

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

REQUÊTE

TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF COMMISSIONING 107 METRES OF STARTER STRIP/PAVED RUNWAY END SAFETY AREA (“RESA”) TO INCREASE THE CURRENT AVAILABLE RUNWAY LENGTH FROM 1463 METRES TO 1570 FOR TAKE-OFF AND LANDING ON RW09 AND LANDING ON RW27

Letter of Comment from the Policy & Resources Committee on the Requête lodged by Deputy Kuttelwascher entitled “To examine the possibility of commissioning 107 metres of starter strip/paved runway end safety area (“RESA”) to increase the current available runway length from 1463 metres to 1570 for take-off and landing on RW09 and landing on RW27”.

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Dear Sir

**LETTER OF COMMENT – PROPOSITION NO. P.2018/65 – DEPUTY KUTTELWASCHER’S  
REQUÊTE TO EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF COMMISSIONING 107 METRES OF STARTER  
STRIP/PAVED RUNWAY END SAFETY AREA ("RESA") TO INCREASE THE CURRENT AVAILABLE  
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Deputy Kuttelwascher and six other Members of the States of Deliberation are seeking to direct the States’ Trading Supervisory Board to consult with the Director of Civil Aviation in respect of the above proposed scheme; and that the States’ Trading Supervisory Board reports back to the States of Deliberation during the first quarter of 2019 with a Policy Letter.

Following a resolution of the States of Deliberation in July 2017, the Policy & Resources Committee is co-ordinating a review of strategic air and sea links infrastructure. The work undertaken thus far has considered a number of options in respect of increasing the current available runway length. The initial report from the independent experts was received on 12 September 2018 and shared with the States’ Trading Supervisory Board on 26 September 2018. It has also been shared with the Committee *for Economic Development*, given its mandate for air and sea links; and the Committee *for the Environment & Infrastructure*, given its role in respect of the Island’s infrastructure.

The President of the Policy & Resources Committee set out in his update statement to the States on 26 September 2018 that the Committee would be bringing a Policy Letter to the States in December 2018 that will recommend further areas of work for the Review, including in relation to increasing the current available runway length. The independent experts’ report will be appended to the Policy Letter.

The Committee's view is that there is merit in exploring technical aspects and potential benefits of the proposal set out in the Requête; that this work should be undertaken alongside the evaluation of other options relating to air links infrastructure, so that the merits of the proposal can be looked at in the context of the whole picture relating to that infrastructure; and that it should therefore be undertaken as part of the next phase of the Review, subject to the agreement of the States' Trading Supervisory Board and the States. This will also prevent any unnecessary duplication of effort.

The Committee has been in regular dialogue with but not consulted formally with the Committee *for* Economic Development and the States' Trading Supervisory Board on the Requête. Given their respective mandates and functions, and level of engagement thus far, the Committee is of the view that Rule 28 (3) should be applied, enabling the Presidents of both Committees to address the States on the Requête in order to set out their Committee's views.

Yours faithfully



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