

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2016**

Question

Will the Chief Minister explain to members the discrepancy between the new arrivals figure of 6,308 given in response to written question 1240/5(9100), tabled on 1st December 2015, compared to the official interim immigration policy figure for the same period (1st July 2013 to 1st December 2015) of 813?

Answer

The number of people arriving in Jersey each year 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.

In the meantime, the Housing and Work Advisory Group continues to apply the Control of Housing and Work Law to deliver targeted migration which achieves the greatest economic and social value, bearing in mind the migration assumptions used to plan our public services.

The statistics released on the 18th January, 2016, illustrate how this is being done (www.gov.je/News/2016/Pages/2015PopulationFigures.aspx). These figures will be updated and published quarterly.