

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. MARTIN**

**ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2009**

Given that in R3/2009, presented to the States on 20th January 2009, reference is made to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and that Jersey has been asked to consider whether they wish to extend the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Disabled People to the Island, would the Minister advise –.

**Question**

- (a) whether the Island Authorities have been notified whether the UK has ratified the Convention?

**Answer**

- (a) The Government of Jersey has been informed that the United Kingdom signed the Convention on 30th March 2007. A target for the UK ratification was initially proposed for the end of 2008, which has now been delayed to early this year. Consideration has been given to a large number of reservations. However, a final date for ratification has not, as far as we are aware, been agreed.

**Question**

- (b) when and who will be examining the legislative and administrative implications for the Island?

**Answer**

- (b) The relevant Ministers and officers, together with relevant legal opinion, will be examining the legislative and administrative implications for the Island. Initial consideration of the Convention has indicated that implementation is substantially dependent on the introduction of a new Discrimination Law in Jersey. The Home Affairs Minister's consultation paper in 2008 on a draft Discrimination Law proposed that disability Regulations might be included in phase 3 of the programme, following adoption of the principal Law and the introduction of Regulations to address race discrimination and sex discrimination. The position regarding the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities will therefore be reviewed when the Discrimination legislation is further advanced.

**Question**

- (c) whether the public and States Members will be consulted?

**Answer**

- (c) The 2008 consultation paper on the draft Discrimination Law indicated that further consultation will take place regarding proposed Disability Discrimination Regulations.

**Question**

- (d) who will be scrutinising the findings of any consultation process?

**Answer**

- (d) Any consultation would necessarily be a public process, open to scrutiny by any appropriate individual or body. A Scrutiny Panel review would be welcomed.

**Question**

- (e) whether States Members will be able to consider the outcome of any investigation into the legislative and administrative implications?

**Answer**

- (e) If any Law or Regulations are required, these would be presented to the States for debate. Any significant administrative implications, particularly those that had resource requirements, would be included in the Annual Business Plan. All these would be subject to States consideration.