

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. MARTIN
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 27th SEPTEMBER 2022**

Question

“Will the Chief Minister outline her plans relating to the use of public expertise and engagement in the formation of policy, with particular reference to whether she intends to continue the use of Policy Development Boards or similar bodies?”

Answer

Action 2 of the Council of Minister’s 100 Day Action Plan includes a commitment to undertake a project to set out how Islanders can better engage with government. One of the key outcomes of this project is the development of a Policy Inclusion Framework, which consists of policy engagement good practice guidance and a policy engagement toolkit.

The launch of the Policy Inclusion Framework will be supported by a package of resources and training for relevant government officials, with the purpose of improving engagement with Islanders and ensuring that the Government’s decisions are more sensitive and responsive to their concerns. Further information, including draft guidance, will be provided to the States Assembly in advance of a full public consultation on the Framework later this year.

As part of this agenda, I have been clear of my intention to involve young people in policy formation and decision making, and to ensure that older people are listened to and heard. A Participation Standards Framework is being co-developed with young people to enable them to shape how they will be involved in future decisions made by Government. An Older Persons Living Forum is being launched to ensure that the views of older people are systematically considered as part of the development of all Government policy.

I also intend to establish or re-establish a number of ministerial groups (both statutory and non-statutory) on a range of policy matters to drive policy development and implementation and provide suitable democratic oversight in cross-cutting policy areas. This includes, for example, the Housing and Work Advisory Group, the Future Places Ministerial Group and the Population and Skills Ministerial Group. I will ensure that non-executive States Members are included in these groups.