

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. LAWRENCE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd MARCH 2010**

Question

“Will the Minister advise how many new builds (houses/flats/apartments) have been constructed in St. Lawrence from January 2002 to December 2009 and provide the information on an annual basis, showing separate totals based on the number of bedrooms per dwelling?”

Answer

I should like to thank the Connétable for early notice of this question.

However, even with the additional time, the Department is unable to supply the information exactly as requested, as not all of the necessary data is collected and entered in the Department’s computerised application monitoring system, on a parish by parish basis.

The information on total Category A (affordable) and Category B (market) housing completions in the Parish for the years in question is shown in the table below.

Annual Net Completions by Category – St Lawrence

Year	Cat A	Cat B	TOTAL
2002	-	54	54
2003	-	71	71
2004	-	3	3
2005	-	4	4
2006	17	100	117
2007	-	10	10
2008	16	20	36
2009	86	3	89
TOTAL	119	265	384

However, while the Department aggregates numbers of dwellings by type and size on an Island-wide basis (biennially for the ‘Planning for Homes’ document) it cannot express this information by Parish, going back to 2002, without recourse to raw application data (the original files) and cross-checking them to all completions. This would take weeks of work and take someone off-line. It is possible that this information might be obtained more readily from Parish rate returns if required.

Fortunately, we have the information on dwelling sizes in St Lawrence for 2007 and 2008, and these are shown below.

Net Completions by Type and Size – 2007 – St Lawrence

Category	HOUSES							FLATS				
	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	unknown	Total	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total
Cat A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cat B	-	1	8	2	-	-2	9	1	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	-	1	8	2	-	-2	9	1	-	-	-	1

2008 – St Lawrence

Category	HOUSES							FLATS				
	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	unknown	Total	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	Total
Cat A	-	-	16	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-
Cat B	-	3	8	5	-	-	16	4	-	-	-	4
TOTAL	-	3	24	5	-	-	32	4	-	-	-	4

The Department will be capturing this information on the system for all housing applications, after the new Island Plan is adopted, as a performance measure. This will enable it to produce information in the manner requested by the Connétable, in future.