

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE ON
TUESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY 2003 BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN**

Question

On 18th June 2002 in answer to a question as to when the Draft Legal Practitioners (Jersey) Law 200- and the two related pieces of legislation, the Law Society of Jersey 200- and the Jersey Society of Jersey Bye Laws 200- would be lodged, the then President replied 'The Committee is anxious to see the progress of this legislation and hopes to lodge the draft laws in the early Autumn'.

Would the President inform members –

- (a) why the legislation has not been lodged?
- (b) when are the draft laws likely to be lodged?

Answer

- (a) The legislation has not been lodged as it became apparent that the Royal Court, through an oversight, had not been consulted. Its views have now been submitted as per the agreed deadline of 31st January 2003. They will be considered, along with further representations from English solicitors, by the new Committee.
- (b) Clearly, the time of lodging will in part, be dependent on the view taken by the Committee on issues that require further consideration viz - the disciplinary structure in respect of lawyers, the policy and laws governing the practice of law by English solicitors. I would hope to lodge the matter before the summer recess.

Although the Committee fully understands the frustration expressed by the Deputy of St. Martin, it feels it is very important that the final draft follows upon a thorough review of these aspects of the proposed legislation.