

# Written Ministerial Statement

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## **REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Draft Rathlin Island Policy**

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**Minister for Regional Development (Mr Murphy):**

I am pleased to inform Assembly members that the Executive on 7 May 2009 endorsed a draft Executive policy for Rathlin Island. My department has taken the lead in this matter with the assistance of other departments, local bodies but also incorporating the views of the islanders. The policy is designed to develop a vibrant, healthy Rathlin community on our only off shore inhabited island and improve the conditions of all the people of the island while also protecting its natural and cultural heritage.

It is my intention to launch the public consultation on the draft policy at an event on the island on 10 June and I will make copies available to Members. I will also provide members with more information on the draft policy through an oral statement to the Assembly in the near future.