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Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request the following information:

- The number of applications for firearms licenses in each of the 12 parishes that were rejected in the following years: 2021, 2022, 2023.
- And the number of applications for firearms licenses in each of the 12 parishes that were approved in the following years: 2021, 2022, 2023.
- Could I also please have the reasons for those that were rejected, if there are categories relating to that information. E.g. failed one-to-one assessment, missing documentation, deemed unfit, etc.

Response

The following table gives the number of applications for the grant of a first firearms certificate and for the renewal of a firearm certificate by Parish (a firearm certificate is valid for 5 years):

Parish	Number of licence applications granted		
	2021	2022	2023
St Brelade	18	37	46
St Clement	7	13	19
Grouville	11	19	17
St Helier	24	36	27
St John	11	22	24
St Lawrence	12	29	20
St Martin	20	28	29
St Mary	5	6	10
St Ouen	25	34	41
St Peter	11	21	31
St Saviour	18	39	16
Trinity	9	19	11
Total all Parishes	171	303	291

Note – the higher number of applications in 2022 and 2023 reflects the timing of firearm certificates issued in relation to shotguns. These were previously licensed under the Loi (1879) sur le Port d’Armes which was repealed by the Firearms (Jersey) Law 2000 when it came into force on 1 November 2001. However, transitional provisions provided for a Port d’Armes permit to remain valid for a period after the commencement of the Firearms Law – details may be found in L.9/2000 (Firearms (Jersey) Law 2000 (jerseylaw.je)).

A firearm certificate is granted if the Connétable is satisfied on the following (Article 3(4) of the Firearms (Jersey) Law 2000) -

- (a) that the applicant is fit to be entrusted with a firearm and is not prohibited by this Law from possessing a firearm to which Article 2, applies;
- (b) that the applicant has a good reason for having in his or her possession, or for purchasing or acquiring, the firearm or ammunition in respect of which the application is made; and
- (c) that in all the circumstances the applicant can be permitted to have the firearm or ammunition in his or her possession without danger to the public safety or to the peace.

Due to the low number, details of the number of applications for the grant or the renewal of a firearm certificate which have been rejected are summarised for all Parishes in the table below. The reasons relate to the grounds specified in Article 3(4) of the Law, set out above.

Licence applications rejected	2021	2022	2023
No. of licence applications rejected	<5	<5	6
Reason(s) rejected – Connétable not satisfied under Article 3(4) of the Law sub-paragraph:	(a)/(c)	(b)	(a)/(c) - <5; (b) - <5

FOI exemption applied:

Article 25(2) - Personal Information - Personal data, applicant not subject but supply contravenes data protection principles

Information is absolutely exempt information if – (a) it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is not the data subject as defined in the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018; and (b) its supply to a member of the public would contravene any of the data protection principles, as defined in that Law.

