TREASURY

The Hon. Member for Glenfaba and Peel, Mr Davison, to ask The Minister for the Treasury:

How many dependant visas were granted, in each of the last three financial years, broken down by partner and child; what level of maintenance funds a Worker Migrant must show in order to bring a partner or children, and when that figure was last reviewed; how many visa holders or dependants in each of those years were found to have accessed public funds, public sector housing or social security benefits in breach of their conditions; in how many of those cases leave was cancelled or curtailed; and how many dependants of visa holders are currently enrolled in Island schools.

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The Minister for the Treasury (Mr Crowe):

This response covers various aspects of the Island's Immigration system and legislation and will use the legal term "Permission" to refer to an Immigration permission instead of "visa" for consistency.

The Island's Immigration Rules contain a wide variety of routes many of which have their own provisions for dependants. As the question asks about maintenance funds for Worker Migrants and their dependants this response assumes that the desired statistics are also for Worker Migrants and their dependants.

- Table 1 shows the number of Permissions granted to Worker Migrant dependants over the last three complete financial years.
- Table 1 includes all Worker Migrant dependant Permissions granted: Entry Clearance, Further Leave and Indefinite Leave.
- The figures count grants of permission, not distinct individuals.
- This is split between adult dependants (the partners of worker migrants) and children.

Table 1 – All Worker Migrant Dependant Permissions granted in the last three financial years			
Financial Year	**Worker Migrant Adult Dependant (Partners)**	**Worker Migrant Child Dependant**	**Grand Total**
2023/24	237	261	**498**
2024/25	408	511	**919**
2025/26	359	409	**768**
Grand Total	**1004**	**1181**	**2185**

Maintenance requirements

When applying for their initial Worker Migrant Permission applicants must meet the maintenance funds requirement set out in Appendix C of the Immigration Rules[1]. Worker Migrants must demonstrate a level of funds of £1,270 for themselves. The employer sponsoring a Worker Migrant can, as part of their sponsorship of the Worker Migrant (called a "Confirmation of Employment") certify that, should it become necessary, they will maintain and accommodate the migrant up to end of the first three months of their employment. This certification can be used to meet the requirements of Appendix C.

[1] The Island's current and previous Immigration Rules can be found here: Isle of Man Government - Immigration Rules and Associated Policy

Appendix E of the Immigration Rules sets out the maintenance requirements for Worker Migrant dependants. These maintenance funds are required in addition to the maintenance funds required in Appendix C and are as follows:

- £285 for a dependent partner,
- £315 for the first dependent child,
- £200 for any other dependent child.

Therefore, a Worker Migrant, their partner and two children must collectively demonstrate maintenance funding of £2,070 to meet the requirements of the Immigration Rules. The Island's maintenance requirements for Worker Migrants and their dependants are aligned with UK Skilled Worker equivalents. These maintenance requirements were last reviewed and updated on 4 July 2023.

Accessing Public Funds in breach of Immigration conditions

Worker Migrants and their dependants are subject to the condition "No recourse to Public Funds". The term "Public Funds" is defined in the interpretation section of the Introduction of the Island's Immigration Rules[2]. Once a Worker Migrant or dependant is granted Indefinite Leave to Remain (ILR) this condition is lifted. Grants of ILR are included in Table 1.

Border Division does not hold reportable data identifying how many visa holders or dependants accessed public funds, public-sector housing or social security benefits in breach of their immigration conditions. While Border Division records decisions to cancel or curtail leave, the current Immigration system does not record the reason for curtailment in a reportable format. It is therefore not possible to provide a statistical breakdown showing how many cancellations or curtailments resulted specifically from breaches relating to access to public funds without undertaking an individual review of the relevant cases.

I can also confirm that Treasury's Social Security Division does not hold figures for any of those three financial years on visa holders or dependants accessing social security benefits in breach of their immigration conditions.

Curtailment & Cancellation

Part 9A of the Immigration Rules sets out the suitability requirements for Permission applications. Part 9A sets out the broad criteria for the cancellation of Permissions. Cancellation is a term for enforcement action taken against Permissions and includes outright cancellation, variation in duration or curtailment. Typically, Curtailment is used to specifically describe the shortening of the duration of an existing Permission. Most enforcement activity undertaken against Permission holders who are "in country" is undertaken as a shortening of the existing Permission. Outright cancellation (leaving a migrant with no Permission) is rare. Curtailment was the term used historically in Immigration legislation for enforcement activity taken against Permissions until cancellation was introduced as the favoured term in 2020[3].

Border Division processes and records each curtailment on a case-by-case basis but does not hold reportable data on how many Permission holders have accessed public funds, public sector housing or social security benefits in breach of their conditions. The Border Division has data on curtailments but it's not possible to report if curtailments were specifically due to a breach of conditions relating to access to public funds. This does not mean that no curtailments have been undertaken based on a

[2] Border Division publishes information on this condition and others here: Isle of Man Government - Immigration: Permissions and Conditions

[3] See public UK guidance for background on these terms: Cancellation and Curtailment of permission.docx

breach of conditions in relation to accessing public funds. Permissions can be curtailed, or applications refused, because of one or more breaches. If a main applicant's Permission is curtailed due to a breach, dependant Permissions are typically curtailed in line with the main applicant.

Table 2 shows the number of curtailments undertaken against Worker Migrants and their dependants for all reasons in the last three financial years:

Table 2 – All curtailments of Worker Migrant and Worker Migrant Dependant Permissions				
Financial Year	**Worker Migrant Adult Dependant**	**Worker Migrant Child Dependant**	**Worker Migrants**	**Grand Total**
2023/24	13	10	198	**221**
2024/25	29	29	217	**275**
2025/26	37	34	101	**172**
Grand Total	**79**	**73**	**516**	**668**

Enrolment in Schools

Border Division does not hold data identifying how many visa holders or dependants enrolled in Island schools.