

2.7 Deputy J.A. Martin of St. Helier of the Chief Minister regarding the implementation of a categorised register for the Island population and the provision of individual unique evidence of registration for the purpose of accessing public services, employment opportunities and accommodation:

When will bullet point 4 of paragraph 5.4 of the document *Migration: Monitoring and Regulation* (P.25/2005), regarding the creation of a categorised register for Island population and the provision of individual unique evidence of registration, mainly for the purpose of accessing public services, employment opportunities and accommodation, be implemented and have there been any changes in this respect, such as persons who may be exempted from registration?

Senator F.H. Walker (The Chief Minister):

The Migration Advisory Group has recently considered its timetable for P.25/2005 and this will be published shortly. The current objective is to have the full range of new policies, including registration, in place by early 2008, as always planned. Members and the public will be kept fully informed and they will be consulted on the detailed proposals. A significant number of complex policy issues yet need to be considered and significant administrative and technical solutions must be identified. Work has begun on the registration system. The wider objective of the migration policy is to enable the States, as the question said, to effectively monitor and manage demands on accommodation, the environment and infrastructure. There are no changes proposed and there are no proposals to exempt people from registering.

2.7.1 Deputy G.P. Southern:

Has any consideration been given to using the individual unique registration for the purposes of registration to enable residents of the Island to vote?

Senator F.H. Walker:

Not that I am aware of, but I do not know whether that is a useable idea or not. But I will certainly take it up.

2.7.2 Deputy A. Breckon:

Sir, has the Minister given any consideration of how this may fit or not fit with the U.K.'s proposals to bring in identity cards?

Senator F.H. Walker:

No, Sir. That is not what the States agreed when they agreed to introduce registration. The Advisory Group and the relevant Ministers are working to the States' decision.