# WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER BY THE DEPUTY OF GROUVILLE ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2017

### Question

In relation to administration of Control of Housing and Work legislation, will the Chief Minister –

- (a) provide details of the employment quotas or numbers (broken down by Entitled / Licensed / Registered categories) allocated to those organisations which employ more than 50 staff;
- (b) state how those quotas or numbers are broken down per sector and per firm, including States Departments and 'quangos' (but excluding the Hospital);
- (c) explain what criteria are used to decide the allocation per firm and how quota numbers are arrived at;
- (d) explain what measures, if any, he has in place to control the number of Registered people coming into the Island to service the construction industry, given that the industry is currently booming in Jersey; and
- (e) state whether there is any plan in place to halt States building developments, to ensure employment resources in this market are not all drawn upon at the same time?

## **Answer**

### (a) and (b)

The table below shows the permissions held for registered and licenced staff, by sector, of businesses (including arms-length bodies) which employed more than 50 staff on 31st December, 2016.

The public sector figures include the Health and Social Services Department as that is how the public sector reports under the Control of Housing and Work (Jersey) Law, 2012.

The figures for individual companies are not made public.

	Permitted Registered Staff	Permitted Licensed Staff
<b>Standard Classification Codes</b>		
Agriculture and fishing	785	2
Manufacturing	13	6
Construction and quarrying	281	25
Electricity gas and water supply	33	13
Wholesale and retail trades	681	44
Hotels, restaurants & bars	2,047	21
Transport, storage and communication	171	77
Computer and related activities	61	18
Financial and legal activities	1,019	913
Real estate and other business activities	408	3

Education, health and other services	353	116
States of Jersey	180	699
TOTAL:	6,032	1,937

(c)

The published "Business Licensing Guidance", available at <a href="www.gov.je">www.gov.je</a>, outlines how decisions are taken on the granting of permissions for registered and licenced staff, including the role of the Housing and Work Advisory Group.

# (d) and e)

The construction sector is growing considerably as new offices, homes and infrastructure are developed. Permissions are being granted in support of this, in recognition of the importance of this infrastructure for Islanders and economic growth. The public sector is contributing to this through Andium Homes and the Department for Infrastructure, and in due course the hospital. These works are essential and it is important that permissions are granted where needed, and when resident labour is not available.