

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2025**

Question

“Will the Minister explain the purpose of charging an [annual licence fee](#) to hospitality businesses under the [Places of Refreshment \(Jersey\) Law 1967](#), and advise the total revenue this licence fee has generated for the years 2022, 2023 and 2024?”

Answer

Under Article 4(1) of the Law, no person may operate a place of refreshment unless the premises are registered. The registration process requires an application and payment of a prescribed fee, as set out in the [Places of Refreshment \(Registration\) \(Fees\) \(Jersey\) Order 2008](#). As of January 2025, the annual fee is £101.

The fee contributes to the costs of:

- inspection by a Regulatory Standards Officer to ensure adequate sanitation facilities for the maximum number of permitted customers,
- liaison with the States of Jersey Fire & Rescue Service and the relevant Parish authorities as part of the registration process to ensure;
 - adequate fire precaution measures are in place,
 - clear responsibility for the collection and disposal of litter which may also include a condition extending this beyond the perimeter of the premises and within a designated time frame,
 - determining the maximum occupancy of the premises, and
 - setting out the permitted hours of operation.

Other bespoke conditions may also be attached to the registration to mitigate other community concerns surrounding possible disruption and anti-social behaviour.

Total revenue generated from the licence fee in recent years:

- 2022: £16,910
- 2023: £17,941
- 2024: £17,729

This income is paid to the Treasurer of the States.