

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
BY DEPUTY C.S. ALVES OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st MAY 2019**

Question

Given that the current advice regarding driving abroad post-Brexit (available on www.gov.je) is that drivers may have to apply for an international driving permit to drive in European Union (E.U.) countries, will the Minister advise whether this will be applicable to people who originally obtained their driving licence within the E.U. and –

- (a) if that is the case, explain why that is so; or
- (b) if that is not the case, explain how any such individuals will be able either to obtain their original driving licence or to prove that they have such an E.U. licence?

Answer

Applying for an International Driving Permit **will** be applicable to people who originally obtained their driving licence within the EU, but now hold a Jersey Driving Licence.

Driving licence holders are required to hold a licence issued in their place of permanent residence. Those who originally obtained their driving licence within the EU and subsequently became resident in Jersey will have had to exchange their EU licence for a Jersey Driving Licence at their Parish Hall. The EU licence would have been returned to the issuing authority along with notification that they now hold a Jersey licence. If they ever return to take up permanent residence in the EU they can apply to the authorities in the relevant jurisdiction to obtain a licence of that jurisdiction.

Whilst the UK Government continue to negotiate with the EU regarding BREXIT, Jersey's Government has been working on plans to ensure any impact for local residents are minimised as much as possible, one key area is to ensure our vehicles and drivers can continue to circulate internationally. By having the 1968 United Nations' Vienna Convention on Road Traffic extended to Jersey ensures that Jersey residents can continue to drive in the EU.