

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2017**

Question

Further to the response given to my question on 14th March 2017, will the Chief Minister provide the following details:-

- (a) the number of people applying for a Registration Card (for Work and Housing) for the very first time during the period 1st January 2016 to 31st December 2016 and from 1st January 2017 to 30th September 2017?
- (b) the total number of Registration Cards issued for the first time since the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012 was introduced (ie not for changing jobs)
- (c) the total number of registration cards issued and an estimate of the percentage of the Island's population in possession of a Registration Card.

Answer

- a) The below table demonstrates the number of people who have obtained a Registration card for the first time during the requested time periods. Those people may or may not already be resident on the island, but they have not previously obtained a registration card under the Control of Housing and Work Law (2012).

Time Period	Total Number of Registration Cards Issued
1 st January 2016 – 31 st December 2016	11,183
1 st January 2017 – 30 th September 2017	7440

- b) When someone obtains a registration card they are not asked their reason for obtaining the card. There are a number of reasons someone might need to obtain a registration card, the main reasons being a change in employment, accommodation or newly arriving in the island. It is not therefore possible to exclude simply those changing jobs. However we do record and publish on a quarterly basis the total number of people who have obtained registration cards as new arrivals to the island. As of the 30th September 2017 this was 11,682. This figure does not include people who are Jersey born or those under the age of 18 who were already resident but newly registering.

These figures are published on a quarterly basis here;

<https://www.gov.je/government/departments/socialsecurity/pages/populationofficereports.aspx>

- c) 58,884 individuals who are currently resident in Jersey (according to current Social Security data) have been issued with a Registration Card. Based on the Statistics Unit's 2016 Population estimate of 104,200 this would mean that 56.51% of the current population have a registration card.

It is important to note that people do not need registration cards unless they move house or start a new job, and you have to reach the age of 16 before you can obtain a registration card.