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Dear Deputy Perchard,

*Dear Jess*

### **Population and Migration Policy Review**

Thank you for your letter dated 20th June 2019 regarding your Population and Migration Policy Review.

Your review of this important area should be a constructive element in how we address a critical issue for our Island. I especially welcome your promotion of evidence-based processes.

I am aware that the Migration Policy Development Board is currently gathering evidence and researching options, including having heard from the Economics Unit, and having been briefed on a range of matters, including the headline economic statistics. The Board has also representatives of industry on it, ensuring we have a strong employers input into the process.

Migration has a significant impact on areas for which I am responsible, and likewise there are many areas of my policy which can contribute to the policy options available to the group. This is why the work of the Migration Board is taking place alongside the work on our new economic framework, with officers coordinating our approach to this work. This means that issues which matter tremendously to me, such as productivity, inflation and the costs of living, how we develop skills locally, and how we more generally ensure we have sufficient labour for businesses to deliver economic growth, can be properly considered and incorporated.

I hope my response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

*With kind regards*

*Lyndon*

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