



24 June 2016

Request

Please supply the following information to me by e-mail for the year 2015 in respect of the administration of St Helier's Electoral Register:

- (1) The total number of electoral statements sent by the Parish of St Helier to every unit of dwelling accommodation before 1st June 2015 pursuant to Article 7(2) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002;
- (2) The total number of electoral statements duly returned by residents of St Helier to the Electoral Administrator by 1st July 2015;
- (3) Out of the total number of electoral statements returned by residents of St Helier to the Electoral Administrator by 1st July 2015 (as requested at 2 above), how many of these completed statements contained the same information as was already stated on the existing Electoral Register (i.e. the names of persons living in that particular dwelling who were entitled to have their names included on the Electoral Register had not changed since the return of their previous electoral statement and no persons had left or joined the dwelling and nobody had changed address)?
- (4) The total number of notices sent by the Electoral Administrator following the deadline of 1st July 2015 in pursuance of Article 8(4) of the Public Elections (Jersey) Law 2002 (i.e. to inform a person whose name appears on the existing Electoral Register that he/she had not, for a period of 3 consecutive years, been included in and signed a statement under Article 7(3) of the Law and that their name shall be removed from the Register unless they deliver within 28 days of service of the notice confirmation that they are still entitled to have their name on the Register);
- (5) The total number of individual amendments (e.g. addition of new names, deletion of existing names, changes of address etc.) made to St Helier's Electoral Register as a direct result of the administration of all the completed and returned electoral statements and notices in 2015;
- (6) The total estimated cost in 2015 to the Parish of St Helier (including postage, stationery and staff administration) of sending out the electoral statements and notices, administering the returned statements and notices and making any relevant amendments to the existing Electoral Register.

Response

(1) 19,187 electoral statements.

(2) (3) and (5) The Parish of St Helier has determined that this information is exempt under Article 16 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011, as it is estimated that it will take in excess of 5 hours to collect the information.

The key reasons are:

- this requires every statement to be examined, to ascertain the date returned, and counted if returned by 1 July 2015;
- a separate count is required of those showing any amendments to names or address.

(4) No notices were sent.

(6) The total estimated cost of postage and stationery is £10,992 (£10,492 for printing and postage and approx. £500 for stationery). Information is not held on staff administration costs relating solely to sending out electoral statements and notices, administering the returned statements and notices and making any relevant amendments to the existing Electoral Register.

Exemptions:

Article 16: A scheduled public authority may refuse to supply information if cost excessive

(1) A scheduled public authority that has been requested to supply information may refuse to supply the information if it estimates that the cost of doing so would exceed any fee of an amount determined in the manner prescribed by Regulations for the purposes of Article 15.

