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Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration

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QUESTION:

Hon. Virendra Lal to ask the Minister for Home Affairs and Immigration to provide the following –

- How many non-residents have been given work permits from January to July this year;

RESPONSE:

According to the Integrated Border Management System (IBMS), approximately 2,029 work permits were issued between 01 January to 31 July, 2023.

- Provide data on work permits granted to expatriates by sectors and country of origin

RESPONSE:

Work permits granted to expatriates by sectors cannot be captured by the immigration system however, data on types of permits issued to foreign nationals are captured, as tabulated below.

Work Permit Issued by country

Argentina	1
Australia	105
Belgium	3
Bangladesh	713
Brazil	4
Canada	17
Switzerland	4
China	245
Congo	3
Columbia	3
Cuba	3
D	6
DMA	1
Spain	6
Ethiopia	1
France	15
Federated States of Micronesia	1
Gambia	1
Great Britain	35
Ghana	1
Greece	2
Grenada	1
Indonesia	67
India	184
Ireland	6
Italy	8
Japan	16
Kenya	1
Cambodia	2
Kiribati	7
Korea	24
Sri Lanka	73
Mexico	2
Myanmar	4
Mongolia	2
Malaysia	7
Nigeria	5
Nicaragua	4
Netherland	4
Nepal	4
New Zealand	67
Pakistan	7
Panama	5
Philippines	130
Papua New Guinea	8

Poland	3
Romania	1
Russia	1
Singapore	1
Solomon Island	6
Suriname	14
Sweden	1
Thailand	1
Tonga	22
Turkey	2
Tuvalu	3
Taiwan	1
Tanzania	1
Uganda	1
Ukraine	2
United States of America	108
Vietnam	11
Vanuatu	8
Western Samoa	4
South Africa	29
Zambia	1
TOTAL	2029