

Previous FOI request:

November 2021

Request

Please can I have the following information:

A)

1. The total cost of the project to install and maintain AirSensa air quality sensors around the island between 2019 - present, broken down by year.

B)

1. How many AirSensa air quality sensors have been installed around the island, and a map of their locations?

2. How many AirSensa air quality sensors have been installed in schools around the island, and a map of their locations?

C)

1. All available air quality data taken from the AirSensa monitors on the island.

2. All available air quality data taken from AirSensa monitors specifically at schools on the island.

3. If the Government is unable to provide the data yet, please provide a reason why, and a date for when the data is expected to be available.

D)

1. Detail how many of the AirSensa sensors are working versus how many are not working.

2. Break down a list of malfunctions or technical issues that have been recorded in the sensors, by month.

E)

1. All correspondence between AirSensa, IHE and Digital Jersey from 2019 - present in relation to air sensors on the island.

Response

A)

The air sensor monitors are not owned by the Government of Jersey (GOJ) and we were not charged for the units since AirSensa provided them as part of a trial. GOJ assisted with the location selection and installation of the units.

Further information is contained in the Environment Minister's response to a Written Question on 5 October 2021. This can be viewed on www.statesassembly.gov.je

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Any work carried out by GOJ staff (Environmental Health/Schools etc) in relation to the installation and maintenance of these sensors is considered 'business as usual'. Therefore, these costs have not been recorded and Article 10 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 applies.

B) 1 and 2

46 sensors have been installed at school sites and 12 at other locations. The locations and grid references are shown in the attached spreadsheet.

C) 1, 2 and 3

The information you have requested is not held and Article 10 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 therefore applies.

Please see previous Freedom of Information responses:

<https://www.gov.je/government/freedomofinformation/pages/foi.aspx?ReportID=4317>
February 2021

<https://www.gov.je/government/freedomofinformation/pages/foi.aspx?ReportID=4073>
September 2020

There has been no change in the position with regard availability of the data since these responses were published.

D)

As at 2 October 2021, 2 out of the 58 units are reporting.

GOJ do not maintain a list of the malfunctions or technical issues that have occurred as we do not own the sensors, therefore Article 10 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 applies.

However, we are aware that issues have included the devices going offline, loss of power and sensors failing at end of life.

E)

We would direct you to a previous Freedom of Information response which also asked for copies of correspondence between AirSensa, Digital Jersey and the Government. This request covered the time period 1 January 2019 – 15 December 2020. In this instance the correspondence was made available to the applicant via an Egress account, as it was not practical to share it via email due to the volume of data involved.

February 2021

<https://www.gov.je/government/freedomofinformation/pages/foi.aspx?ReportID=4317>

We have therefore conducted a new search for the period 16 December 2020 to 21 September 2021 to cover the extra period of time stated in this request. The keywords used were AirSensa, Air sensors, Air monitoring.

Copies of the relevant emails, from both the February 2021 request and this request are now available for you to view through a private Egress account, which is a secure document sharing platform.

Personal information has been redacted in accordance with the Article 25 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011.

Articles applied

Article 10 - Obligation of scheduled public authority to confirm or deny holding information

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2), if –
 - (a) a person makes a request for information to a scheduled public authority; and
 - (b) the authority does not hold the information, it must inform the applicant accordingly.

Article 25 - Personal information

- (1) Information is absolutely exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject as defined in the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2005.
- (2) 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.
- (3) In determining for the purposes of this Article whether the lawfulness principle in Article 8(1)(a) of the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 2018 would be contravened by the disclosure of information, paragraph 5(1) of Schedule 2 to that Law (legitimate

interests) is to be read as if sub-paragraph (b) (which disapplies the provision where the controller is a public authority) were omitted.