

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2010**

**Question**

In order to give Members a better understanding of unemployment situation in the Island would the Minister provide the Assembly the following information –

- (a) the age of those registered as unemployed, broken down into the following age ranges: less than 18; 18 to 25; 26 to 59; and 60 years and above?
- (b) the gender of the unemployed in each age range?
- (c) the occupations sought by the unemployed in each age range and in each gender?
- (d) the number of years residency of each unemployed person in the Island using the following time periods together with their country of birth: less than 6 months; 6 months to less than 12 months; 12 months to less than 2 1/2 years; 2 1/2 years to less than 5 years; 5 years to less than 8 years; 8 years to less than 11 years; 11 years or more?

**Answer**

**(a) and (b)**

Age and gender analysis of those registered as actively seeking work (ASW) is published on a monthly basis on the gov.je website. The most recent statistics available relate to 30th November 2009.

The total of 1,089 registered ASW as at 30th November 2009, is made up of:

	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	67	46	113
18-25	226	129	355
26-59	374	215	589
60 and above	29	3	32

The under 18 age group includes 77 individuals on the Advance to Work scheme.

- (c) Based on their most recent employment, the Department holds the following information on the occupations of 907 individuals registered as ASW as at 30th November 2009:

<b>Employer Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Retail, wholesale	110
Banking, insurance	147
Utilities	10
Agriculture and Fishing	21
Engineering	9
Motor trades	11
Tourism, leisure, catering	97
Misc professional, scientific	78
Misc trades (Glass, timber, printing, etc)	14

Misc services (Hairdressing, etc)	109
Public sector	69
Educational services	9
Private domestic service	8
Medical services	45
Construction	140
Transport, communications	30

The remaining 182 individuals comprise those previously self employed, individuals who have only recently arrived in Jersey and young adults who have no employment history.

- (d) There are 756 ASW individuals (as at 30th November 2009 who are indicated as continually resident in Jersey since they first started working in the Island. The Department does not record country of birth but does hold some details of current nationality. These are as follows:

	British	Other EU	Other
Up to 6 months	6	2	1
6 – 12 months	4	3	2
1 – 2.5 years	8	14	2
2.5 – 5 years	10	7	2
5 – 8 years	23	9	1
8 – 11 years	16	4	1
More than 11 years	618	23	0

A further 333 ASW individuals have lived in Jersey for more than one separate period. This could be a Jersey born person moving away and then returning to the Island or an individual from another country working in Jersey more than once. Their **most recent** period of residency can be analysed as follows:

	British Isles	Other EU	Other
Up to 6 months	42	7	3
6 – 12 months	26	8	1
1 – 2.5 years	31	6	0
2.5 – 5 years	49	10	1
5 – 8 years	31	21	1
8 – 11 years	19	10	0
More than 11 years	57	9	1