

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 7th MAY 2024  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2024**

**Question**

“Will the Minister advise how many licences for the cultivation of cannabis have been refused, and how many, if any, have been issued following a review?”

**Answer**

Three companies have had their applications for the cultivation of cannabis turned down. One of these companies has subsequently had a licence granted following re-application.

**Further background information**

- Licences to cultivate cannabis in Jersey are issued under existing legislation which is currently the Misuse of Drugs (Jersey) Law 1978 and the Misuse of Drugs (General Provisions) (Jersey) Order 2009.
- Detailed information is required as part of an application – there is a need to ensure that the terms of the UN convention are not breached & that regulatory standards are followed. For example, there needs to be a lawful route to market.
- All applications for licences are shared with the UK Home Office & subject to a compliance visit by Home Office officials & the Chief Pharmacist.
- Officers from The Drugs and Firearms Licensing Unit of the UK Home Office and the Chief Pharmacist provide expert professional opinion in respect of the holistic suitability of the proposal for licensing.
- This opinion informs the Jersey Cannabis Agency – the MHSS -- their final licensing decision-making function.