

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28th APRIL 2015**

Question

Will the Minister advise members of the number of work permits that have been issued in Jersey since 1st September 2014 and give further information regarding the nationality of each person granted a permit, their profession or skills, the sector in which they intend to work and the duration of the permit?

Answer

Work permits are issued in accordance with the Immigration (Work Permits) (Jersey) Rules 1995 and in accordance with the Work Permits Policy and Procedures issued by the Minister for Home Affairs.

168 work permits were issued between 01/09/2014 and 20/04/2015.

Of these 168 work permits:

- 38 were for skilled employment and were valid for between 1 month and 1 year;
- 85 were for skilled employment and were valid for between 1 and 3 years;
- 2 were for skilled employment and were valid for between 4 and 5 years.
- 43 were for un-skilled positions in the hotel and catering sector for returning workers and were valid for between 6 and 9 months.

The nationalities of the immigrants concerned are shown below, along with the numbers of work permits issued to each:

Australian	7	Mauritian	4
Bangladeshi	2	Malaysian	2
Canadian	3	New Zealander	4
Chinese	3	Pakistani	7
Croat	1	Qatari	1
Egyptian	2	Russian	1
Filipino(a)	10	Samoan	1
Hong Kong Cit.	1	Tongan	1
Indian	36	US Cit.	3
Jamaican	1	South African	28
Kenyan	41	Zimbabwean	9

The 168 work permits were issued in the following sectors:

Finance	87
Hotel and catering	47
Information technology	17
Law	4
Medicine / health	3
Other (Lifeguards / sports persons / etc)	10

Most work permits are issued for periods between 6 months and 3 years; very exceptionally a work permit may be issued for a period of 5 years.

Data which cannot be readily retrieved:

In order to ascertain the duration and the profession / skills related to individual work permits each of the 168 immigrant records involved would require separate examination in order to extrapolate the required information; such research cannot be undertaken in the available timescale.

Furthermore, the amount of time which would be required in order to fully answer the question is disproportionate to any public benefit in so doing.

If the questioner has concerns in relation to any specific category or categories of work permit then I would suggest that he re-present a more specific and targeted question.