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The lack of issue of a vignette visa sticker for work permit holders in Jersey, upon renewal of the initial work permit (which is a UK vignette visa sticker) has greatly affected the quality of life of work permit holders on the island and has in several circumstances deterred work permit holders from remaining on the island after the expiry of the initial work permit.

It is common knowledge worldwide that visas are evidenced through vignette visa sticker and in some cases e-visas.

The current issue of a stamp by the Government of Jersey upon renewal of the work permit and on indefinite leave to remain has manifested hardship and inconvenience as holders have experienced numerous times (i) denial of boarding by airlines who are not conversant with the stamp and only conversant with vignette sticker visa for the UK which is the main entry point for Jersey, (ii) delayed waiting time at immigration in other countries who have to flag the stamp to supervisors for upgraded checks (iii) setbacks on entry into countries who grant entry in the presence of a UK visa which the stamp does not reflect and (iv) general dampness of spirits for holders who are anxious of the next inconvenience that the stamp will cause.

Grateful if the Government of Jersey can improve the quality of life and wellbeing of work permit holders by issuing vignette visa stickers upon renewal of work permit and for indefinite leave to remain. I am happy to discuss further if required.