

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2016**

Question

How does the Chief Minister reconcile figures contained in an FOI request dated 24 March 2016, which show that Registered Housing and Work Law cards issued by the Social Security Department to new arrivals to the Island numbered 1,903 in 2014 and 2,177 in 2015, with the Council of Ministers stated policy of allowing net migration of 325 people per year to Jersey.

Answer

The number of people arriving in Jersey each year, and requesting registration cards, will always be greater than net migration, because every year people also leave Jersey. There is a large ebb and flow of people coming to and from the Island, reflecting the nature of our industries. The Statistics Unit will release its official figures for population and net migration in 2015 on the 22nd June, 2016.