

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 4th MAY 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 11th MAY 2021**

Question

In relation to High Value Residents (H.V.R.s), will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many H.V.R.s have come to Jersey to work for an already established business, rather than the business having to apply for an employment license; and
- (b) what definition of “social benefit” is being used in respect of H.V.R.s?

Answer

- (a) From 1 January 2020 to 30 April 2021 34 applications for 2(1)(e) residency were approved by HAWAG.

Of those, six work in leadership roles in established businesses. A further 12 have brought new business to Jersey or established business upon arrival in Jersey.

- (b) The Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law 2012 – Residential and Employment Status – Policy Guidance May 2019 sets out at paragraphs 118 and 119 other factors which may be taken into account in assessing the likely impact of a 2(1) (e) applicant taking up residence in Jersey. These include but are not limited to any voluntary work or business contribution to the local community that might accrue; any training or sporting initiatives, particularly aimed at youth or educational organisations, driven by the applicant; any cultural interests or skills that would be of benefit to the local community, and sporting or cultural interests which might benefit local clubs or the wider local community. In addition, an applicant’s intention to carry out further business activities in the Island will be taken into account, with particular regard to future local employment, training, diversification and any potential resultant increased tax revenues.

There are many examples of 2(1)(e) residents contributing to the social and economic value of the island that would not otherwise be available to benefit the community.