

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2023**

**Question**

“Further to [Written Question 429/2023](#), and in relation to the Minister's power to protect trees through listing in accordance with Article 58 of the [Planning and Building \(Jersey\) Law 2002](#), will the Minister advise, for the period since he took office –

- (a) the minimum, maximum and average time taken by officers to respond to requests to list trees;
- (b) how many requests for listing trees have yet to receive a response from officers;
- (c) how many requests for listing trees have led to listing orders; and
- (d) the number of planning permits issued that protect one or more specific trees through a condition in the planning permit?”

**Answer**

Powers to protect trees are vested in the Chief Officer, under the auspices of Article 58 of the [Planning and Building \(Jersey\) Law 2002](#), not the Minister. The Minister’s powers to add trees to the list of protected trees is limited to the determination of appeals made in relation to Article 108 (2)(1).

- (a) As stated in response to WQ429/2023 (b), there is currently no formal application process to request the listing of a tree, and this information is not held. Most proposals to consider the formal listing of a tree arise from the planning process within the context of development proposals.
- (b) There are not considered to be any outstanding responses to requests to list trees. There are, however, a number of cases where the listing process is still live and remains to be concluded.
- (c) None: there is no such thing as a listing order

As stated in response to WQ429/2023 (b), however, there is currently no formal application process to request the addition of a tree to the list of protected trees. Most proposals to consider the formal listing of a tree arise from referrals arising through the planning process within the context of development proposals.

The number of trees listed since September 2022 was set out in answer to WQ429/2023 (a). There were no trees added to the list between the election of the Minister to office on 11 July and September 2022.

- (d) We are unable to extract data from our existing computer system on the number of conditions which protect trees via a planning permit.