

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2019**

**Question**

Further to the answer to written question WQ.307/2019, is the Minister now in a position to advise on the estimated timeline for the consultation to be undertaken follow the adoption of ‘Cats: additional protection when involved in road traffic accidents’ (P.30/2019) and what, if any, work has been undertaken to date?

**Answer**

The Proposition was brought forward without any reference to my Department’s resources or capacity, other than a statement of presumption that it could be undertaken within existing resources. In my Ministerial comments I advised that there were unrecognised resource requirements associated with this work in the Proposition.

Nevertheless, good progress has been made in project scoping and the technical development, the initiative is having to be programmed in with other States priority work, in tandem with business as usual.

In particular, a number of meetings have been held with the States Police, Natural Environment (in which the States Vet office and who are responsible for the administration of animal welfare legislation) and Law Drafting. Through these meetings workable proposals for law drafting instructions have been developed at technical level between officers.

The next step is to engage with other Authorities and NGO stakeholders to explain the technicalities of the proposals and receive any comments. These meetings are in the process of being arranged.

Following from this, the law drafting proposal will be brought forth for consideration at a political level and consultation with interested parties.