

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 6th NOVEMBER 2018**

Question

Will the Chief Minister advise –

- (a) how many successful applicants for Entitled status under Regulation 2(1)(e) of the Control of Housing and Work (Residential and Employment Statues) (Jersey) Regulations 2013 have been admitted into the Island in each of the last 5 years;
- (b) how many houses such applicants have purchased as their main residence in the Island;
- (c) how many such applicants have the right to purchase other residential and commercial properties in the Island;

and will the Chief Minister state whether he has any information on the number and value of the properties purchased in each category?

Answer

- (a) The table below shows how many successful applicants for Entitled status under Regulation 2(1)(e) of the Control of Housing and Work (Residential and Employment Statues) (Jersey) Regulations 2013 have been admitted into the Island in each of the last 5 years:

YEAR	NO. OF ARRIVALS
2014	16
2015	22
2016	14
2017	20
2018 (to 31/10/2018)	25

- (b) The table below shows how many houses such applicants have purchased as their main residence in the Island (figures relate to first purchase of main place of residence):

YEAR	NO. OF PURCHASES AS MAIN RESIDENCE
2014	21
2015	11
2016	11
2017	20
2018 (to 31/10/2018)	11

- (c) All approved applicants are permitted to establish a property development company, in the same way that other businesses operate in the Island. In common with any other developers, any freestanding units of residential accommodation developed must be sold on completion of the development.

In addition, they are able to purchase residential property in their own name that has either (i) been unoccupied for more than 2 years, and/ or (ii) on the market for sale for more than 2 years, and lease that property to persons with Entitled or Licensed status.

Finally, purchase residential property adjoining their main place of residence in Jersey, where it can be demonstrated that the adjoining property more naturally falls within the same curtilage as the property already owned and occupied as their main residence. If approved by the Assistant Chief Minister, it is expected that the purchase would proceed in the same person or company name as the main residence, and that the purchase may be subject to conditions.

The Population Office do not routinely maintain statistics on these property transactions, including their value. However, given the relatively small number of 2(1)(e) transactions, on review they estimate 18 properties have been purchased in the above ways since 2014.

As to commercial property, anyone can acquire and own commercial property whether they live in Jersey or not, irrespective of their residential status.