

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. PETER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JUNE 2020**

Question

Since the travel restrictions to and from Jersey were enforced and a 14-day self-isolation period imposed on arrival, will the Minister advise –

- (a) how many passengers have arrived in the Island on the Government of Jersey / Blue Island Air Service 'lifeline' flights;
- (b) whether there have been any passengers who have arrived multiple times in Jersey and, if so, how many such passengers there have been and how many journeys they have each made; and
- (c) whether there have been any occasions when passengers have not been required to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival in Jersey and, if so, how many passengers this has applied to and what the justification for the exemption was in each case?

Answer

- (a) Since the 20th April 2020, when the Jersey Customs and Immigration Service (JCIS) officially commenced operational management of pre-travel authorisation, a total of 822 passengers have travelled into the Island across the categories of essential worker (Private and Governmental), for repatriation and compassionate reasons. There have also been a total of 163 medical patients travelling into the Island. JCIS has authorised 790 passengers travelling outbound across the categories and 131 medical patients have also travelled outbound.
- (b) This is not something that can be determined. However, passengers apply for each single leg of travel and must meet the necessary travel criteria each time before being authorised.
- (c) JCIS have issued 99 self-isolation exemptions since 20th April and in the main these have been granted to essential workers. For example those passengers working on the Nightingale Hospital were granted exemption and also those maintaining critical island infrastructure. Exemption is granted solely for the purpose of carrying out the essential work and at all other times must self-isolate. To apply for an exemption the worker/employer must demonstrate why it is essential they carry out the work immediately and detail the mitigation that will be put in place to minimise any risk.