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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**Questions on Notice Paper No 5****11 April 2025****Question No. 290****MR CAIN MLA** - To ask the Minister for Planning and Sustainable Development:

1. How many current development applications require a Lease Variation, as of 1 April 2025.
2. How many development applications required a Lease Variation in (a) 2023-24 and (b) 2024-25 (year to date).
3. How much additional time on average (in days) does a Lease Variation generate for the development application approval process in 2024-25.
4. Is there a statutory timeframe for processing Lease Variations as part of development applications.

MINISTER STEEL MLA - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. A Lease Variation is required to be applied for in a development application (DA) when the Crown lease does not currently allow for the proposed development. As of 1 April 2025, 119 active DAs have included a Lease Variation as part of the application.
2. (a) In 2023-24, 166 DAs, that included a Lease Variation, were determined.
(b) 93 determined DAs included a Lease Variation in 2024-25 (year to date).
3. The Lease Variation component of a DA is assessed concurrently with the design and siting component and is not considered to add time to the DAs assessment and decision-making process.
4. The statutory timeframe for processing Lease Variation DAs is the same as other DAs. The DA timeframe for a significant development is 60 working days. The timeframe for a standard DA is 45 working days, with representations received, and 30 working days with no representations.



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