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By Email

8th January 2024

Dear Sam and Lyndsay

Thank you for your letter of 3rd January 2024. I hope you had a good Christmas and I wish you both a Happy New Year.

The New Year presents an opportunity to start afresh and, whilst I am disappointed to have received Deputy Tom Binet's resignation, I am looking forward to moving forward with a renewed and united ministerial team in the event that States Members reject the vote of no confidence.

I have always been determined to lead a diverse team of Ministers, working together to drive forward and deliver the priorities of islanders. As a coalition Government, I have accepted that we will occasionally disagree, and that compromise is necessary. I have regularly emphasised the importance of expressing any differing or alternative views calmly and with courtesy, and I'm sure that will now consistently be the case as we move forward. I agree that we need to avoid personality driven politics and instead focus on policy and delivery for islanders. I regret that, in the current circumstances of the lodging of a vote of no confidence, I don't consider this to be the case.

In our private engagements, I have always found you to be polite and courteous, for which I am grateful. Publicly, Reform Jersey have regularly opposed the policies and priorities of the Government. Such an approach is perfectly honourable, and it's important that any Government is held accountable. Notably, Reform Jersey voted against the Government's Common Strategic Policy and against both Government Plans in this parliamentary term. I note that Reform members put forward a number of amendments to the most recent Government plan, which reflect your manifesto commitments, and most of these were rejected by the Assembly.

The Government has a clear programme in place to deliver our policies on behalf of the community. These have been set out most recently in the updated Ministerial Plans and progress reports on our Delivery Plans. As you know, our aim is to make Jersey a community where everyone can thrive and ensure that it is a great place for families to live and for others to visit. We have done this through focusing on housing, the cost of living, recruitment and retention and delivering the new hospital, as well as investing in improvements in our health and education services. I am pleased with our record to date, although I am always ambitious to achieve more. I am confident that the plans we have for the remainder of our term will meet the aspirations of islanders.

In addition, we have dealt with an unprecedented number of unexpected challenges, some of them ongoing, including four major incidents and promoting and defending our key economic sectors in the UK, Europe and further afield. Representing Jersey positively in the world is key if we are to retain a successful and diverse economy at home, and in turn have the ability to continue supporting vulnerable members of our community.

I am always very happy to meet States Members to discuss ways in which we can work together, and my office will be in contact with you to agree a time. I will invite other members of the ministerial team to attend as well. I will approach this meeting in the spirit with which I hope your offer is made. I am open to working together constructively with all States Members. I must emphasise though that such an approach will require collaborative working and compromise, and not simply agreeing to implement the manifesto of any one individual or political party.

In the interests of transparency, I will also make this letter public.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kristina Moore', written in a cursive style.

Deputy Kristina Moore
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