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Dear Mr Curran,

Jersey Post Consultation

Herewith a copy of my letter dated 9th July 2010 to Dr Lane of Economic
development Department; this is self explanatory and I hope constructive.

Yours sincerely,

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*Your kind acknowledgement of safe receipt would be appreciated.
Seasonal greetings Rll.*

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Dear Dr Lane, USO Consultation Paper

July 2010

Further to my letter dated 1 July 2010 and our telephone chat, the EDC Green Paper duly arrived on 8th July 2010. Working through this, I would comment:

1. The executive summary third point rules out public funding. This ignores the social service aspect of the standing charges - a point made when I spoke to you. The established overall daily reach of the postal service cannot be matched elsewhere. Indeed, in the UK rural districts some essential commodities are also delivered by the postal service. On this basis I refer to para. 4 of my letter dated 1st July 2010 suggesting that the standing costs part of the postal running accounts be met by increasing the Island-wide rate charge and collected by the Parishes as part of their rates. This would stabilise the postal stamp costs and be useful in competing for the bulk services businesses. One might visualise extending the idea of what is carried in discussion with the postmen themselves. This gives the trade unions concerned an opportunity to be constructive to maintain the full USO. There is a limit as to what can be carried on a bicycle!

2. The executive summary final three options are:

a) A limited number of daily collection points (not more than six for the Island). This is acceptable providing the remaining existing boxes are not reduced and are presumably collected from on a three day basis. A trial period will show any overloading; this can then be adjusted as it reflects demand.

b) and c) Charging for daily delivery to addresses paying a priority monthly charge; also charging for daily deliveries where a monthly/quarterly charge is levied. As admitted this is complex and raises the question of what happens if the priority charge is not involved? Does the standard three day delivery apply? My suggestion of the standing charge portion of the accounts being treated as a social service (like welfare) should remove the need for such charging for daily delivery.

3. The sub-post offices are so much an integral part of society that numbers should be increased within stores like COOP, Sandpipers outlets and so on. There is an argument that these sub-post offices bring into the stores and shops potential customers, not only on impulse buying but the convenience factor as parking is already taken care of by the shop. Lack of parking kills shopping in Jersey. On this basis, the shop area for the sub-post office should be paid for by the shop rather than Jersey Post. It may only be nominal financially, but Jersey Post staff is the only cost and comes within the standing charges. As mentioned above and in my letter of 1st July 2010, this includes handling of pensions, licences, parking discs and many other areas apart from postage matters.

I agree my comments may be made public and attributed to me.

Yours sincerely,

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