

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE  
MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide an update on the work to review and replace the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974?

**Answer**

This issue is being led by Senator Steve Pallett, the Assistant Minister with responsibility for liquor licensing matters. On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 he, I and the Chief Minister met the Bailiff and other Crown Officers to discuss the next steps.

It was agreed that a joint working party will be formed to consider options to update the Licensing (Jersey) Law 1974 and the associated system of licensing administration. It is envisaged that the group will be chaired by Senator Pallett with membership including representatives of the Licensing Bench.

In addition to the legislative issues, the group will consider preparing a licensing policy statement for the Government. It is intended that this will sit alongside the law and will set out the policies the Government wishes to pursue in relation to alcohol licensing. A paper will be prepared for consideration by the Council of Ministers to this effect. The proposal is subject to their support and is conditional on the identification of the necessary policy officer resource, which will enable it to proceed.

The ultimate aim is to update and streamline existing practices and policies to better reflect the needs of Islanders and the industry.