

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2017**

Question

Will the Minister provide statistics to show what proportion of new jobs created in 2014, 2015 and (if possible) 2016 have gone to workers with less than 5 years' residency in Jersey?

Answer

The Statistics Unit produce a large volume of information on net migration and employment, but this information is focused on net migration and net changes in levels of employment, i.e. the difference between those coming and those leaving, and jobs created less jobs lost. The Statistics Unit do not therefore report new jobs created in isolation, or who gets these jobs.

However, it is clear that Jersey's economy is generating very substantial numbers of jobs – with total employment having reached a record high at the end of December 2015 of 57,720, an annual increase of 1,180 overall, including an additional 300 people classified as “registered” (having completed less than 5 years residence in the Island). This is on top of an increase in total employment in 2014 of 1,220.

As such, to a sizeable extent businesses have needed to import skills as our economic performance has improved and the overall demand for labour has increased so considerably.

However, this is taking place in the context of the lowest unemployment rate for 6 years; and increasingly high levels of participation in the workforce, which has risen from 82% at the time of the census to 86% in 2016. In addition, earnings have risen above inflation for a number of years now.

The Jersey Labour Market Survey and the Jersey population estimates, and other related statistics, can be found in full at <https://www.gov.je/Government/JerseyInFigures/Pages/index.aspx>.