



**22 August 2024**  
**amended response following Internal Review 1 November 2024**

**Request**

Please can you provide me the following information

**In respect of all parishes**

- The total number of appeals made to the Rates review Board in 2024 from each parish.
- The highest and lowest rate assessment appealed.

**In respect of the 2024 Grouville Rates Assessment process please provide:**

- The total number of R5 request to reviews submitted in 2024.
- The total number of Rates Clinics held.
- The number of Rates Clinics held without an R5 form having been submitted.
- The number of assessments amended as a result of a "request to review", with or without an R5 being submitted.
- The number of assessments that were not amended after a "request to review", with or without an R5 being submitted.
- The largest reduction in quarters resulting from a "request to review".
- The smallest reduction in quarters resulting from a "Request to Review"
- The average reduction in quarters arising from a "Request to Review".
- The total number of quarters removed from the draft rates list as a result of the outcomes of the Requests to Review reviews.
- The total number of properties assessed in Grouville in 2024 using the written assessment guidelines issued in March 2024.

**Internal review request**

I have reasonable grounds to believe that some of the responses provided are unanswered, incomplete or wrong. Please can a formal internal review of the responses be undertaken.

Response to:	Reason:
Appeals to the Rate Appeal Board	Query the number.
Highest and lowest assessment appealed	Believe to be incorrect.
The total number of Rates Clinics held	The request has not been met.
The number of Rates Clinics held without an R5 form having been submitted	The request has not been met.
The number of assessments amended as a result of a "request to review", with or without an R5 being submitted	The request has not been met.
The number of assessments that were not amended after a "request to review", with or without an R5 being submitted	The request has not been met.

The largest reduction in quarters resulting from a "request to review"	This response is not accepted.
The smallest reduction in quarters resulting from a "Request to Review"	This response is not accepted.
The average reduction in quarters arising from a "Request to Review"	The response does not take account of reviews when the R5 form was not submitted.
The total number of quarters removed from the draft rates list as a result of the outcomes of the Requests to Review	The response does not take account of reviews when the R5 form was not submitted.
The total number of properties assessed in Grouville in 2024 using the written assessment guidelines issued in March 2024	The request has not been addressed.

## Response

### Appeals to the Rate Appeal Board in 2024 - all Parishes:

- 15 appeals relating to land in Grouville; no appeals for other Parishes  
Internal review – this response is correct.
- Lowest assessment appealed - 5,000 quarters; highest assessment appealed - 27,000 quarters  
Internal review – this response is correct.

### 2024 Grouville Rates Assessment process:

Each year a 'Notice of Assessment' is sent to each owner and occupier of land in the Parish in accordance with Article 8 of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005. The information sent with the Notice of Assessment includes –

- When and how the Rates List is available for inspection.
- When members of the Assessment Committee are available to discuss any queries that ratepayers may have (appointments may be made via the Parish Hall). These meetings are referred to as 'clinics' and provide an opportunity to discuss an assessment (an Assessment Committee may correct at any time any factual or typographical or similar error in the Rates List, either on its own volition or on the application of any person, in accordance with Article 9(6) of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005).
- How to request a review of an assessment in accordance with Article 9 of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005 ("R5" is the designation on the application form to request a review).

The information with the Grouville 2024 Notice of Assessment may be viewed here - [Notice of Assessments 2024 | Parish of Grouville](#)

Request:	Response issued 22/8/2024:	Internal review response:
The total number of R5 request to reviews submitted in 2024	Information is absolutely exempt - Article 23 information accessible by other means	-
The total number of Rates Clinics held	Members of the Assessment Committee offered three dates (referred to as 'clinics') when ratepayers could discuss any queries with their assessments – see <a href="#">Notice of Assessments 2024   Parish of Grouville</a>	The response is correct.
The number of Rates Clinics held without an R5 form having been submitted	A 'clinic' provides an opportunity to discuss an assessment and is not dependent on an R5 form being submitted.	The response is correct.

The number of assessments amended as a result of a "request to review", with or without an R5 being submitted	An application to review an assessment is made in accordance with Article 9 and requires an R5 form. On review, amendments were made to 32 assessments.	The response is correct.
The number of assessments that were not amended after a "request to review", with or without an R5 being submitted	An application to review an assessment is made in accordance with Article 9 and requires an R5 form. On review, 15 assessments were maintained.	The response is correct.
The largest reduction in quarters resulting from a "request to review"	Information is absolutely exempt - Article 25(2) - Personal Information	<b>Internal review of application of exemption</b> The highest reduction was 10,400 qrs. An exemption was previously applied as it may be possible to identify the property (and thus the person) by comparing 2023 and 2024 Rates Lists but on Internal Review we have decided this is not possible and so the figure can be released.
The smallest reduction in quarters resulting from a "Request to Review"	Information is absolutely exempt - Article 25(2) - Personal Information	<b>Internal review of application of exemption</b> The exemption is maintained as there are fewer than 5 reductions of this amount and it may be possible to identify the property (and thus the person) by comparing 2023 and 2024 Rates Lists.
The average reduction in quarters arising from a "Request to Review"	The average reduction over 32 assessments was 3,135.94 quarters	The response is correct for 'reviews'.
The total number of quarters removed from the draft rates list as a result of the outcomes of the Requests to Review reviews	The amendments made on review of 32 assessments resulted in a reduction of 100,350 quarters (in 2023 Parish rates were paid on 78,624,636 quarters – see page 22 of the <a href="#">SIGNED-Parish-of-Grouville-2023-Accounts.pdf</a> ).	The response is correct for 'reviews'.
The total number of properties assessed in Grouville in 2024 using the written assessment guidelines issued in March 2024	The rateable value of land is assessed on the basis that each area of land with similar or substantially similar attributes has the same rateable value, and rateable values are proportionate to attributes (Article 6 of the Rates (Jersey) Law 2005); the assessment guidelines only provide a guide to the rateable value that might be expected for land with certain attributes.	The response is correct, the information is not held.

**FOI exemptions applied:**

**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 exemptions**

**FOI response** - see [2024-domestic-rate-review-applications.pdf \(comite.je\)](#)

**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.

