

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2020**

Question

Will the Minister provide an update regarding applications for Settled Status (under the Jersey E.U. Settlement Scheme) stating in particular –

- (a) how many applicants still need their identification to be verified;
- (b) what the average length of time is between the submission of an application online and the verification of identity in person; and
- (c) an estimate of the number of people who are yet to submit an application?

Answer

- (a) The settlement scheme has received 12,800 applications. 4,700 have been granted permissions. 7,500 applications have been processed to the point of requiring nationality and identity to be verified. 600 applications are yet to be processed.
- (b) In person verification of nationality and identity ceased in March 2020. Up to that point the average time between application and verification of nationality and identity was 4 months.

It is expected to launch an on-line solution before the end of September allowing applicants to verify nationality and identity remotely via a smart device. This will allow the outstanding applications to be dealt with in a prompt manner, without the need for in person appointments.

- (c) Initial estimates were that there are 20,000 EU nationals in the Island. Therefore there may be another 7,000 yet to apply. However the estimated figure is just that, as no firm data is held on how many EU nationals are currently resident in the Island. If the previous rate of applications to the scheme is used as a guide there may be only half that number yet to apply.