



Senator John Le Fondré  
Chief Minister  
**BY EMAIL**

1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Dear Chief Minister

**Bridging Island Plan Scrutiny Review – Written Questions**

As you may be aware, the Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel has begun work on its review of the decision to proceed with a Bridging Island Plan. Further information, including the Terms of Reference for the review are available on the States Assembly [website](#).

As part of our evidence gathering process, the Panel has some questions which we would be grateful for your response and input as Chief Minister. Please see below:

1. What is the current status regarding the development of a Migration and Population Policy?
2. What are your views regarding both the opportunities and challenges a shorter-term Bridging Island Plan (2022-2024) might bring?
3. Considering that the shorter 3-year Plan intends to 'decouple' itself from longer-term policies, what impact might this have on the timescale for and the development of a Migration and Population policy? What challenges might this bring if these are not aligned with one another?
4. What impact might the absence of a new Migration and Population Policy have on defining residential development levels in relation to the Bridging Island Plan?
5. The current Island Plan, being based on the framework laid out in the States Strategic Plan 2009-14, assumed net inward migration of 325 persons per year. The Objective Assessment of Housing Needs Report published last year outlined that data shows inward trends in migration averages 1,000 persons per year. In the absence of a Migration and Population Policy, what figures and/or assumptions will be used to inform future development under a Bridging Island Plan?
6. In the absence of a new Migration and Population Policy, what policy, controls or governance, if any, are used to effectively manage migration population growth in the interim?

We would be grateful if you could provide your response **before Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Connétable Mike Jackson  
Chairman  
Environment, Housing and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel