

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2022**

Question

Will the Minister set out, for each of the last 5 years –

- (a) the number of planning applications made to the department;
- (b) the number of such applications that were granted approval on the first attempt;
- (c) the number of such applications that were granted approved on the second attempt and, if there were applications subject to multiple attempts at approval, the number of applications granted approval on the third attempt, fourth attempt and so on;
- (d) the number of retrospective planning applications that were made to the department;
- (e) the number of such retrospective applications that were granted approval on the first attempt;
- (f) the number of such retrospective applications that were granted approved on the second attempt and, if there were applications subject to multiple attempts at approval, the number of applications granted approval on the third attempt, fourth attempt and so on; and
- (g) the number of planning officers who dealt with applications in each year?

Answer

Question	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
(a)	1,442	1,378	1,372	1,231	1,552
(b)	1,256	1,184	1,130	1,015	1,351
(c)*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
(d)	92	90	75	40	64
(e)	76	73	60	28	51
(f)*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
(g)**	14	15	13	16	14

**The department is unable to supply separate figures for approval granted on subsequent occasions. This is because applicants will adjust their proposals, seeking to address previous reasons for refusal, and the application will therefore be regarded as a fresh attempt to secure permission for a different scheme. If required, the department can supply a full list of applications determined within each period, so that Members can see where there are multiple applications at the same address.*

*** Indicates the total number of officers (including part-time and temporary contract staff) undertaking planning applications in that year. (This does not equate to the number of full-time equivalent staff)*