

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2011**

Question

“Could the Minister outline the progress made to date regarding the preparation of appropriate planning legislation for the provision of changing places (disabled toilets) and when the Minister envisages he will be in a position to bring forward draft legislation?”

Answer

I am pleased to say that I intend to issue, before the summer recess, a consultation paper outlining changes to the technical guidance I have published in support of the building bye-law requirements relating to access and use of buildings which will include provision for Changing Places sanitary accommodation in public buildings.

Subject to the outcome of that consultation I anticipate requirements for such facilities will be in place by the end of 2011.

After reviewing the current legislation, it is clear that the scope of the current building bye-law requirements relating to access and use of buildings is such that I can facilitate this change by revising the technical guidance I have published in support of those bye-law requirements, rather than bringing forward new legislation.