

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2010**

Question

Will the Minister state whether the policy of granting permanent 'j' category licences has changed and state what proportions of the 348 and 533 licences granted in 2009 and 2008 respectively were granted in the public and private sectors?

Answer

The policy on granting permanent 1(1)(j) permissions has not changed and remains as follows in relation to the length of the consent (as extracted from the published policy of the Population Office):

6. The length of a (j) category consent

The following policies are adopted in relation to the length of a consent:-

- *Posts which meet the (j) category consent criteria, where the employer is well established, and which require extensive knowledge and experience, will be granted an unlimited (j) category consent on commencement.*
- *Posts which meet the (j) category consent criteria, and are required for a specific purpose or time limited period, or where the employer is a new start up, may be granted a time limited (j) category consent.*

The split of 1(1)(j) approvals between the public and private sector is as follows:

J approvals 2005 - 2009	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Public Sector	14	18	29	32	17
Private Sector	334	515	468	453	365
Applications approved	348	533	497	485	382

These figures exclude teachers and professions allied to medicine, the appointments of which are managed by Education Sport and Culture and Health and Social Services Departments. However, public sector manpower, including an analysis of 1(1)(j) employees for all Departments for the period 31st December, 2009, will be reported on 31st March, 2010. In the meantime, an analysis of actual private and public sector manpower, including teachers and professions allied to medicine, is as follows:

	Jun 2009	Dec 2008	Dec 2007	Dec 2006	Dec 2005
Public sector "j" employees	641	660	832	710	n/a
Private sector "j" employees	1,120	1,120	1,000	900	740