

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 17th JANUARY 2012**

Question

Will the Minister publish in respect of Buildings of Local Interest the following information in a tabular form for the years 2005 to 2011 inclusive –

- (a) the number of Planning applications received each year;
- (b) the number of Planning applications approved/refused each year on the recommendation of the Historic Buildings Officer;
- (c) the sites and nature of the applications refused in each year and the grounds for rejecting the application;
- (d) the number and sites of applications that are outstanding for each year, calculated from the year of initial application, and the reasons why they have not yet been determined;
- (e) the dates upon which outstanding applications have been reviewed since initially applied for?

Answer

- (a) The number of planning applications received each year for Listed Buildings and Places (or potential Listed Buildings and Places) is as follows:

2005 - 439
2006 - 461
2007 - 502
2008 - 491
2009 - 384
2010 - 395
2011 - 338
Tot. 3,010

- (b) The Planning and Building Services Department stores records of planning applications both in physical files and on its information systems. Regrettably, the information which has been requested by this part of the Deputy's question can only be retrieved by a manual search of the physical files. For the period requested, this amounts to some 3,010 records and it is estimated that, even if each record took only 5 minutes to manually investigate, this task would take upwards of 250 hours of officer time.

It will clearly take some time for the department to gather this information and will necessitate taking officers off live application work. This will impact on the department's ability to deliver against the target of speedier planning decisions which I have announced this year. The department will produce this information as soon as it is able to do so.

- (c) Of the 3,010 applications noted for the period 2005 – 2011, I can advise Members that 399 were refused. It will take some time for the department to compile a report containing the reasons for refusal of all of those records. The department will issue this in due course.
- (d) The answer to this part of the question is contained within the information provided in my answer to question 6638.
- (e) The answer to this part of the question is contained within the information provided in my answer to question 6638.