

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 20th JANUARY 2009

Question

“Can the Minister explain why he has not taken any action to remove the ancient seaweed law ‘Loi (1894) sur la Coupe et la Peche des Vraics’ which is preventing the development of Ormer farming in Jersey on a commercial basis, despite requests from the industry?”

Answer

The Minister is aware that the legislation regarding the cropping of seaweed needs updating in order to support the Fisheries Industries. Formal application for law drafting time had been requested for 2007 and 2008 but did not gain sufficient priority over other legislation. A request for drafting time in 2009 has been made and is at the moment third in line behind two other important pieces of legislation.