

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th APRIL 2018**

Question

Further to his answer to Written Question 61/2018, in which the Minister stated that “work is underway” in respect of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), will the Minister detail what that work involves and, in particular, will he –

- (a) advise whether he or his officials have taken part in any meetings to discuss the extension of CEDAW to Jersey and, if so, state when such meetings took place and provide the minutes of those meetings; and
- (b) provide his assessment of the matters that will need to be addressed in considering the extension of CEDAW to the Island?

Answer

Officials in the Ministry of External Relations have discussed the extension of the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) internally and with a number different Departments over recent months, including a teleconference with officials in the UK Government Equalities Office in late January. These discussions were not minuted.

Before being able to make the request for CEDAW to be extended, it is first necessary to identify any gaps in the Island’s compliance that exist so that these can be addressed, such as any legislative changes that might be needed. A cross-Departmental meeting will take place in early May to begin this work.

Once compliance with the requirements of the Convention has been confirmed, the Island will be in a position to request extension.