

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 1st JULY 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 8th JULY 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether consideration is being given to introducing a points-based immigration system, and if not, why not?”

Answer

The Jersey Customs and Immigration Service have explored the possibility of adopting a points-based immigration systems for foreign nationals to take employment in the Island. They determined that adopting such a system would increase bureaucracy and be more complex, both for employers and JCIS, and less flexible than current Jersey immigration systems. The current systems have enabled the creation of Jersey specific temporary routes that do not exist in the UK and has enabled the development of safeguards to be introduced to limit the risks of employee exploitation. It is important to highlight the Jersey Business report on Barriers to Business. This report identified that increased Government bureaucracy hindered businesses therefore it is appropriate at this time not to adopt a points-based immigration system but to constantly review current systems to ensure they remain fit for purpose in maintaining the safety and security of our borders.