

THE STATES OF DELIBERATION
of the
ISLAND OF GUERNSEY

19th October, 2022

Proposition No. P.2022/81

Committee for Home Affairs

Population and Immigration Policy Review

AMENDMENT

Proposed by: Deputy P J Roffey

Seconded by: Deputy H L de Sausmarez

In the strategic policy objective [proposition 1] replace “up to +300” with “+200”

Rule 4(1) Information

- a) The amendment seeks to set States strategic policy and by definition aligns with States strategic policies.
- b) The amendment has been shared with both the Committee *for* Home Affairs and the Policy & Committee Resources at an early stage.
- c) The proposition has been submitted to His Majesty’s Procureur for advice on any legal or constitutional implications.
- d) The amendment could have both positive and negative financial impacts.

Explanatory note

While the correlation between the States aspiration in respect of net migration and what actually happens in this regard may be very weak, it remains important for States policy to reflect what the assembly regards as desirable. The policy in the policy letter, if realised, would lead to a very significant increase in Guernsey’s population leading to large infrastructural challenges. These include, inter alia, an aggravation of existing housing and traffic issues. By contrast the policy suggested in this amendment would lead to very little increase in Guernsey’s population –roughly static over the timescale referred to. It is our contention that maintaining the size of Guernsey’s workforce should be achieved through a combination of an annual +200 net migration, plus measures to optimise the economic participation/productivity of the resident population.