

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2017**

Question

Will the Minister advise whether his Department provides any grants or loans to the agricultural industry separately from any such grants or loans provided by the Department of Economic Development, Tourism, Sport and Culture and, if so, will he list for members –

- (a) any such grants made by his Department to the agricultural industry during the last 4 years, identifying what they were for and whether the recipients were locally or foreign owned; and
- (b) any such loans provided by his Department to the agricultural industry during the last 4 years, identifying what they were for, the rates of interest charged and whether the recipients were locally or foreign owned?

Answer

- (a) A summary of grants provided by the Department of the Environment to the agricultural industry are listed annually in the States of Jersey financial report and accounts Annex, available on the States website.

The Department of the Environment provides support to the agricultural industry in the form of the Countryside Enhancement Scheme (CES), which is an agri-environment program intended to help land managers make environmental improvements.

Appendix A provides details of the CES support provided to the agricultural industry in the last 4 years.

Eligibility criteria for grants are not predicated on beneficial ownership as they are provided for a specific purpose.

- (b) The Department of the Environment has not provided any loans to the agricultural industry in the last 4 years.

Year	Ref	Project	Amount	Orchid Meadow	Bird Projects	Organic Production	Permissive Access	Sheep Grazing	Biodiversity Plan	Slurry Pump	Floating islands	Fertiliser Placement Equip & Trial	Pollution mitigation
2015	53	Organic production	£395										
			2015	£0	£529	£16,308	£0	£20,000	£1,500	£0	£0	£0	£8,861
2016	54	Biodiversity plans	£2,200										
2016	55	Permissive Access	£1,800										
2016	56	Sheep grazing	£20,000										
2016	57	Fertiliser Placement Equipment & Trial	£9,000										
2016	58	Fertiliser Placement Equipment & Trial	£9,000										
2016	59	Fertiliser Placement Equipment & Trial	£25,000										
2016	60	Fertiliser Placement Equipment & Trial	£9,000										
2016	61	Fertiliser Placement Equipment & Trial	£6,562										
2016	62	Fertiliser Placement Equipment & Trial	£9,000										
2016	63	Organic production	£2,965										
2016	64	Organic production	£6,531										
2016	65	Organic production	£5,119										
2016	66	Organic production	£3,700										
2016	67	Organic production	£1,679										
2016	68	Organic production	£740										
2016	69	Organic production	£3,178										
2016	70	Organic production	£549										
			2016	£0	£0	£24,460	£1,800	£20,000	£2,200	£0	£0	£67,562	£0