

RATE OF CONSTRUCTION SHOULD REMAIN CONSTANT FOR NEXT TEN YEARS

# Steady growth in construction forecast in the tourist resorts

Over the last three years the island's eight Town Councils have granted building licences for 1,535 places, 1,427 fewer than permitted by the PTI

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The retrenchment of building licences granted by the Town Councils during the last three years in respect of new construction in tourist areas has resulted in far fewer places having been built than are permitted under the Island's Territorial Plan (PTI). Between 2004 and 2006 a total of 1,535 places were authorised compared to a maximum of 2,962 as laid down in the regulations; a reduction of 1,427 places.

The process of adapting municipal regulations to the PTI has undoubtedly governed the rate of concession of licences; the municipal districts of Alaior and Es Mercadal, both of which have large undeveloped areas, are two exceptions.

However, the number of licences granted can never exce-

SUMMARY OF PLACES AUTHORISED BY THE TOWN COUNCILS IN TOURIST AREAS

Municipal District	2004		2005		2006	
	Max. places under PTI	Places Authorised	Max. places under PTI	Places Authorised	Max. places under PTI	Places Authorised
ALAIOR	109	78	109	51	89	36
CIUTADELLA	271	174	271	90	221	183
ES CASTELL	28	0	28	0	23	0
ES MERCADAL	281	246	281	90	229	30
ES MIGJORN	12	3	12	3	10	9
FERRERIES	22	6	22	0	18	3
MAÓ	155	71	156	6	127	27
SANT LLUÍS	173	171	173	117	141	141
TOTAL	1,052	749	1,052	357	858	429

Source: Island Council

ed the annual quotas for urban development stipulated for each municipal district in the regulations; the purpose of the quotas being to control the rate of construction so that the building industry avoids periods of boom and slump, according to the

Councillor for Town Planning, Marc Pons.

By imposing these limits when drawing up the territorial plan, the Island Council was trying to ensure a steady continuous growth, thereby maintaining the construction industry's

level of activity. The Councillor claims that this objective has been achieved and forecasts that in the medium and long term, and for as long as the next ten years, construction will continue at a steady pace in the tourist areas of the island.