

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT AND TECHNICAL SERVICES  
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2014**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide a current breakdown of taxi plates by category (white, yellow, red) including their allocation by company?

**Answer**

While not specifically requested by the Deputy, in order to be helpful, additional historic licencing data has been included in the answer to provide context and to highlight how changes in regulation introduced by successive Committees and Ministers have informed the licencing situation today, along with commercial activities such as the merger or buy-outs by companies.

**Information on Taxicab Licences (Plates)**

Type of Licence	2005	2009	2010	2012	2013	2014
Controlled taxi-cabs (rank Yellow Plate)	148	141 <sup>1</sup>	144 <sup>4</sup>	151 <sup>6</sup>	152 <sup>4</sup>	152 <sup>4</sup>
Restricted taxi-cabs (individual White Plate)	104	115 <sup>2</sup>	109 <sup>5</sup>	115	115 <sup>5</sup>	115
Restricted taxi-cabs (company Red Plate)	66	55	51	45	44	45
Limousine taxi-cabs	28	33	35	35	32	32
Mobility taxi-cab (Yellow Plate)	1	1	1	1	1	0
Restricted taxi-cab companies operating	15 <sup>3</sup>	4	6	6	7	8

<sup>1</sup> Deputy de Faye decided that number of controlled plates should be reduced by 10 in 2006.

<sup>2</sup> Company plates surrendered or revoked from 2006 were re-issued as individual (white) plates

<sup>3</sup> 8 “companies” operated under one of the 5 larger companies

<sup>4</sup> There were 140 permanent controlled licences, 20 of which for wheelchair accessible taxis. In addition, there were 5 licences awarded to individuals on compassionate grounds that will not be re-issued when the licensee is no longer granted a licence.

<sup>5</sup> 115 permanent restricted licences are available – 2 are currently being allocated to the next suitable applicants.

<sup>6</sup> Since 2010, an additional licence has been issued for every two “retired drivers” who returned less than half the average mileage. To date 7 additional licences have become available.

Company	Plates held in 2004	Plates held in 2005	Plates held in 2009	Plates held in 2010	Plates held in 2012	Plates held in 2013	Plates held in 2014
Arrow	1 <sup>L</sup>	1 <sup>L</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Bee-line	1 <sup>D</sup>	1 <sup>D</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Call a Cab	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Citicabs	6	15	17	17	18	18	18
Clarendon Dragons	6	6 <sup>L</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Dial a Cab	1 <sup>L</sup>	1 <sup>L</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Domino	1	3	4	4	4	4	4
E Cabs	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Gorey	1 <sup>L</sup>	1 <sup>L</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Hail a Cab	2	2 <sup>C</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Island	6	6	-	-	-	-	-
Jersey Taxis App	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Luxicabs	7	18	34	30	21	21	21
Maufant	2 <sup>CD</sup>	2 <sup>L</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Radio	3 <sup>L</sup>	3 <sup>L</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
St Mary	1 <sup>CD</sup>	1 <sup>L</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
St Ouen	1 <sup>CD</sup>	1 <sup>L</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Tower	1 <sup>CD</sup>	1 <sup>L</sup>	-	-	-	-	-
Yellow	4	4	0	0	0	-	-
Grab-a-Cab	-	-	-	0	-	-	-
ABC Cabs	-	-	-	0	0	-	-
Liberty Cabs	-	-	-	-	2	2	2
Red Cabs	-	-	-	-	-	-	0

Greyed out – No longer operative

- Company not operative that year

<sup>C</sup> operated and eventually merged under Citicabs

<sup>CD</sup> operated and eventually merged under Clarendon Dragons

<sup>D</sup> operated and eventually merged under Domino

<sup>L</sup> operated and eventually merged under Luxicabs

At the end of 2004, the Home Affairs Committee issued 22 additional “red” company plates.