

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 21st JANUARY 2020**

Question

Will the Minister update on the progress of work to establish access to civil partnerships for all couples in Jersey, including mixed-sex couples; and, further to his responses to Oral Question 134/2019 and Written Question 347/2019, will the Minister provide an updated timeline showing what work has been done on this subject since that time and indicating the proposed dates on which the changes will be debated?

Answer

Work on civil partnerships is still progressing according to the timeline I set out in WQ.347/2019. I anticipate that the draft amended law will be lodged in April/May 2020. This may be followed by a Scrutiny review in May/June 2020, and a debate in the States Assembly in July 2020. This timeline is subject to the resolution of some outstanding policy issues around the recognition of overseas civil partnerships and conversions of marriages to civil partnerships.