**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd MAY 2023**

Question

"Will the Minister confirm the average length of time for the following processes over the last 12-month period –

    (a) validation of planning applications;
    (b) determination of minor planning applications following validation; and
    (c) determination of major planning applications following validation?"
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Answer

    (a) The average time for the end-to-end process for the validation of all minor and major planning applications for this rolling year since 1st of April 2022 to 28th April 2023, was 7 weeks.

        Note: This data sample includes 1,251 planning applications, ranging from validation within 3 working days to 29 weeks. In accordance with the policy (as per the website) [*Planning application process (gov.je)*](#) *the Department registered all applications, following receipt of the correct information and fee, within 3 working days.*

    (b) It is not possible to extract true and accurate data to provide the average time for determination of a minor planning application for the last 12 months.

    (c) It is not possible to extract true and accurate data to provide the average time for determination of a major planning application for the last 12 months.

Whilst it is not possible to extract true and accurate data from the current systems to produce an average, the Department does measure how many applications are determined within the target timeframe of 13 weeks for major and 8 weeks for minor applications (as per the website) [Planning application process (gov.je)](#)

Of the 1,478 applications determined this rolling year since 1st of April 2022 to 28th April 2023, 265 have been refused, 1,107 have been approved. The remainder have been withdrawn or are awaiting planning obligation agreements to be signed, etc.

For major applications, 42% have been determined within target timeframe of 13 weeks.
For minor applications, 63% have been determined within target timeframe of 8 weeks.

Looking forward, the Regulatory Improvement of Digital Assets Project will provide live reporting of the performance of Regulatory functions such as the planning applications process.