

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER 2013**

**Question**

- (a) How many Romanian nationals are there in Jersey and, if no exact figures are available, please explain why and what current estimates are?
- (b) Should a representative from the Romanian Embassy be invited to visit Jersey to discuss, inter alia, work, housing, discrimination and driving licence issues?
- (c) Is there currently a Romanian Consul in Jersey?
- (d) Are there any plans for such a post to be created and if so how would this be done?
- (e) Is any information from States departments published in Romanian and if not, why not?
- (f) Is the Chief Minister willing to take up the issue of Romanian driving licences not being recognised in Jersey and vice versa with the Romanian authorities?

**Answer**

- (a) In June 2013, there were 807 Romanians living and working in Jersey; 57% male and 43% female.
- (b) The Minister for External Relations has written to the Romanian Embassy requesting a meeting with the Ambassador. At that meeting it would be opportune to discuss how we might further support the affairs and interests of those Romanians living in the Island.
- (c) No
- (d) The appointment of a consul to any jurisdiction is a matter for each national government to decide.

As I have mentioned in part (b) of this question, the Minister for External Relations has sought a meeting with the Romanian Ambassador and it is likely that the matter of appointing an Honorary Consul for Romania accredited to Jersey, or possibly the Channel Islands, will be discussed.

- (e) There is no information from States departments published in Romanian. The publication of official documents in languages other than English, Polish and Portuguese is kept under review by my department's Communications Unit. To date there has not been an identified need to add this extra language.
- (f) As you know, at a meeting at the Department for Transport in London last November, officials from the Transport and Technical Services Department asked representatives of the

Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency to approach all new EU/EEA jurisdictions to recognise Jersey licences for mutual exchange. Since then officials from my department have been engaged with the Romanian Embassy on the possible reciprocal exchange of Jersey and Romanian driving licences. The matter is currently under consideration by the Romanian authorities, who have said they are interested in reaching agreement on this issue.