

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2009**

**Question**

“Given that on 13th May 2009, the Connétable of St. Clement, who is a member of the Migration Advisory Group, stated that the laws, advice and even implementation plan of their work was finished, and that he hoped the Chief Minister and the Council of Ministers would accept their advice and bring the proposals to the States soon, would the Chief Minister advise when such proposals are likely to be brought forward for consideration by the Assembly?”

**Answer**

The Migration Policy has been developed in three phases:

- Phase One created the Population Office and the Migration Advisory Group. This has resulted in the introduction of many of the agreed Migration Policy principals, including the joined- up consideration of applications, successive reductions in the housing qualification period, the combination of Regulation of Undertakings and “j” category policies, and the simplification of property classifications.
- Phase Two includes proposals for a Name and Address Register and a Registration Card for all Islanders and was consulted upon last year and draft legislation has been completed. The system and process concepts to support the policies have also been finalised.
- Phase Three will deal with business licensing, housing qualifications and property control, and a consultation paper has been completed for signing off and public issue as a ‘green paper’.

Whilst originally consideration had been given to finalising phase two before dealing with phase three, on reflection it was felt preferable to present all the new proposals as a complete package, and this has led to the delay implied in the question.

Since its approval, many elements of the agreed States Migration Policy have been introduced and migration continues to be regulated in order to achieve States-approved economic and working population objectives.

The desire to produce an appropriate legislation framework is considered paramount, and these proposals, in particular, a comprehensive and compulsory Name and Address Register for all residents, do require enough time for consultation and debate of the issues. In doing this, the Migration Advisory Group will continue to work openly with the Migration Scrutiny sub-Panel.

Accordingly, the work completed by the Migration Advisory Group, including draft legislation for registration, a consultation paper dealing with entitlement and access to work and housing and an implementation plan will be presented to the Council of Ministers on the 11th June 2009, and published shortly afterwards.

On the basis of consultation, it is intended that the final elements of the legislation dealing with entitlement and access to work and housing will then be drafted later this year, with the full legislation lodged towards the end of 2009 or early in the New Year for debate shortly thereafter.