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Scrutiny Office,
Morier House,
St HELIER.

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Dear Sir,

Regarding the item in the local press about Population Register, I would like to make the following comments:

- As I do not believe the last census reflected accurately the number of people living in Jersey, bearing in mind a) the number of forms thrown away without being completed, and b) inaccurate information on submitted forms e.g. one person appearing on the form when there was known to be 14 living on the premises (and that was only one instance) I cannot understand how the recent revelation of the increase in population has been arrived at.
- Some sort of "Smart Card" /ID Paper on which details such as up to date payment of rates, Social Security contributions and taxes (or alternatively the fact that the cardholder is not liable for tax) thus entitling the person to free hospital treatment, education for their children. With the introduction of Bar Codes and "chips" on plastic cards, this should not be beyond the wit of man.
- To ensure that *everyone* signs up for this type of registration, no monetary benefit or any free medical treatment or school education should be available without the production of this card/identification paper
- Children under a certain age should be registered on their parents' card and these parents should be *living in the Island*. (There have been instances where people have sent their children to Jersey to live with a relative in order to benefit from free education, but there is no financial input to the island from the family of these children)

Uses of a Population Register:

- There would be no further need to hold censuses to ascertain the number of people living in the Island and therefore the authorities could accurately forecast the needs of the population regarding the general infrastructure i.e. future needs for the elderly, care of the sick, water requirements, management of refuse and sewage Etc.. Etc..
- There is always talk of people's privacy being compromised, but I would suggest that it is in the interest of the people of Jersey that the above information should be made known to the authorities in order to stop the abuse of our system by a number of people who are costing the island lot of money.

Yours sincerely,



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