

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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Question

Following the answer to Written Question 126/2021, will the Minister provide an estimate of the total land area in Jersey that is currently used for car parking, adopting the Minister's suggestion in that answer of "*measuring the total footprint of an entire parking area*" as a means of calculating this figure?

Answer

In line with the response to the Deputy's recent written question (WQ.126/2021), the Government does not hold an estimate of the total land area in Jersey that is currently used for car parking. A specific study would be required to produce such an estimate, which would need to consider many variables.

The Deputy may wish to know that it is currently estimated that there are circa 90,000 cars in the Island. While these cars will take many forms, a family saloon is on average around 4.6m long and around 1.7m wide. The area of land used for parking any given car will vary, but will require enough additional space to, for example, enter and exit the vehicle and parking space safely. In addition, it might be reasonable to consider the provision of additional infrastructure to enable parking (access roads and turning heads, for example) as part of any estimate of land 'used for car parking'.

Government policy on land used for parking is currently under review as part of the development of a Parking Plan, as required by the Sustainable Transport Policy (P.128/2019, as amended) that was adopted by the States Assembly in 2020. The draft bridging Island Plan also proposes that new Supplementary Planning Guidance regarding parking standards be brought forward, including the introduction of new Sustainable Transport Zones that allows for different parking standards to apply in different parts of the island.