

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
BY DEPUTY M.R. HIGGINS OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th OCTOBER 2012**

Question

Will the Minister advise Members the number of gambling licences that have been granted since the enactment of the Gambling (Jersey) Law 2012 and whether he considers Jersey has performed well in this sector and, if not, explain why not?

Answer

The Gambling (Jersey) Law 2012 has not yet been brought into force and no licences can therefore be issued pursuant to that Law.

If the Deputy is referring to the amendment of the Gambling (Remote Gambling) Regulations 2008, and if his reference is to the remote gambling sector, the Deputy will be aware that the inability as yet to gain UK recognition via a Statutory Instrument to demonstrate equivalence with UK regulatory requirements (Whitelisting) has been the main reason why the remote gambling sector has not developed. The Department is working alongside the Chief Minister's Department and the Jersey Gambling Commission to demonstrate to the UK authorities that their position is discriminatory and we are hopeful that this will be remedied when the UK's Gambling Act 2005 is amended.

Consequential to this, the Jersey Gambling Commission is working to gain mutual recognition of Jersey's licensing and technical standards with other jurisdictions. To date Memoranda of Understanding have been exchanged with Denmark and Malta, with other cross-jurisdictional agreements in progress.