAS with the 5-year timeframe for compliance from Jersey Water.
- Steer from board is to keep it high level for the government response document

HEALTH UPDATE

Discussion:

- The board was joined by CMHCJ who is leading on the clinical service

- Commencement of clinical service is planned for 23rd February. The exact date will be confirmed as soon as possible. Planning includes preparation of different elements including purchase of new lab equipment and a contract with an off-island testing laboratory to perform the PFAS testing will be in place imminently.
- Admin staff are also required to be put in place.
- HCJ will lead the service supported by Public Health.

Decision:

- Response to Islander email questioning PFAS Panel's independence, should come from MHSS.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: 18 February 2026