

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE
MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 20th FEBRUARY 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2023**

Question

“In respect of the direct involvement in planning applications over the last five years of each of the following –

- both himself and former ‘Ministers for Economic Development’;
- officers in the Department for Economic Development or the Department for Economy; and
- the Regulation Standards Officer (with respect to administration of the Minister’s powers under the Tourism (General Provisions) Order 1990);

will the Minister state –

- (a) the number of occasions on which a Minister or an officer of either Department has exercised the right to comment on a planning application relating to land designated for economic use, including (without limitation) farmland and visitor accommodation;
- (b) the activity conducted at the premises to which any such comment related;
- (c) the number of times the Regulation Standards Officer., acting in a tourist regulation capacity and having been contacted by a planning officer in respect of premises used for an economic purpose, has informed the planning officer that the Department had no comment because the premises did not relate to visitor accommodation; and
- (d) the number of times the this Officer has passed comment on an application that was not of the nature to which paragraph (c) refers?”

Answer

a) and b)

Relevant officers are approached as consultees for applications relating to land designated for farmland and visitor accommodation. The number of times an officer had exercised the right to provide a comment on a planning application relating to each of these categories is listed below:

Type of activity	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Farmland (including farm buildings and agricultural workers accommodation)	1	7	8	10	8
Visitor accommodation	4	11	14	12	11

c) Comments are only made by the Regulation Standards Officer when the consultation relates to Tourist Accommodation. The Officer is not consulted to non-tourist accommodation use applications.

d) See table above