

DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICS ON ASSEMBLY WRITTEN QUESTIONS

What is an Assembly Question?

Assembly Questions are tabled by MLAs and used as a tool to provide information and report on matters within the relevant Minister's remit. The questions and answers are made available to the public via the NI Assembly website. This is simple data and does not reflect the context in which the answers are compiled, e.g. many AQWs are complex in nature and require input from Arm's Length Bodies and partners across government. In those circumstances, it is not always possible to meet the required deadlines set by the Assembly to ensure that a full and accurate answer is provided.

Statistics on the number of Assembly Written Questions submitted to the Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, along with the proportion answered within the timescales set by the Assembly's Standing Orders, will be published on a quarterly basis.

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MONTH	ALL WRITTEN AQS	
	TOTAL	ON TIME
February 2024	398	104
March 2024	290	250
April 2024	270	234
May 2024	322	240
June 2024	248	224
July 2024	60	56
August 2024	4	4
September 2024	159	153
October 2024	149	113
November 2024	114	99
December 2024	71	53
TOTAL	2,085	1,530

MONTH	ALL WRITTEN AQS	
	TOTAL	ON TIME
January 2025	131	120
February 2025	155	127
March 2025	145	130
April 2025	108	101
May 2025	135	119
June 2025	152	61
July 2025	44	36
September 2025	195	158
October 2025	207	49
November 2025	183	86
December 2025	147	134
TOTAL	1,602	1,121

MONTH	ALL WRITTEN AQS	
	TOTAL	ON TIME
January 2026	158	153
February 2026	178	151
March 2026	157	151
April 2026	128	118
May 2026	207	182
June 2026	156	145
TOTAL	984	900