

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 12th APRIL 2021
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th APRIL 2021**

Question

Will the Chief Minister set out a timetable for the implementation of a legal aid scheme under the Access to Justice (Jersey) Law 2019, including a definitive date for the lodging of an Appointed Day Act that will bring the 2019 Law into effect?

Answer

It is my intention that a legal aid scheme made under the Access to Justice (Jersey) Law 2019 will be implemented in time for it to be operational from 1 January 2022.

I am in receipt of a proposed scheme as developed by the shadow Legal Aid Guidelines Advisory Committee and am currently undertaking some informal consultations with key stakeholders. In addition, I have requested certain information as to the financial implications of the proposed scheme. I expect to receive feedback and this requested information in due course and subject to the outcome of the information requested, I expect to be able to lodge the Appointed Day Act by the end of May/early June.

This will allow a consultation period over the summer months, with a proposed scheme laid before the States by the end of October.