

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2018**

Question

Can the Minister provide an update on progress made towards requesting the extension of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women to Jersey?

Which sections of the treaty's compliance matrix does Jersey currently meet, and which remain outstanding?

What is the timescale for 100 percent compliance?

Answer

Work to progress the extension the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (the Convention) to Jersey is a cross Government effort. The Ministry of External Relations is helping to coordinate this work and is responsible for the process of requesting extension of the Convention.

A compliance matrix is an internal working document used to identify any gaps in compliance, rather than an official treaty document, and significant progress has been made towards completion. Once finalised, the matrix will be reviewed by the Attorney General to assess compliance with the requirements of the Convention. Once the Attorney General is satisfied that the Island meets the required obligations, a formal request to the UK government for extension will be made through the official channel.

The UK's next examination by the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women is in February 2019, and the Government of Jersey is working towards requesting extension in time for that hearing.

Please be assured that I am determined to have this important human rights treaty extended to Jersey as soon as possible.