

**Response to a Question Pursuant to Rule 14
of The Rules of Procedure of the States of Deliberation and their Committees**

Subject: Governance Review – Committee *for* Education, Sport and Culture

States' Member: Deputy Dudley-Owen

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1) What date was the Good Governance Review commenced?

The review of the Committee *for* Education, Sport & Culture (CfESC) was commissioned by the Policy & Resources Committee. The Policy & Resources Committee wrote to the Committee *for* Education Sport & Culture (CfESC) on 29th October 2019 inviting them to participate in a Governance review, as the P&RC Governance Review was nearing completion.

2) At what stage of finality is the Good Governance Review of the Committee *for* Education Sport & Culture

The final report was delayed, initially by the Requête: Determining the Best Model For Secondary Education, and more recently by the pandemic emergency. The Policy and Resources Committee received the final version of the Governance Review in late July. It was published on 1st August 2020.

3) If it is not yet complete what efforts are being made to publish it before the end of the term?

The Governance Review was published on the 1st August, 2020.

4) Have the Committee for Policy & Resources received an update from the Author of the report regarding its current status?

As per the previous answer, the report has now been published.

5) What effect has the pandemic lockdown had on the ability of the Author to work? How did this interrupt her ability to complete and submit the report?

At the height of the management of the Covid 19 emergency, from March onwards, all work, including progress with this review, had to take a lower priority for the States of Guernsey and its officers. As soon as was reasonably possible, engagement with the author continued, ensuring all of the iterative processes associated with a report of this nature (e.g. factual accuracy checking) were completed.

6) How many revisions has the document been through to date?

The Policy & Resources Committee commissioned the report. The Committee has not been involved in the iterative process before receiving the final report. It is not usual for the commissioning body to be involved during the feedback and factual accuracy phase, as it would not be in a position to add value to this process.

7) If the Good Governance Review has not yet been received from the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture, what efforts have been made to follow up with that Committee and to press them for action to deliver the same so that it can be published?

This is no longer applicable.

8) In the interests of good governance and transparency, do the Committee want to ensure that the Good Governance Review is published before the Election in October?

This is no longer applicable.

9) Will the Committee pledge to publish the Good Governance Review before the end of the political term?

This is no longer applicable.

10) Has any payment been made to the Author for the work undertaken in respect of the Review on the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture either in part or in full?

Now that the final report has been received, full payment will be made on receipt of an invoice, in line with the States of Guernsey payment processes.

11) Previous Good Governance Reviews for other Committees have been treated as urgent and dealt with in haste, such as that for the Committee for Home Affairs. What efforts have P & R Committee made to follow up the progress of the Review if the report is still with the Committee for Education, Sport & Culture and why has this review not been treated with the same level of urgency?

The P&R Committee has treated each Review in a commensurate way. Unfortunately, the completion and submission of this particular Review was delayed due to the reasons provided in Q2 response. Nevertheless, the commitment to continuous improvement, as part of the overarching Governance framework, remains a priority.

12) Will Professor Staite be retained to continue undertaking the complete series of Good Governance Reviews for other Committees of the States and if so what Committee is scheduled next?

With a General Election on the horizon, there are no immediate plans to carry out any further comprehensive governance reviews of individual Committees. The focus is now on developing a greater understanding of good governance, for both officers and, in due course, newly elected members. This is in keeping with Professor Staite's recommendations and, further to this, work will continue to embed good practice across the organisation. During the first year of the next political term, the intention is to review progress in a reasonably light touch manner.

13) Can you provide a breakdown of payments made to date for the individual reports undertaken so far?

Payments to the value of £21, 868 were made in 2019, and payments to the value of £17,023 have been made in 2020 (to date).

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