

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE DEPUTY OF GROUVILLE
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 18TH JULY 2017**

Question

Further to his answer to written question 1(1), tabled on 17th January 2017, in which he stated that “*the extension of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law 2011 (FOI) to cover companies wholly owned by, or controlled by, the States of Jersey, and bodies majority funded by the States of Jersey, remains under review*” and that the review would be concluded during the first quarter of 2017 “*in order then to deliver on the decision of the Assembly*”, and given we are now in third quarter of 2017 what progress, if any, has been made in 2017 to extend the FOI Law as described; which additional companies, if any, have been required to comply with the FOI Law during 2017; and will the Chief Minister advise whether or not he is now in a position to uphold the wishes of the Assembly, in adopting P.149/2014 on 25th November 2014, and deliver on its decision on that matter?

Answer

The review remains ongoing but is nearing conclusion. It is expected that it will recommend that the Law be extended to a wider range of bodies than proposed in P.149/2014, to bring in entities delivering functions on behalf of government, thereby extending the right to know to a wide range of organisations.

As the scope has been extended, and as the review will also consider the position in other jurisdictions, the review is taking longer than anticipated.