

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 24th MAY 2021**

Question

Will the Minister provide a table to show –

- (a) the number of granite and / or traditional farm buildings converted into accommodation over the last 10 years;
- (b) the number of greenhouses for which permission has been given for re-development into housing and / or other non-farming uses over the last 10 years;
- (c) the number of farm buildings and sheds deemed to be ‘new build’ in respect of which a change of use has been granted over the 10 ten years (for example, to storage, industrial use, wholesale use or for retail sales), stating in each case the original purpose of the structure concerned; and
- (d) in each case specified in response to Paragraphs (a) to (c) the person, business, company, trust, foundation or charity named as the owner of the property in question?

Answer

Although all planning applications are recorded and published on the Planning Register (see link <https://www.gov.je/citizen/Planning/Pages/Planning.aspx>), the information is not stored in a manner which allows extraction in the specific categories requested.

If the Department were to begin collating the data in the format requested, they would require additional financial and manpower resources as it would be a major project to review the approximately 15,000+ applications held in the 10-year period requested. Additionally, work would be required to produce a term of reference for the review to, for example, clearly define non-farming uses, ‘new-build’, and so on.