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# Water Quality & Safety Programme

Public Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> February 2026

# Agenda



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| Welcome - Kelly Whitehead, Group Director for Regulation | 18:30 |
| Programme Update   | 18:30 |
| Government's interim response to Report 4                | 18:35 |
| Health Update  | 18:40 |
| Ministers Q&A  | 18:45 |
| Close  | 20:00 |



# Welcome

## We welcome your feedback and questions

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## Housekeeping

- This evening is an opportunity for questions and answers with the Ministers, rather than for prepared statements to be read out.
- Please remain in your seats and raise your hand to ask a question.
- Respect the time of others by keeping questions focused so as many people as possible can take part.

# Programme Updates



- Government's interim response to the panel's draft recommendations made in Report 4 has been published on [gov.je/pfas](http://gov.je/pfas) under the 'PFAS Scientific Advisory Panel' section of the page.
- The Minister for the Environment has lodged an amendment to the Water (Jersey) Law 1972 to introduce Jersey's first statutory limits for PFAS in drinking water. The debate is scheduled for the sitting of 24 March 2026.
- An update from the Hydrogeological PFAS Steering Group has been published on [gov.je/pfas](http://gov.je/pfas) under the 'environmental research' section of the page.
- The final draft report 4 will be presented to Islanders on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at Les Quennevais School. All 3 panel members will be in-person for the meeting.
- This will follow with a final opportunity for Islander input, and a final Report 4 is scheduled to be delivered to Government in May. Following elections, Jersey's new Government will provide a final Government response on Report 4 later in the year.

# Government's interim response to Report 4



- Draft regulations lodged to introduce a legal limit of 4 nanograms per litre for four PFAS in mains drinking water, with a five-year delivery period.
- Ongoing monitoring and reporting requirements under the Water Law.
- Clearer public guidance for private borehole owners, including access to testing information and explanation of results.
- Broad support for use of risk-based soil assessment levels to inform site investigations and land management decisions.
- Soil washing could be a potential option in the future with technology changes
- Broad support of the use of indicative levels in ground and surface waters to trigger further investigation
- Welcomes recognition biosolids have a positive role in land management. Further work in to be considered around policy and guidance including crop type and existing PFAS levels.
- Recommendations on waste treatment and disposal options for PFAS-contaminated materials are agreed as best practice. Further considerations including off-island solutions where necessary.

# Hydrogeological Steering Group update



- The Steering Group is cross-agency and focused on coordination of an evidence-led response to historic PFAS contamination linked to Airport activities.
- Early intervention to stop groundwater discharge from the Fire Training Ground has significantly reduced PFOS levels in sewer discharges and biosolids.
- Ongoing expansion of monitoring across groundwater, surface water, soils and drainage is strengthening the shared evidence base.
- Targeted infrastructure work is underway at the Airport with drainage surveys, interceptor maintenance, and containment systems.
- Ports of Jersey is developing independent remediation options to inform a long-term PFAS strategy.
- Jersey Water has committed £2 million (2026–2027) to fund interim treatments and long-term pilot systems and is running progressing two long-term treatment solutions: Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC) and Ion Exchange (IX).



# Health Update

- The PFAS Testing and Intervention clinic will commence on 2 March 2026, run by Dr Sofia Tosounidou from Enid Quenault Health and Wellbeing Centre
- Those previously tested by Government of Jersey in 2022 have been offered an appointment with a doctor to discuss their PFAS exposure and whether they would benefit from taking colessevelam. They can then decide whether to embark on this course of action.
- A second group of people have also been invited to discuss their PFAS exposure and access a test for the first time if they are eligible
- Eligibility criteria for clinic appointments are based on the recommendations from the PFAS Panel in Report 3, and communicated in September 2025
  - Current or ex-residents in the airport hotspot who have drunk from a private water supply and who have not been tested by GoJ previously
  - Islanders who have been occupationally exposed to PFAS



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# Ministers Q&A

