

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 28TH JUNE 2016**

Question

What are the rules relating to the establishment of churches in the Island other than the established church?
What are the rules relating to church clerical staff being allowed to live in the Island temporarily or permanently?

Answer

All churches with paid staff need a business licence under the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law, 2012, in the same way as any other organisation with paid staff.

Any licence issued must specify the maximum number, if any, of registered or licenced staff permitted, with any licenced staff having immediate access to qualified housing. All staff, in the same way as anyone else moving to Jersey, are required to obtain a registration card which outlines their residential status, and persons from outside the European Union/European Economic Area may also be required to satisfy immigration rules.

As to any other rules that would prevent the establishment of a church, there are none that are immediately apparent, appreciating that the freedom to manifest religious belief and freedom of association are rights under the Human Rights Law.