

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 15th JANUARY 2013**

Question

Would the Minister as representative of the shareholders confirm whether the 'Gigabit Jersey' project is on target in terms of predicted connections and projected costs?

How many connections have been made to date and how many were predicted?

What was the anticipated cost per connection and what is the actual cost?

Answer

Gigabit Jersey is a five-year programme that started in 2012 and will result in the removal of copper installed over the last 50+ years in buried ducts so that all fixed broadband services will instead be provided over fibre optic cables.

As JT is a commercial organisation working in a competitive market, it would be inappropriate to give exact costs of connection but the Board of JT remains confident that Gigabit Jersey will be delivered as scheduled by 2016 and to budget.

The fibre product is experiencing very strong consumer demand and is running ahead in terms of fibre optic cables installed in JT ducts under the road (26,115 homes passed by 31 December 2012 against a plan of 9,628) and the installation of the core network infrastructure was completed in 2012 to time and to cost. The Board of JT is now focussed on improving the delivery of the homes connected part of the programme. On 31 December 2012 this stood at 1,737 broadband homes connected against a plan of 3,505. This shortfall will be recovered over the course of the switchover.