

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE STATES' TRADING SUPERVISORY BOARD
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY MARK HELYAR**

Question 1

Please provide the monthly total raw water storage values (in megalitres), by month, between January 1990 and March 2025.

Answer

Table 1 shows the recorded volume of water stored at month end, from 1990 to present. This is the total reserves within all raw water storage reservoirs, calculated based on level of fill (measured by observation) and the assumed capacity of each reservoir. Recent records are more accurate following bathymetry surveys carried out on some of the larger reservoirs, which resulted in some minor changes to storage volumes in 2022.

Total storage capacity has changed since 1990 due to the addition of new reservoirs, such as St Andrew's and Saltpans, and loss of others, such as Vale Mill and Irene & Robin.

There are constraints, such as risk of flooding to adjacent areas, which limit the volume that can be stored in certain reservoirs. They are managed according to operationally appropriate levels, which may be slightly below their absolute maximum storage capacity. Currently, storage reservoirs are considered to be operationally full at a capacity of 4,360 megalitres.

In a typical year, storage volumes will be lowest in the summer months, which normally have least rainfall. Reservoirs will then be replenished by the "winter recharge" period, typically between October and April. In a typical year, reservoirs reach what is effectively maximum storage capacity by January/February. This restricts further water capture, irrespective of rainfall levels in the remaining recharge period.

In 31 of the last 36 years (1990 to 2025), storage volumes have achieved the level where all reservoirs were operationally at full capacity.

Water at the bottom of reservoirs would be very challenging to use even in drought conditions, and is classed as "dead" storage. This is due to poor water quality or being inaccessible due to pumping limitations. A planning assumption of 10% dead storage has been applied, consistent with water resources and drought management planning guidance.

That guidance also specifies that in assessing reliable reservoir supplies, water companies should not plan to use an "emergency storage" volume. This is a contingency to mitigate the risk of a future drought being more severe than planned. For Guernsey Water, an emergency storage allowance of 425 million litres, equivalent to 30 days of water supply to customers in dry weather conditions, has been applied.

Given these constraints 3,499 megalitres is available for water resource planning, equivalent to 264 days' supply given consumption in a dry year. This is expected to reduce to 234 days by 2040, primarily as a result of assumed population growth.

Table 1 - Month end recorded raw water storage volume 1990-2025, in megalitres

1990		1991		1992		1993	
Jan	2381	Jan	2633	Jan	2470	Jan	3757
Feb	3506	Feb	2891	Feb	2561	Feb	3742
Mar	3588	Mar	3417	Mar	2525	Mar	3757
Apr	3558	Apr	3562	Apr	2707	Apr	3757
May	3271	May	3462	May	2603	May	3688
Jun	3059	Jun	3406	Jun	2361	Jun	3649
Jul	2711	Jul	3173	Jul	2201	Jul	3476
Aug	2262	Aug	2774	Aug	2067	Aug	3323
Sep	1906	Sep	2470	Sep	2116	Sep	3517
Oct	1658	Oct	2327	Oct	2224	Oct	3692
Nov	1655	Nov	2548	Nov	3073	Nov	3757
Dec	1849	Dec	2552	Dec	3699	Dec	3757

1994		1995		1996		1997	
Jan	3757	Jan	3757	Jan	3146	Jan	2482
Feb	3757	Feb	3757	Feb	3409	Feb	2836
Mar	3757	Mar	3757	Mar	3553	Mar	3057
Apr	3757	Apr	3757	Apr	3559	Apr	2947
May	3757	May	3747	May	3599	May	2791
Jun	3720	Jun	3491	Jun	3270	Jun	2753
Jul	3513	Jul	3229	Jul	2874	Jul	2537
Aug	3440	Aug	2900	Aug	2513	Aug	2269
Sep	3366	Sep	2802	Sep	2207	Sep	2001
Oct	3339	Oct	2650	Oct	2059	Oct	1989
Nov	3621	Nov	2677	Nov	2236	Nov	2672
Dec	3757	Dec	3016	Dec	2452	Dec	3436

1998		1999		2000		2001	
Jan	3835	Jan	4000	Jan	3966	Jan	4000
Feb	2842	Feb	4000	Feb	4000	Feb	4000
Mar	3777	Mar	3968	Mar	4000	Mar	3986
Apr	4000	Apr	3969	Apr	4000	Apr	3986
May	3867	May	3905	May	4000	May	3961
Jun	3843	Jun	3842	Jun	3947	Jun	3840
Jul	3698	Jul	3529	Jul	3808	Jul	3664
Aug	3450	Aug	3406	Aug	3560	Aug	3522
Sep	3397	Sep	3277	Sep	3392	Sep	3322
Oct	3573	Oct	3202	Oct	3656	Oct	3331
Nov	3854	Nov	3241	Nov	4000	Nov	3343
Dec	3979	Dec	3982	Dec	4000	Dec	3313

2002	
Jan	3477
Feb	3900
Mar	3990
Apr	3934
May	3895
Jun	3404
Jul	3538
Aug	3223
Sep	2956
Oct	2959
Nov	3509
Dec	3877

2003	
Jan	4000
Feb	4000
Mar	4000
Apr	3975
May	3920
Jun	3679
Jul	3384
Aug	3040
Sep	2697
Oct	2601
Nov	2932
Dec	3620

2004	
Jan	4135
Feb	4366
Mar	4295
Apr	4441
May	4301
Jun	4023
Jul	3845
Aug	3789
Sep	3343
Oct	3640
Nov	3764
Dec	3916

2005	
Jan	4115
Feb	4263
Mar	4356
Apr	4367
May	4336
Jun	4213
Jul	3990
Aug	3727
Sep	3478
Oct	3413
Nov	3454
Dec	3724

2006	
Jan	3911
Feb	4352
Mar	4397
Apr	4390
May	4368
Jun	4166
Jul	3902
Aug	3634
Sep	3411
Oct	3320
Nov	3402
Dec	4147

2007	
Jan	4395
Feb	4411
Mar	4415
Apr	4394
May	4266
Jun	4216
Jul	4135
Aug	4153
Sep	3984
Oct	3859
Nov	3910
Dec	4310

2008	
Jan	4413
Feb	4528
Mar	4532
Apr	4514
May	4528
Jun	4448
Jul	4275
Aug	4230
Sep	4176
Oct	4171
Nov	4350
Dec	4402

2009	
Jan	4525
Feb	4516
Mar	4516
Apr	4430
May	4285
Jun	4103
Jul	3955
Aug	3689
Sep	3439
Oct	3289
Nov	4030
Dec	4527

2010	
Jan	4535
Feb	4535
Mar	4482
Apr	4321
May	4266
Jun	4169
Jul	3929
Aug	3796
Sep	3546
Oct	3494
Nov	4012
Dec	4407

2011	
Jan	4519
Feb	4535
Mar	4519
Apr	4469
May	4321
Jun	4228
Jul	3991
Aug	3810
Sep	3653
Oct	3444
Nov	3294
Dec	3866

2012	
Jan	3978
Feb	4080
Mar	4119
Apr	4330
May	4464
Jun	4512
Jul	4439
Aug	4287
Sep	4198
Oct	4435
Nov	4473
Dec	4526

2013	
Jan	4532
Feb	4516
Mar	4519
Apr	4498
May	4335
Jun	4178
Jul	3928
Aug	3700
Sep	3528
Oct	3573
Nov	3987
Dec	4476

2014	
Jan	4535
Feb	4521
Mar	4535
Apr	4535
May	4535
Jun	4435
Jul	4228
Aug	4096
Sep	3928
Oct	4119
Nov	4480
Dec	4502

2015	
Jan	4496
Feb	4507
Mar	4528
Apr	4487
May	4451
Jun	4287
Jul	4075
Aug	4032
Sep	3894
Oct	3894
Nov	3855
Dec	4139

2016	
Jan	4516
Feb	4528
Mar	4530
Apr	4532
May	4469
Jun	4355
Jul	4119
Aug	3953
Sep	3746
Oct	3746
Nov	3675
Dec	3605

2017	
Jan	3712
Feb	4198
Mar	4414
Apr	4304
May	4306
Jun	4143
Jul	3981
Aug	3946
Sep	3908
Oct	3908
Nov	4043
Dec	4268

2018	
Jan	4290
Feb	4374
Mar	4385
Apr	4290
May	4233
Jun	4093
Jul	3843
Aug	3609
Sep	3372
Oct	3372
Nov	3471
Dec	4097

2019	
Jan	4141
Feb	4281
Mar	4335
Apr	4354
May	4273
Jun	4134
Jul	3826
Aug	3610
Sep	3402
Oct	3402
Nov	4259
Dec	4385

2020	
Jan	4352
Feb	4352
Mar	4340
Apr	4375
May	4280
Jun	4248
Jul	4082
Aug	3826
Sep	3635
Oct	3635
Nov	4152
Dec	4356

2021	
Jan	4320
Feb	4330
Mar	4330
Apr	4247
May	4263
Jun	4156
Jul	4156
Aug	3784
Sep	3532
Oct	3532
Nov	3481
Dec	3849

2022	
Jan	4075
Feb	4212
Mar	4219
Apr	4203
May	3988
Jun	3788
Jul	3461
Aug	3111
Sep	3115
Oct	3115
Nov	3406
Dec	4084

2023	
Jan	4304
Feb	4352
Mar	4374
Apr	4368
May	4272
Jun	4050
Jul	3811
Aug	3740
Sep	3745
Oct	3745
Nov	4052
Dec	4367

2024	
Jan	4359
Feb	4296
Mar	4278
Apr	4249
May	4148
Jun	4055
Jul	3989
Aug	3760
Sep	3536
Oct	3536
Nov	3801
Dec	4037

2025	
Jan	4359
Feb	4360
Mar	4273

Question 2

Please provide the monthly treated water supplied values (in megalitres), by month, between January 1990 and March 2025.

Table 2 - Monthly treated water supplied 1990 to 2025, in megalitres

1990		1991		1992		1993	
Jan	376	Jan	369	Jan	373	Jan	366
Feb	342	Feb	382	Feb	354	Feb	334
Mar	418	Mar	411	Mar	389	Mar	393
Apr	425	Apr	411	Apr	391	Apr	381
May	520	May	474	May	434	May	426
Jun	436	Jun	448	Jun	438	Jun	436
Jul	498	Jul	492	Jul	438	Jul	447
Aug	493	Aug	549	Aug	431	Aug	464
Sep	440	Sep	456	Sep	381	Sep	392
Oct	404	Oct	397	Oct	372	Oct	373
Nov	356	Nov	361	Nov	350	Nov	345
Dec	362	Dec	376	Dec	358	Dec	352
1994		1995		1996		1997	
Jan	350	Jan	348	Jan	364	Jan	406
Feb	323	Feb	319	Feb	345	Feb	351
Mar	372	Mar	370	Mar	380	Mar	404
Apr	391	Apr	384	Apr	394	Apr	450
May	408	May	451	May	418	May	427
Jun	468	Jun	494	Jun	511	Jun	411
Jul	510	Jul	526	Jul	541	Jul	463
Aug	432	Aug	422	Aug	504	Aug	444
Sep	390	Sep	404	Sep	444	Sep	401
Oct	380	Oct	394	Oct	386	Oct	362
Nov	346	Nov	362	Nov	358	Nov	335
Dec	346	Dec	364	Dec	366	Dec	349
1998		1999		2000		2001	
Jan	354	Jan	370	Jan	374	Jan	367
Feb	324	Feb	332	Feb	353	Feb	332
Mar	375	Mar	386	Mar	384	Mar	372
Apr	370	Apr	375	Apr	395	Apr	376
May	450	May	440	May	423	May	437
Jun	428	Jun	454	Jun	455	Jun	488
Jul	445	Jul	531	Jul	476	Jul	506
Aug	491	Aug	448	Aug	496	Aug	452
Sep	387	Sep	414	Sep	428	Sep	426
Oct	372	Oct	385	Oct	387	Oct	382
Nov	363	Nov	360	Nov	367	Nov	358
Dec	367	Dec	373	Dec	364	Dec	375

2002	
Jan	370
Feb	351
Mar	405
Apr	432
May	459
Jun	476
Jul	557
Aug	535
Sep	431
Oct	399
Nov	383
Dec	400

2003	
Jan	412
Feb	377
Mar	421
Apr	437
May	454
Jun	508
Jul	557
Aug	538
Sep	479
Oct	430
Nov	404
Dec	410

2004	
Jan	409
Feb	385
Mar	415
Apr	408
May	464
Jun	494
Jul	470
Aug	446
Sep	411
Oct	396
Nov	375
Dec	384

2005	
Jan	391
Feb	362
Mar	412
Apr	406
May	451
Jun	472
Jul	480
Aug	465
Sep	413
Oct	402
Nov	383
Dec	397

2006	
Jan	382
Feb	336
Mar	373
Apr	389
May	406
Jun	455
Jul	487
Aug	455
Sep	395
Oct	391
Nov	364
Dec	372

2007	
Jan	376
Feb	322
Mar	367
Apr	386
May	386
Jun	389
Jul	409
Aug	414
Sep	385
Oct	375
Nov	347
Dec	354

2008	
Jan	352
Feb	333
Mar	359
Apr	353
May	380
Jun	412
Jul	438
Aug	391
Sep	365
Oct	370
Nov	352
Dec	355

2009	
Jan	373
Feb	335
Mar	384
Apr	369
May	390
Jun	429
Jul	434
Aug	423
Sep	392
Oct	370
Nov	344
Dec	366

2010	
Jan	375
Feb	340
Mar	379
Apr	379
May	424
Jun	422
Jul	461
Aug	406
Sep	383
Oct	366
Nov	358
Dec	384

2011	
Jan	381
Feb	341
Mar	396
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2012	
Jan	375
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2013	
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2014	
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2015	
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2016	
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2017	
Jan	352
Feb	333
Mar	365
Apr	383
May	403
Jun	419
Jul	424
Aug	412
Sep	368
Oct	368
Nov	349
Dec	370

2018	
Jan	360
Feb	323
Mar	384
Apr	365
May	388
Jun	393
Jul	461
Aug	398
Sep	374
Oct	374
Nov	350
Dec	358

2019	
Jan	368
Feb	346
Mar	395
Apr	389
May	415
Jun	405
Jul	499
Aug	445
Sep	370
Oct	370
Nov	343
Dec	353

2020	
Jan	357
Feb	341
Mar	370
Apr	365
May	408
Jun	390
Jul	409
Aug	411
Sep	374
Oct	374
Nov	352
Dec	366

2021	
Jan	373
Feb	319
Mar	359
Apr	375
May	380
Jun	384
Jul	405
Aug	403
Sep	374
Oct	374
Nov	335
Dec	355

2022	
Jan	354
Feb	324
Mar	357
Apr	360
May	405
Jun	398
Jul	459
Aug	414
Sep	352
Oct	352
Nov	333
Dec	344

2023	
Jan	358
Feb	319
Mar	352
Apr	349
May	388
Jun	420
Jul	408
Aug	380
Sep	356
Oct	356
Nov	344
Dec	348

2024	
Jan	354
Feb	335
Mar	362
Apr	364
May	388
Jun	403
Jul	389
Aug	390
Sep	353
Oct	353
Nov	347
Dec	358

2025	
Jan	362
Feb	327
Mar	354

Question 3

Please provide the pumping capacity of the pumps (in Litres per hour) at the Marais pumping station (situated off the Rue du Marais) and the Mare de Carteret pumping stations in relation to the collection of raw water for transfer into storage or going to waste through outfall. If this has changed over time between 1990 and 2025, please provide the dates of changes and the related change in pumping capacity.

Answer

The pumping capacity of the Marais pumping station is 126,000 litres per hour. This has not changed significantly since 1990. Flows collected from here are transferred to one of the island's raw water storage reservoirs.

The pumping capacity of the Mare de Carteret pumping station is 5,400,000 litres per hour. This has not changed significantly since 1990.

Any flows from sources that feed the Marais pumping station which are not captured there will flow on to the Mare de Carteret pumping station. That also collects rainwater from the surrounding surface water drainage catchment (including Les Genats Estate, La Mare de Carteret School, and groundwater from field drains beneath the school playing field). There are also two sewer overflows that discharge wastewater during heavy rainfall via this pumping station to prevent sewer flooding. Water from the Mare de Carteret pumping station is therefore not transferred to storage, but discharged to sea due to the risk of sewage contamination. However most reliable raw water flows that could pass through the Mare de Carteret pumping station would be collected upstream at the Marais pumping station and transferred to raw water storage.

Question 4

Please provide the pumping hour totals per month of the Marais pumping Station and the Mare de Carteret station in relation to raw water (not sewerage) by month between 1990 and 2025.

Answer

Pumping hours are not recorded for Marais pumping station. A manual reading taken on 15 April 2025 indicates that since 2009, they have run for 170 hours per month on average. However, during a typical year the pumps are not run in the winter months because reservoirs are full (31 out of 36 years between 1990 and 2025).

Annual (not monthly) total pumping hours are recorded for the Mare de Carteret pumping station, and are shown in Table 3. It is not possible to provide a raw water only (not sewage) figure as the flows are mixed before reaching the pumping station. Data is not available prior to 2012.

Table 3 - Annual total pumping hours La Mare de Carteret

Pump	Capacity (MI/h)	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1	0.72	185	236	397	238	186	261	277	99	378	249	99	631	335
2	0.72	0	0	0	0	193	120	364	184	262	187	147	551	342
3	0.72	368	645	522	22	213	114	193	150	165	192	80	276	219
4	5.4	3	3	48	23	0	27	0	25	68	20	4	11	4

Question 5

Does Guernsey Water have a professional flood hydrograph for the Guernsey water catchment area which would enable it to accurately estimate volumes of runoff which is going to waste from weather events?

Answer

Guernsey Water has a water catchment model that can produce a hydrograph to estimate runoff that is not collected from streams and returned to sea. Guernsey Water also has a sewerage model that can estimate volumes of runoff that return to sea during heavy rainfall.

Question 6

Does Guernsey Water record the volumes of raw water from the catchment area which is running to waste in the sea (by weir or other hydrographic methods) from Guernsey?

Answer

Guernsey Water uses pump hours run and pump capacity to estimate the volumes of raw water pumped to sea to prevent flooding. It does not record how much water flows into the sea in streams when not collected, but has a water catchment model that can produce a hydrograph to estimate this runoff.

Question 7

Does Guernsey Water conduct any estimate of volumes of water going to waste in the sea as a result of lack of pumping capacity at its various pumping stations? If so, please provide details over the period 1990-2025.

Answer

Guernsey Water does not routinely estimate volumes of water allowed to return to sea, but a catchment model can be used to produce a hydrograph that estimates runoff that was not collected from streams and allowed to return to sea. This was last conducted using data for 1990 to 2015, as shown in Figure 1. This shows that water is allowed to return to sea during most years (31 out of the 36 years between 1990 and 2025) because reservoirs are full, rather than lack of pumping capacity. During drought years, particularly those with dry winters (e.g. 1991/92), little water returns to sea due to low flows in streams and available capacity in reservoirs.

Taking 2009 as typical year of rainfall the catchment model suggests 2,700 million litres of water returned to sea between January and March (when storage reservoirs are normally at or close to capacity) and around 3,750 million litres between November and December (when storage reservoirs have normally begun recharging). Reservoirs were full by the end of December 2009, several months before the end of the winter recharge period.

The catchment model does not account for operational outages such as pump failure for example, or water that is not collected due to drinking water compliance risks. These issues will increase the amount of water that returns to sea and decrease the amount of water that is collected.

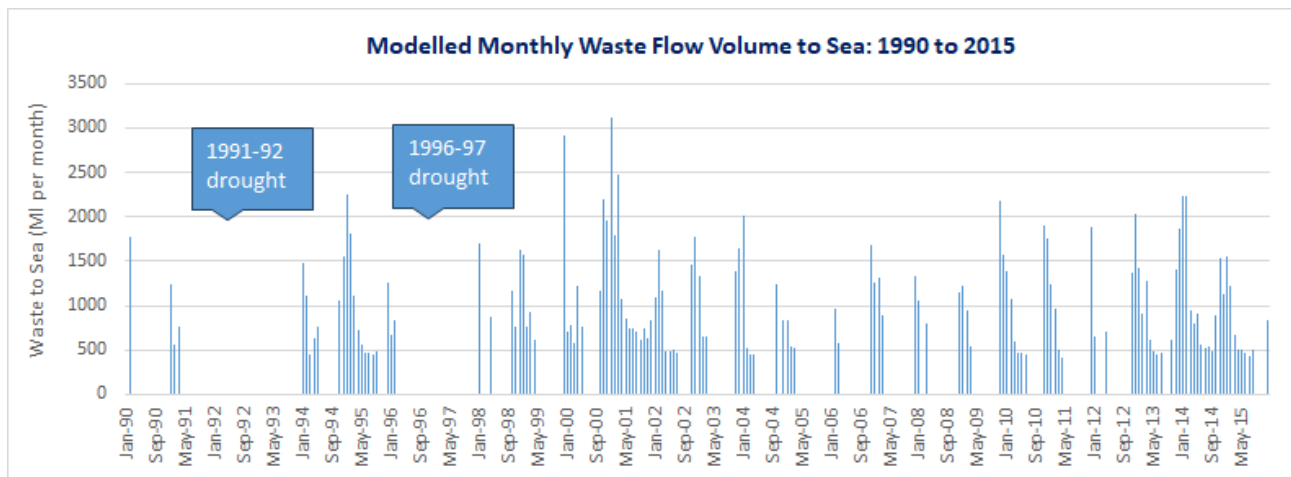


Figure 1 - Modelled monthly waste flow volume to sea, 1990 to 2015

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