

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 4th FEBRUARY 2020**

Question

Will the Minister provide an update on the work being done in respect of policy on assisted dying, including what further work is anticipated for this year, and state when it is expected the work will be completed?

Answer

In October last year, I informed the Assembly that I intended to establish a citizens' deliberation/engagement process to examine the issue of assisted dying. In December, the Government of Jersey secured specialist independent advisors to help support the design and delivery of that deliberation process, in addition to similar processes related to the Our Hospital and Carbon Neutral programmes.

Early planning meetings have already taken place which have supported us to determine that a Citizen's Jury is the preferred deliberation/engagement methodology. The Citizen's Jury will allow a demographically representative group of Island residents to come together to examine the issue of Assisted Dying and to make associated recommendations.

The initial planning phase will be completed over the coming weeks and I anticipate that, before the end of February, I will publish a detailed timeframe.

The Citizen's Jury process will provide this Assembly and others with in-depth understanding of our community's response to the medical, ethical, legal and regulatory issues associated with assisted dying.