

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TREASURY AND RESOURCES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2014**

Question

Will the Minister update members on the previous and current targets for the delivery of Gigabit Jersey home and business connections by Jersey Telecom through its subsidiary Gigabit Field Force (GFF), including what proportion of -

- (a) homes; and
- (b) businesses

have so far been connected along with how many remain to be completed?

Answer

The previous and current target for broadband connections remain the same and the current status and year end targets of the three separate phases of work involved in the programme are as follows:

Network element	Completed 13/11/2014	Target 31/12/2014	Likely outcome 31/12/2014	Variance
Core network equipment	All core network successfully installed (100%)	All core network successfully installed (100%)	All core network successfully installed (100%)	0%
'Premises Passed' network	1,078 kilometres (98%)	1,100 kilometres (100%)	1,100 kilometres (100%)	0%
'Premises Connected'	11,509 (33% of total)	13,697 (40% of total)	11,708 (34% of total)	1,989 (6% of total)

The original target date for the completion of switchover of all broadband subscribers was 31st December 2016.

The **'Core network equipment'** relates to equipment installations in the JT network, most of which resides in the various exchange site across the Island.

The **'Premises Passed'** element is the spine of the fibre cable network that runs throughout the Island.

The **'Premises Connected'** element relates to the final metres of fibre cable that connect the spine of the Gigabit network (the 'Premises Passed' piece) directly into the individual premises.

The Minister is advised that the programme did not distinguish between homes and business as it was replacing copper connections with fibre connections irrespective of whether it was a home or a business.

The Minister is advised that the delivery of the programme is currently subject to a review, which will be completed by 30 June 2015.