

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2010**

Question

Can the Minister provide for members a detailed breakdown (by sector and by country of origin) of those individuals currently working in Jersey on work permits; the number of dependents they have and whether any of those dependents have the right to work by virtue of their relationship to the prime work permit holder?

Answer

Powers conferred by the United Kingdom Immigration Act 1971, as extended to Jersey by the Immigration (Jersey) Order 1993, allow the Minister for Home Affairs to make rules to govern the employment in Jersey of persons from outside the European Economic Area.

The Immigration (Work Permits) (Jersey) Rules 1995 are administered by the Customs and Immigration Service under delegated authority of the Minister for Home Affairs. Work Permits may be issued to a specific employer for a limited period of time where it can be demonstrated that particular qualifications or skills are in short supply from within the resident and European labour market.

Permits may be issued for a maximum period of 3 years in the first instance, with the exception of Doctors employed by Health and Social Services where a period of employment not exceeding 5 years may be authorised.

Work permit holders may be accompanied to Jersey by their dependants only where a work permit is issued for a period of 12 months or more. Work Permit dependants are permitted to take employment in Jersey.

The breakdown, by sector and nationality, of work permit holders and their dependants in Jersey at the beginning of November 2010 is shown in Tables 1 and 2 below:

Table 1 – Number of Work Permit Holders and their Dependants by Sector (1 November 2010)

Sectors	Total No. Work Permit Holders	Total No. Work Permit Dependants
Finance	165	112
Hospitality	70	9
Information Technology	35	16
Health	31	28
Legal	23	14
Other (Education, Sport, Telecommunications, Engineering)	16	20
Total	340	199

Table 2 - Number of Work Permit Holders and Dependants by Nationality (1 November 2010)

Nationality	Number		Nationality	Number
Argentine	3		Malawian	11
Australian	37		Malaysian	12
Bahamian	1		Mauritian	9
Bangladeshi	2		Moroccan	1
Barbadian	1		Namibian	1
Botswana	3		New Zealander	13
Canadian	15		Pakistani	19
Chinese	3		Russian	3
Croatian	1		Saudi Arabian	1
Egyptian	3		Singaporean	2
Filipino	54		South African	48
Georgian	1		Sri Lankan	6
Ghanaian	4		Tanzanian	1
Hong Kong SAR	4		Thais	3
Indian	162		Trinidad/Tobago	1
Israeli	5		Ugandan	13
Jamaican	4		USA	10
Jordanian	2		Zambian	5
Kenyan	65		Zimbabwean	10
			Total	539