

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**

**Question**

Since the introduction of work permits and stricter immigration controls following Brexit, will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many people, if any, have had to be removed from the Island for being in breach of these controls; and
- (b) what procedure was followed in the lead-up to the removal?

**Answer**

For clarity, immigration controls have not become stricter since Brexit, immigration work permits have been in place since 1995. The difference, post-Brexit, is simply that these controls now affect EEA and Swiss (EU) nationals that arrived in the Island for the first time since 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. A concession period was in place during the first 6 months of 2021 which enabled EU nationals, who should have acquired a visa prior to arrival, to regularise their immigration permission without having to leave the Island.

- (a) In 2021, 62 people who were present in the Island had their immigration ‘permission to remain’ curtailed, 5 of these were EU nationals and a further 3 EU nationals were refused entry at the border. None were subject to removal proceedings.
- (b) None of the 62 who had their immigration permission curtailed were arrested or detained. All 62 were spoken to in person by Customs & Immigration Officers to explain the reasons for the curtailment and were given a period of time, often up to 10 days, to voluntarily leave the Island, which they all did.