

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY  
BY SENATOR T.A. VALLOIS  
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 11th APRIL 2022  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2022**

**Question**

“Further to the answer to Written Question 102/2022, will the Minister provide the terms of reference for the review of the Jersey Women’s Refuge and state what consideration, if any, is being given to the effects of the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law (in the event of its adoption by the States) on the capacity of the Refuge to support its clients?”

**Answer**

As noted in the response to Written Question 102/2022, officers are working with the Jersey Women’s Refuge (JWR) to review their current service specification with a view to coproducing a new service specification that is sustainable from a funding and staffing perspective.

This work has been ongoing since the beginning of 2022 and will be discussed with the JWR board in May. There are no formal terms of reference in respect of the project, but the aim is to coproduce a new specification to reflect the current and emerging position including any potential resource requirements.

JWR is a key stakeholder in respect of the Domestic Abuse (Jersey) Law. Consideration has been given to their voice and needs and the requirement to provide sufficient facilities and accommodation to safeguard victims. It is anticipated that the impact of introducing the Law upon the JWR will not lead to a significant increase in demand and it is seen as an essential tool to protect and support victims.