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Request

Please would all parishes provide the notice period given and the number of attendees for all parish assemblies in the past 12 months. Please indicate whether there assembly was a significant one eg an election or a rates assembly.

Response

The information is absolutely exempt.

Article 23 - Information accessible to applicant by other means

Information is absolutely exempt information if it is reasonably available to the applicant, otherwise than under this Law, whether or not free of charge. A scheduled public authority that refuses an application for information on this ground must make reasonable efforts to inform the applicant where the applicant may obtain the information.

Justification for exemption

Jersey Gazette

Notice of Parish Assemblies is published in the Jersey Gazette, available at Jersey Gazette (gov.je), and this shows the date published and date of the meeting. It is possible to roll the page back to other points in time using the Internet Archive e.g. Parish Notices in the Jersey Gazette as it looked on 2 March 2022 (use the slider at the top of the page to jump to other points in time): https://web.archive.org/web/20220302165551/https://www.gov.je/gazette/pages/default.aspx?Navigator1=GazetteType&Modifier1=%22%C7%82%C7%82506172697368206e6f74696365%22

The Jersey Archive through the UK Web Archive take a monthly copy of the Gazette (see https://www.webarchive.org.uk/ - an open access source).

Parish websites - Notice and Minutes of Parish Assembly meetings

The notice may be published under 'News' and/or included as part of the minutes; the minutes record the items discussed and may record attendance (if not the information is not held).

https://stbrelade.jehttps://sthelier.jehttps://stmartin.jehttps://stpeter.jehttps://stclement.jehttps://stjohn.jehttps://stmary.jehttps://stsaviour.jehttps://grouville.jehttps://stlawrence.jehttps://stouen.jehttps://parishoftrinity.je

Providing this information would require manipulation and creation of data. The Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 does not require a Scheduled Public Authority to manipulate or create data in order to provide a response.

Article 3 of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 applies.

Article applied

Article 3 - Meaning of "information held by a public authority"

For the purposes of this Law, information is held by a public authority if —

(a) it is held by the authority, otherwise than on behalf of another person; or

(b) it is held by another person on behalf of the authority

