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Dear Deputies St Pier, Trott, Brouard, Stephens and Le Tocq

It is difficult to interpret your letter as anything other than an attempt to bully and pressurise me to step down as President of the Committee for Home Affairs.

I will get straight to the point and confirm that I have no intention of so doing.

This is not as you might seek to imply anything to do with arrogance but rather because the majority of the personal criticisms levelled at me by the report's author are not backed up by any clear evidence.

I can confirm I have spoken to the two remaining members of Home Affairs, Deputy Victoria Oliver and Deputy Marc Leadbeater who have given me their total support to stay as President. Deputy Richard Graham and Deputy Rob Prow as departing members of Home Affairs have also given me their total support to remain.


Furthermore it was the States who appointed me to this position and not the Policy and Resources Committee.

I, and my members have been heartened by the many words of support and encouragement received from fellow States Members in the past few days. Of course if a majority of the States consider that I and the rest of the Committee need to step down then that is something I, and I am sure the other Members, will accept gracefully, albeit with sadness, but this is not something I will be doing at your behest.

In your letter you seek to present a picture of me and my Committee being unable to implement the recommendations. It is true that we do not accept many of the criticisms and have repeatedly pointed out the woeful lack of evidence. We are however not holding ourselves out to be perfect nor denying that there may be room for improvement and it was in that context of humility and conviction that I assured States Members of our intent to deal with the report's recommendations.

Finally I note your suggestion about appointing non-States Members to the Committee. My committee opposed having non-states members at the beginning of this term with a decision this would be reviewed, equally we would invite if necessary expertise on a particular area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Lowe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator.

Mary Lowe

President

Committee *for* Home Affairs

Acting Presiding Officer - Mother of the House

Vale Deputy

cc. All States Members

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