

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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Question

Will the Minister advise how much of Jersey's land area is used for above ground, non-domestic car parking (including private and public car parks); and, for the avoidance of doubt, in the case of multi-storey car parks only the building footprint is required?

Answer

Due to the complex nature of the question, there are various aspects of this question such as how we differentiate between car parking spaces and the space for the car park as well as how we clarify land area. These need to be made clear before a definitive answer can be provided.

The full set of data requested is not held by Government in a form readily available, however, some data is held by the IHE department and informed the extant Island Plan:

8.94 Within the town of St Helier, there are approximately 3,200 public long stay (commuter) parking spaces; 850 public short stay three hour limit shoppers' spaces and 1,200 on-street spaces of varying time limits and restriction. This provides a total level of public provision of 5,250 car parking spaces.

8.95 The majority of parking spaces in St Helier, however, are private, comprising 3,500 residential and 7,000 private non-residential spaces.

It would be possible for the full set of data requested to be collected through existing data; however, this would be a substantive task which would likely require a dedicated FTE as part of a bespoke project. Data could be sourced from a GIS map of scheduled public car parking managed by the Government, parish parking, private parking, planning application data, etc.

It should be noted that 'land area (used for) ... car parking' could be interpreted as land for the sole use of parking, or other land used for car parking in association with another use, such as supermarket car parks. As such, this would need to be clarified as part of any scope to collate the data.

While public parking is legally scheduled to provide for enforcement, private parking is not. Thus, figures could be provided for public parking, it is doubtful the figures could be for private or unscheduled spaces – such as those for employees at banks, private spaces on land that are rented out, outside or under shops, builders yards etc.

There is an indicative area for scheduled public parking under government administration, but this wouldn't include the information for say parking at schools, or ambulance drivers, community nurses.

It is also difficult to differentiate between car parking spaces and the space for the car park, however, the former could be the area of the bays on the ground floor, whereas the latter will include landscaping features, turning heads, circulatory areas and 'dead spaces' like hatching adjacent to disabled parking bays etc. From a technical perspective, it is a lot easier to measure the footprint of an entire parking area/car park (including verges etc), rather than distinguish the exact area useable for parked cars when they are in the marked bays.