

STATES OF JERSEY



MIGRATION AND POPULATION DATA (P.120/2020): AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 23rd October 2020
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1 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (a) –

Before paragraph (a) insert the following paragraph and re-designate the subsequent paragraphs accordingly –

“(a) that the Council of Ministers should deliver a Common Population Policy to the Assembly to be debated before 31st December 2021;”

2 PAGE 2, PARAGRAPH (c) –

After paragraph (a), re-designated as paragraph (b) insert the following new paragraph and re-designate the subsequent paragraphs accordingly –

“(c) that any such common policy on Population informs and underpins the planning assumptions in future Island Plans, and that any population targets in the Population Policy are matched in the Island Plan;”

3 PAGE 2, NEWLY DESIGNATED PARAGRAPH (c) –

For the words “any forthcoming Migration Policy” substitute the words “this Population Policy”.

4 PAGE 2, NEWLY DESIGNATED PARAGRAPH (e) –

For the words “ahead of the debate on any forthcoming Migration Policy” substitute the words “this Population Policy”.

5 PAGE 2, NEWLY DESIGNATED PARAGRAPH (g) –

For the words “a forthcoming Migration Policy” substitute the words “a forthcoming Population Policy”.

6 PAGE 2, NEWLY DESIGNATED PARAGRAPH (h) –

For the words “any forthcoming Migration Policy” substitute the words “the Population Policy” and for the words “paragraphs (a) to (f)” substitute the words “paragraphs (a) to (h)”.

DEPUTY J.H. PERCHARD OF ST. SAVIOUR

Note: After this amendment, the proposition would read as follows –

THE STATES are asked to decide whether they are of opinion –

- (a) that the Council of Ministers should deliver a Common Population Policy to the Assembly to be debated before 31st December 2021;
- (b) that any such common policy on Population informs and underpins the planning assumptions in future Island Plans, and that any population targets in the Population Policy are matched in the Island Plan;
- (c) that this Population Policy should present sustainability data showing the infrastructural, educational, health-related, environmental and social requirements of the proposed population size across the period to 2070 and include an explicit prediction of the population size for 2030, 2040, 2050, 2060 and 2070 based on its proposed rate of tolerable population growth;
- (d) that this sustainability data should incorporate all required major infrastructure projects (in 10-year intervals) arising from the forecast rate of population growth, including but not limited to: the number of new primary and secondary schools, hospital facilities and staff accommodation, affordable homes for first-time buyers and for elderly residents, social housing, the required road maintenance and construction, the impact on carbon neutrality goals and the provision of utilities;
- (e) that this data should also include, for every 10-year interval across the period to 2070, any anticipated additional funding required for Income Support, pensions, Long-Term Care and all other contributory benefits;
- (f) that, as part of the development of the Population Policy, the public shall be consulted on its views regarding a sustainable population size across a 50-year period; a representative and proportional sample of the Island's population must be included, that being a sample whose gender balance, residential statuses, ages, ethnicities, and other key characteristics reflect that of the Island's overall population;
- (g) that the Population Policy should demonstrate reasonable and thorough consideration has been given to a net-zero inward migration policy and provide a clear rationale (with supporting data) for why such a policy has not been proposed, should that be the case;
- (h) to request the Council of Ministers to take the necessary steps to implement paragraphs (a) to (h) when developing a forthcoming Population Policy for debate by the States Assembly.

REPORT

The main purpose of this amendment to my original proposition is to correct the inaccurate use of the term ‘Migration Policy’ and update it to ‘Population Policy’ on the advice of the Assistant Chief Minister and officers, to whom I am grateful for this advice.

Additional changes include:

- adding a deadline for the proposed Population Policy, that being the 31st December 2021.
- linking the population projections within the Population Policy to the Island Plan to ensure that we have consistent population targets across these areas of work. The rationale for this is self-explanatory!

Financial and manpower implications

There are no financial or manpower implications of this amendment.