

Deputy Kristina Moore
Chief Minister
BY EMAIL

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Dear Chief Minister

Thank you for your time earlier today.

As Chief Minister you have rightly set out the need for a government that delivers for Jersey and conducts itself against the highest standards. I accept that this requirement extends to both professional and personal affairs.

Recent oversights in the administration of my personal affairs should not have occurred and I apologise for this. Personal matters need to be dealt with properly and pressures of work are not an acceptable reason for letting matters slip. I recognise that being in public office requires the need to maintain the highest of standards of personal administration. This is a requirement of all ministers including myself. I have undertaken to you not to allow issues of this nature to re-occur.

Following the last election, in July 2022 you proposed me as Minister for External Relations to a role which also encompassed ministerial responsibility for financial services but with the intention that ministerial responsibility for financial services would be transferred. I accepted the terms of your original nomination. As we have discussed, recent events serve as a catalyst for concluding the proposed transfer. Your decision to transfer oversight of financial services matters to the Chief Minister's department with a joint team of ministers performing the relevant ministerial functions is welcome and one that I fully support.

The sector is of fundamental importance to the people of Jersey whose future depends on jobs. The continued success of our Island is based on the continued success of trade-in-services.

Having discharged the role of Minister for External Relations and Financial Services, I am writing separately as to lessons learnt setting out my suggestions as to how the financial services policy responsibilities might be handled, strengthened and improved to ensure the executive delivers on the priorities which have been approved by the States Assembly in the Plan for Government 2023-26.

My focus and work as External Relations Minister will continue with unwavering commitment. There is an ongoing and significant agenda. Strengthening relations with the UK and France, opening up new markets and building broad-based relationships with key economic partners are so important to the whole Island. In addition, External Relations' ongoing work concerning sanctions will continue. I hope the work that I have already done demonstrates my ability to deliver for the people of Jersey.

I hugely appreciate the opportunity of serving and delivering for Jersey as an elected representative of St Saviour. Moreover, as a collegiate member of the government which has considerable challenges. I am confident in its strength and depth and energised with your focus on delivery.

I personally wish to thank you, members of the Council and the Assembly as well as the public for their understanding of the issues that should not have emerged.

Kind regards



Deputy Philip Ozouf
Minister for External Relations & Financial Services