

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMICS
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY 2004
BY DEPUTY G.P. SOUTHERN OF ST. HELIER.**

Question

Would the President inform members when the replacement for the Data Protection (Jersey) Law 1987 will be completed and whether there are any obstacles to hinder it being lodged 'au Greffe' and debated at the earliest possible date?

Answer

The new draft Data Protection Law has been subject to extensive public and private sector consultation. The seventh draft of the Law was reviewed at the Finance and Economics Committee meeting held on 8th January 2004.

There are resource implications for the Data Protection regulatory function which affect the public and private sector. For this reason the Finance and Economics Committee has asked the Policy and Resources Committee for its assessment of the new law before final lodging. The draft law and implementation schedule will be considered by the Policy and Resources Committee on 12th February 2004.

It is expected that it will come back to the Finance and Economics Committee on 1st March 2004, with lodging anticipated for the 16th March 2004. The Committee will request a States debate four weeks later.