

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2012**

Question

Will the Minister produce a table showing for each of the 4 districts of St. Helier for the years 2005 to 2010 inclusive –

- (a) the number of residential properties constructed –
 - (i) without car parking spaces
 - (ii) with onsite car parking spaces (indicating the number of spaces);

- (b) the number of office or business units constructed –
 - (i) without car parking spaces and;
 - (ii) with onsite car parking spaces (indicating the number of spaces)

Answer

The Planning and Building Services Department stores records of planning applications both in physical files and on its information systems. Regrettably, the information which has been requested by this question can only be retrieved by a manual search of the physical files. For the period requested, this amounts to some 3,110 records for St. Helier alone and it is estimated that, even if each record took only 5 minutes to manually investigate, this task would take upwards of 250 hours of officer time.

It will clearly take some time for the department to gather this information and will necessitate taking officers off live application work. This will impact on the department's ability to deliver against the target of speedier planning decisions which I have announced this year. The department will produce this information as soon as it is able to do so.