

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES  
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. JOHN  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 11th OCTOBER 2021  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 18th OCTOBER 2021**

**Question**

Will the Minister state what data are held by the Government on the current building costs per square metre, together with the methodology for calculating these costs, for each of the following –

- (a) flats;
- (b) semi-detached houses;
- (c) detached houses;
- (d) office buildings;

and will he advise whether the report entitled '[Development in Jersey](#)', prepared by Altair in 2019, was accepted by the Government as being an accurate reflection of such costs?

**Answer**

The Government does not hold data on the current building costs per square metre. The Government does however reference this information as required from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors for example on Page 9 of the [Draft Bridging Island Plan -Viability Note. April 2021](#).

The briefing paper prepared by Altair referred to as the [Policy briefing on development barriers](#) was reviewed by the Housing Policy Development Board held on the 11th of June 2019. The views of the Board can be found under Item 4 of the [3rd meeting of Housing Policy Development Board](#).