

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2023  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30th OCTOBER 2023**

**Question**

“Will the Minister –

- (a) provide a current list of Consuls that are present in Jersey;
- (b) state the estimated number of nationals resident in the Island that each Consuls represents; and
- (c) explain how it is determined that a Consul is required and how a Consul is then appointed?”

**Answer**

(a) the current list of Honorary Consuls in Jersey are as follows:

Country:	Honorary Consul:
Belgium	Yes
Estonia	Yes
France	Yes
Germany	Yes
Italy	Yes
Netherlands	Yes
Poland	Yes (n.b soon to be vacant)
Portugal	Yes
Romania	N/A (vacant, soon to be filled)
Rwanda	Yes (non-resident Honorary Consul for Jersey)
Spain	Yes
Sweden	Yes

(b) the estimated number of foreign nationals’ resident in Jersey, broken down by nationality, is provided below in alphabetical order. Please note that this data was taken from the Jersey Census 2021. All places of birth cited in the 2021 census had 10 or more respondents.

Country:	Number of nationals in Jersey:
Belgium	48
Estonia	13
France	733
Germany	371
Italy	219
Netherlands	108
Poland	2,808
Portugal	8,280
Romania	1338
Rwanda	<10
Spain	183
Sweden	97

(c) the decision of whether a country wants/needs to appoint an Honorary Consul is taken by that country, and not by the host jurisdiction (in this case Jersey). If a country decides an Honorary Consul is wanted or needed, that country will then find a suitable candidate, according to its own criteria and process, and inform the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office through an official letter. This letter is then shared with the Government of Jersey, specifically the Ministry for External Relations, to see if there are any objections with the suggested candidate for Honorary Consul. At this point, the Government of Jersey will also consult with the offices of the Bailiff and of the Lieutenant Governor as a matter of course. After this process has been completed, and assuming there are no objections, the candidate then takes up the position.

The Common Policy on External Relations references the importance of the work that External Relations undertakes to engage with diaspora communities residing on the Island, and the network of Honorary Consuls is extremely helpful in this regard.