

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. MARTIN
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th MAY 2020**

Question

“Will the Minister state whether it is his assessment that existing animal welfare legislation makes sufficient provision for any mistreatment of an animal to be dealt with swiftly and effectively; and if it is his assessment that there is insufficient provision, will he state when he will bring forward changes to the legislation to ensure that the provision is adequate and comprehensive?”

Answer

We recognise that the Animal Welfare (Jersey) Law 2004 requires updating in several areas, including the mistreatment of an animal, and officers in Natural Environment are currently undertaking a project to review the law. It should be noted however, that the team had previously expected this work to be completed this year, but the current circumstances have unfortunately impeded the pace of progress and a timeframe for delivery cannot be confirmed at this time. As and when the department can return to business as usual, we will be in a better position to advise the Assembly accordingly.

