

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2015**

Question

What plans, if any, are there to introduce 'religion' as a protected characteristic under the Discrimination (Jersey) Law 2013?

Answer

There are currently no plans to introduce religion as a protected characteristic. The States Assembly committed in 2011 to introducing protection against discrimination on grounds of race, sex, age and disability. The anticipated timetable to introduce these characteristics runs to 2018. The States Assembly may decide that further protected characteristics should be added in the future, subject to financial and manpower resources.