

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th NOVEMBER 2013**

Question

Will the Chief Minister advise members what impact, if any, he considers the free movement of workers from Bulgaria and Romania into the British Isles from January 2014 will have on immigration into Jersey?

Will he also explain what steps, if any, he proposes to take if large numbers of unqualified workers come to the Island at a time when we already have very large numbers of unemployed unqualified workers actively seeking work?

Answer

Jersey has legislation which governs where migrants are able to live and work, namely the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law, 2012.

This legislation applies to anyone wanting to live and work in Jersey and is not focused specifically on any nationality. The law is being used to support the policy agreed in the Strategic Plan: to prioritise established residents for available employment and to permit immigration only where it delivers high economic or social benefits to Jersey.

The compliance team at the Population Office has been strengthened to enforce the new law and to help achieve these objectives.