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Deputy Scott Wickenden, Minister for Children and Education

cc Deputy Rowland Huelin, Assistant Chief Minister

By email

7th January 2022

Dear Deputy Wickenden,

Migration and Population Review Panel

Review of P.116/2021 Common Population Policy

During the Panel's public hearing of Thursday 6th January 2022 with the Assistant Chief Minister in relation to the proposed Common Population Policy, it was suggested that a number of the questions, on topics which are referenced in the policy, would be better directed to yourself.

The Panel would be grateful if you could provide responses for the following questions which were originally put to the Assistant Chief Minister.

1. The results of the Government's survey and focus groups which formed the population consultation suggest that Islanders recognise a need to focus on education, skills, lifelong learning and retaining skilled individuals. The actions outlined in the policy refer in the most part to ongoing projects and schemes. What additional new actions are detailed in this policy?
2. One of the suggestions appears to be a revived apprenticeship scheme. Please detail how this will differ from the Trackers Scheme which was launched in the wake of rising unemployment figures in 2011 and 2012 with the same aim in mind, to recruit and train local people in vocations and trades?
3. A review of student finance is underway, what options are being explored for a funding model which would encourage graduates to return to the Island? (referenced on page 50 of the Common Population Policy)

In addition to the questions asked at the hearing, the Panel would also ask that you provide a response to the following:

4. The Common Population Policy references (page 50) the 'forthcoming Skills and Productivity White Paper [with which] the Government will develop a clear vision and strategy for the further and higher education provision on the Island'. When will this be delivered? What was the original anticipated date of delivery?
5. How do you believe the proposed policy will impact areas under your Ministerial remit?

Please could you provide a response by no later than Thursday 13th January 2022.

Yours sincerely

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Senator Steve Pallett
Chair, Migration & Population Review Panel