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The Migration Policy should be welcomed as it is both a necessary and complementary tool for achieving the 2% economic growth required as part of the States Fiscal Strategy. The more streamlined and transparent framework that it entails will make it easier for businesses to operate and manage their resources efficiently. At the same time the new policy will also allow the States to ensure that migration policy is more responsive to the needs of a growing economy.

By designating a single office for the functions of housing consent, regulation of Undertakings and Development, and Social Security registration, the policy will also help to bring about the reduction in bureaucracy and 'red tape' that will be a prerequisite for sustained economic growth in the Island.

The Finance and Economics Committee looks forward to a service delivered in a more transparent, effective and comprehensible way, at a reduced cost to the taxpayer and will monitor the final proposals brought forward to ensure that all avenues for cost savings are pursued. Any initial investment cost will however have to be met from within existing resources.