

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2013**

Question

- a) Would the Chief Minister provide members with a table showing the number of licences held by companies and the type of licences held for the period January 2010 until July 2013 inclusive?
- b) Comparing statistics for the period January 2010 until July 2013 would the Chief Minister show by year the number of licences which came up for renewal where the number of non-local licences has been reduced?
- c) Does the Chief Minister have evidence that companies inflated the number of non-local licences originally applied for but never used and, if so, how many have had their non local licences reduced and by how many?
- d) Of the new applications received during the period January 2010 until July 2013, how many applied for non local licences, how many were granted and for what type of businesses?
- e) How many companies hold registered licences? How many of those companies have been reviewed in the past three years and how many non local/registered licences have been removed, if any?
- f) Since the Control of Housing and Work Law came into force, how many licences have been reviewed? How many licences have had their Registered category reduced and, if none, the reason why?

Answer

Note: The term “registered” is used in this answer, being equivalent to persons called “non-locally qualified” until 1st July, 2013.

- a) The below table shows number of undertakings licenced as at each year end, i.e. inclusive of January 2010 – June 2013. These licences are issued to permit an undertaking to trade, include a description of the undertaking being performed, and may include permissions for staff. (As at end June 2013, 3,500 of these undertakings were single person businesses, compared to 2,700 in December 2009).

	Number of Undertakings
Dec-09	6,699
Dec-10	7,107
Dec-11	7,475
Dec-12	7,802
Jun-13	7,942

- b) The below table shows the number of licences which came up for renewal where permissions for registered staff were reduced:

	Number of licences reviewed where permissions for registered staff were reduced
2010	92
2011	165
2012	155
Q1 - Q2 2013	77

- c) No.

- d) The below table shows number of permanent “registered” permissions granted to new businesses applying to commence an undertaking. These permissions were spread across a range of sectors, with most of the permissions being for a single member of staff.

	Number of “registered” permissions granted to new businesses
2010	66
2011	20
2012	12
To end June 2013	18

In each of the years, the following requests were refused from existing *and* new businesses: 2010, 390; 2011, 334; 2012, 200; to end June 2013, 125). It is not possible to separately analyse numbers refused between existing and new businesses under the old Law, although this will be possible under the new Law.

- e) 2,024 businesses held permission for registered staff as at 1st November, 2013.

All licences with permission for staff are reviewed, either every 3 years, or sooner, as such all these licences will be reviewed in a period to not exceed 3 years from either previous review or issue.

The below table shows number of licences reviewed in each year, the number of licences reviewed where registered permissions were reduced, and the number of “registered” permissions removed:

	Number of Licences Reviewed	Number of licences reviewed where permissions for registered staff were reduced	Number of “registered” permissions removed
2010	836	92	571
2011	1,135	165	421
2012	1,182	155	405
To end June 2013	720	77	283
Totals	3,873	489	1,680

- f) 432 licences have been reviewed since the 1st July, 2013 (when the new Law came into force). Of these licences, 47 businesses have had their registered permissions reduced, removing 209 registered permissions to total. (Note: Of the 432 licences reviewed, many will not include any permission for registered staff).