

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY M.R. SCOTT OF ST. BRELADE
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2023
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2023**

Question

“Will the Chief Minister explain the delay in the introduction of a Public Services Ombudsperson, in accordance with the Council of Ministers 100-Day Plan; and will she advise what progress, if any, is being made in developing this matter and when the States Assembly should expect to debate the relevant draft legislation?”

Answer

Within the first 100 days of this Government, on 18 October 2022, I published instructions to the Legislative Drafting Office for a new Law to establish the Jersey Public Services Ombudsperson (see [Jersey Public Services Ombudsperson: Law drafting instructions \(gov.je\)](#)). This project is included in my published Legislative Programme for 2023 ([R.139/2022](#)). The project has progressed well, and the draft Jersey Public Services Ombudsperson Law will be considered by the Council of Ministers at our meeting on 21 November.

As this is a lengthy and complex piece of legislation, it is important that the usual final quality assurance processes are carried out in full. Subject to the completion of this process, the draft Law remains on course to be lodged in time for the States Assembly to debate it in early 2024.