

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER 2020**

**Question**

Will the Minister advise the Assembly of the rules and restrictions in place, as well as any specific Regulations under which those rules have been devised, to regulate the movements of the construction workers travelling to the Island from France to work on the Horizon construction site?

**Answer**

The arrangements for construction workers at the Horizon site were considered by the Competent Authorities Ministers on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Endorsement for permission not to isolate for work purposes was given to the workers on the basis that the permission only applied to the period of time the workers were at work and subject to adherence to the risk management plans submitted by the company involved. The arriving workers remain subject to the standard testing and isolation regime based on their travel history though they receive permission to leave isolation in order to attend work. The decision to grant permission on this basis was supported by advice from the Consultant in Communicable Disease Control (Dr Muscat).

On 18<sup>th</sup> September, after CAM endorsement, a centralised process for the granting of permission not to isolate for work purposes was launched; the guidance and application process is available to all island businesses on gov.je at:

<https://www.gov.je/Health/Coronavirus/Travel/Pages/RequestPermissionNotToSelfIsolateWorkPurposes.aspx>

The arrangements and restrictions in place mirror those agreed for the Horizon workers. Where such arrangements are agreed, these workers will not be avoiding self-isolation – the strict regime means that there are formal criteria around the process and the controls that have to be in place. From 19<sup>th</sup> October, the Horizon workers will be required to request permission not to isolate through this centralised process in the same way as every other local business.