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Senator Steve Pallett
Chair, Migration and Population Review Panel

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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 October 2021. I too would like to express my thanks for the continuing engagement and constructive dialogue with the Migration and Population Review Panel to date.

I also appreciated your support in the Chamber during the debate on P.77/2021. In your speech you highlighted the various challenges we have encountered, including a lack of robust, current data, the uncertainty created by Brexit and the pandemic. I share your view that the policy should be an evolving document and something which Islanders and businesses can both understand and work with, in the face of these multiple challenges.

As I alluded to in our private hearing last week, the consultation exercise has produced in excess of 1,700 responses and well over 5,000 comments, and an independent analysis of this data is now underway. This will complete in the coming weeks, but not soon enough for the Common Population Policy to be lodged 'au Greffe' by 12 October, which would be the last lodging date for a debate by the Assembly on 23 November.

After careful consideration and having taken advice, we have decided not to bring the Policy forward for debate on 14 December, when Members will be asked to consider the Proposed Government Plan 2022-25 (P.90/2021) which is likely to occupy the entirety of that sitting. Accordingly, I propose to lodge the Common Population Policy during the first week of December 2021, for debate at the 18 January 2022 sitting.

As also mentioned last week, the amendments to the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012 are still in the process of law drafting, following which they will need to be reviewed by the Law Officers' Department prior to lodging. At this stage it is still intended that these will be lodged before the year-end.

Yours sincerely,



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