



States Greffe: Scrutiny

Senator John Le Fondré
Chief Minister

By email

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Dear Chief Minister

Migration Control Policy [P.137/2020]

In November 2019, the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel published a comprehensive report on population and migration, which provided a number of key findings and recommendations. When P.137/2020 was lodged for debate the Scrutiny Liaison Committee (SLC) carefully considered the Proposition, whilst reflecting on the population and migration review completed by the Panel. Although, pleased to see progress in the development of migration control, it was agreed to consult with the full Scrutiny membership about the approach to any potential scrutiny work on the proposed changes, given their wide-ranging impact.

It has been agreed that SLC should establish a Review Panel to scrutinise and report upon policy as it is put forward by the Government in this area, beginning with P.137. The Review Panel will consist of Members from across all five standing Scrutiny Panels. Terms of Reference are currently being finalised and will be sent to you once agreed. It will be titled the 'Migration and Population Control Review Panel'.

In view of significant recent and ongoing workload pressures across the Scrutiny function (not least the Government Plan, Our Hospital, COVID Response and Brexit to name just a handful of matters), the Review Panel will not be in a position to fully conduct the necessary work on P.137 until January 2021. SLC therefore requests that the debate of the Migration Control Policy be briefly deferred until the meeting of the States on 2nd March 2021 to enable the Review Panel to complete a short period of focused but important work at this stage and contribute an appropriately considered report to the States to help inform the debate and future related decisions.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Scrutiny Liaison Committee