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Dear Senator Maclean

**Re: Innovation Fund – Review of ministerial responsibility in relation to the Jersey Innovation Fund**

I refer to the report of Jessica Simor QC concerning the above and, in particular, paragraphs 150 to 156.

The report does not identify any express breach of the Code of Conduct and Practice for Ministers and Assistant Ministers (R11/20015) in relation to your conduct, or its predecessor the 2006 Code of Conduct for Ministers (the “2006 Code”).

However, the report highlights that in 2014 (when the provisions of the 2006 Code applied) the remuneration of the Chair of the Jersey Innovation Fund (“JIF”) involved a clear departure from the JIF Operational Terms of Reference and occurred a number of months prior to approval by the States Assembly. The relevant findings are as follows:

Paragraph 154 – *“there is therefore clear evidence that the relevant Minister had agreed to – and even proposed – the remuneration of the Chair despite the absence of a basis for this in the OTRs”;*

On the other hand, paragraph 152 states that emails concerning the States decision that the Board should not be remunerated and the need for a formal ED Ministerial Decision appear not to have been passed on to you. Further, paragraph 155 of the report indicates that you frankly acknowledged that you took responsibility for not adhering to the details of the proposition, which is indicative of a positive attitude towards ministerial accountability. I also note that you cooperated fully with Ms Simor QC’s review.

As I mentioned in the Assembly on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017, Ministers are generally responsible for policy and offices for implementation. In this case implementation has failed to deliver the desired policy outcomes. I accept that you were not personally responsible for any aspects of the implementation of the policies referred to in the report, save to the limited extent set out in this letter.

However, political oversight of implementation of this and other policies needs to be a greater focus for Ministers, and this is a matter which I will be canvassing with all Ministers.

Yours sincerely



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