

## **Draft Policy Regulating Employment in Ascension**

## Government response published

As members of the public may already be aware, the AIG has been developing a new policy concerning the regulation of employment in Ascension. This is the first significant attempt at reform of employment regulation since the introduction of the Workman's Protection Ordinance, 1926 (WPO).

The policy has been subject to two rounds of consultation between August 2020 and February 2021, covering both employers operating within Ascension and the general public.

AIG has carefully considered the responses provided during the two rounds of consultation and where it was considered appropriate these have been reflected in changes and adaptions to the draft policy. The draft policy is available on the AIG website at the following address <a href="https://www.ascension.gov.ac/public-document/policy-on-the-regulation-of-employment-in-ascension-2">https://www.ascension.gov.ac/public-document/policy-on-the-regulation-of-employment-in-ascension-2</a>

The key themes raised during the period of consultation, and how these were considered, have been summarised in the Government Response document. The Government response is available on the AIG website at the following address <a href="https://www.ascension.gov.ac/public-document/14354">https://www.ascension.gov.ac/public-document/14354</a>

AIG will now be presenting the draft policy to the Island Council for consideration and seeking a recommendation for approval to the Governor. AIG intends to accompany the draft policy with indicative draft legislation that can then be finalised once the policy has been recommended by Council.

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