

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARY  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th MARCH 2011**

**Question**

In the light of the forthcoming debate on migration policy, can the Chief Minister provide members with the following key population data from 2005 up to the end 2010 for each year (the information to be provided in chart form as well as raw data, together with a brief outline of the methodology used to estimate 1, 3, and 4) –

1. an estimate of the total population;
2. an estimate of the excess of births over deaths (or deaths over births);
3. an estimate of the increase in population due to the excess of people arriving to live in the Island over the number of people leaving the Island to live elsewhere (net inward migration);
4. an estimate of the increase in households due to the excess of households arriving to live in the Island over the number of households leaving the Island to live elsewhere (net inward migration)?

**Answer**

The information that the Deputy requests for the period 2002-2009, as well as the underlying methodology, is, and has been, publicly available.

1. See page 1 of the Statistics Unit's annual report "Jersey's Resident Population 2009" and associated spreadsheets at:  
<http://www.gov.je/Government/JerseyWorld/StatisticsUnit/Population/Pages/Population.aspx>

The methodology for producing this annual update is outlined on page 5 of the above report and is presented in more detail in the dedicated report at the same link.

2. See page 2 of "Jersey's Resident Population 2009" and associated spreadsheets at the above link. The figures are also contained within the annual report submitted to the States of Jersey Assembly by the Superintendent Registrar: "Births, Marriages and Deaths".
3. See page 3 of "Jersey's Resident Population 2009" and associated spreadsheets at the above link.
4. The Statistics Unit's last estimate of the number of resident households living in the Island (38,300 at year-end 2008 ) was published in the report "Jersey's Resident Population 2008". The figure recorded by the 2001 Jersey Census was 35,552 resident private households. It should be noted that a change in the number of resident households is due, in principle, not only to net migration but also the aggregation or disaggregation of

indigenous households, as well as private households entering or leaving communal establishments.

As the above papers show, the methodology for producing annual updates of the resident population is based on three mini-censuses; such data are typically available around the middle of each calendar year. The estimate for year-end 2010 will be determined after the principal results of the March 2011 Census are published by the Statistics Unit.

On a final note, it is important to be clear that the forthcoming debate will be around legislation to manage immigration, support population statistics, and control access to work and housing *in the future* and in support of *whatsoever* strategic targets the States set.