

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2013**

Question

Will the Minister state the number of individual workers who can enter the Jersey workforce on the basis of previously granted "bulk licences" and identify their distribution across different sectors of the economy?

Would he consider revoking these licences given the dramatically different economic situation?

Answer

The total number of licences for permanent non locally qualified persons to be engaged as at end 2012 are outlined below.

The Migration Advisory Group and Population Office has been removing capacity from existing licences in response to the economic climate, from 9,100 at the end of 2009 to 7,346 at the end of 2012, and will continue to do so.

It is anticipated that the new Law will be used to significantly reduce the number of non locally qualified licences to support local employment. This would be complimentary to the "Back to Work Programme", which, for example, has initiatives in place to support the training of locally qualified people to undertake hospitality roles.

	Non Locally Qualified Licences
Agriculture and Fishing	271
Manufacturing	84
Electricity, Gas and Water	41
Construction and Quarrying	438
Wholesale and Retail Trades	1,201
Hotels, Restaurants and Bars	2,388
Transport, Storage and Communications	141
Financial and Legal Services	1,458
Computer and related activities	44
Miscellaneous Business Activities	621
Education, Health and Other Services	659
Total Non Locally Qualified Licences	7,346