

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2019**

Question

Will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many people have currently registered for Settled status;
- (b) what is being done to encourage people to apply; and
- (c) how long it is currently taking, on average, for applications to be fully processed, including the verification of identity?

Answer

- (a) There are now more than 7,000 applicants to the Jersey Settlement Scheme.
- (b) The scheme has had considerable exposure via all types of media and through Government run events. Representatives from the Customs & Immigration Service have given talks to numerous employers and businesses. In order to reach more vulnerable people there has been considerable engagement with all island-based EU consuls, numerous charities and Government departments that deal with vulnerable people. A postal drop to every island address is in progress with information on the scheme. Communication and engagement will continue through 2020.
- (c) The online application process takes as little as 4 minutes to complete and has received a 92% positive rating from applicants. Of the 6,300 applications approximately 2,000 have been received in the last 2 months, therefore applicants are now being advised that it may take up to 90 days before being invited to attend an appointment to verify their identity. More than 80% of applicants are granted a status without having to provide any supporting documentation. On average the appointment to verify identity takes less than 4 minutes.