

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 5th MARCH 2013**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide the following information of the performance of the Planning Department in processing planning and building applications since annual performance figures were last published by the Comptroller and Auditor General in 2010, such figures to include the following information –

- (a) the number of planning and building applications determined;
- (b) the number of applications approved;
- (c) the number of applications rejected;
- (d) the number of applications withdrawn;
- (e) the number of applications for which decisions were outstanding at year end;
- (f) the number of applications determined within 8 weeks;
- (g) the number of applications determined within 13 weeks;
- (h) the average time taken to determine applications; and,
- (i) the number of requests for reconsideration?

**Answer**

- (a) **the number of planning and building applications determined;**  
Planning 2011, 1,512  
Planning 2012, 1,566  
Building 2011, 1,092  
Building 2012, 1,145
- (b) **the number of applications approved;**  
Planning 2011, 1,224  
Planning 2012, 1,249  
Building 2011, 1,079  
Building 2012, 1,140
- (c) **the number of applications rejected;**  
Planning 2011, 236

Planning 2012, 254  
Building 2011, 2  
Building 2012, 0

(d) **the number of applications withdrawn;**

Planning 2011, 52  
Planning 2012, 63  
Building 2011, 11  
Building 2012, 5

(e) **the number of applications for which decisions were outstanding at year end;**

Planning 2011, 382  
Planning 2012, 199  
Building 2011, 15  
Building 2012, 52

(f) **the number of applications determined within 8 weeks;**

Planning 2011, 191  
Planning 2012, 851

A five week target is set for processing building applications. In 2011 98.5% of applications were dealt with in 5 weeks or less. In 2012 it was 99.5%. In the cases where the target was missed this was by less than 6 days.

(g) **the number of applications determined within 13 weeks;**

Planning 2011, 917\*  
Planning 2012, 396\*

\*Figures given for planning are for decisions taken between 8 and 13 weeks, to avoid double-counting with the answer given to (f) above.

For Building Control, please refer to the answer given in (f) above

(h) **the average time taken to determine applications;**

Planning 2011, 123 days  
Planning 2012, 102 days

Building Control: Figures for average times are not recorded. However, it is estimated that for any given 12 month period, the average time to determine building applications is considerably less than five weeks.

(i) **the number of requests for reconsideration?**

Planning 2011, 92  
Planning 2012, 78

This service is not extended to building applications.