

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 7th MAY 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister provide details of the Government’s work and activities undertaken since January 2024 in preparation for the forthcoming States debate on Assisted Dying?”

Answer

A summary of the work and activities undertaken by Government since January 2024 includes:

Preparation of Report and Proposition for lodging

- Consultation and discussion on final proposals with:
 - professional registration bodies (including the General Medical Council (GMC) and the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC))
 - British Medical Association (BMA)
 - Jersey Care Commission (JCC)
- Drafting of the report and proposition, including the development of estimated costs and a summary of the risks identified to date
- Preparation of Children’s Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA), published as an addendum alongside the report and proposition
- Council of Ministers consideration and approval of report and proposition for lodging
- Response to miscellaneous email inquiries from public /stakeholders
- Media briefings and response to media inquiries in response to lodging of report and proposition

Information provided to the Assisted Dying Review Panel

Officer Briefing sessions with Panel

- 19th March, 12.50-13.50

Public Hearing

- 3rd April, 11.00-13.00

Written correspondence

- Letter re Legislative Timeline: 20th February 2024
- Letter re Questions on the Assisted Dying Report & Proposition: 2nd April 2024
- Letter re Further questions on the Assisted Dying Report& Proposition: 10th April 2024
- Letter re Further questions on the Assisted Dying Report& Proposition: 11th April 2024
- Letter re Construction of Assisted Dying Proposition: 17th April 2024
- Letter re Direct Participation: 29th April 2024
- Plus addition email correspondence with officers providing factual clarifications of proposals
- Factual checking of Assisted Dying Review Panel Report

States Members briefings:

Three 90-minute briefings for states members were held during the lodging period, on the following dates:

- Wednesday 27th March, 15:30-17:00
- Monday 22nd April, 15:00-16:30
- Monday 13th May, 14:30-16:00

Weekly officer surgeries for States Members:

Six 90-minute information sessions will have been held from Monday 25th March – Monday 20th May inclusive in advance of the debate, this is in addition to the states members briefings noted above.

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Public information sessions:

5 Public information sessions were held during the lodging period, these were open to any Jersey resident and provided an opportunity to hear about the proposals. The format of the sessions consisted of a presentation on the proposals by policy officers, followed by the opportunity to to ask questions.

- Tuesday 26 March 2024, 12pm to 12.45pm and 1pm to 2pm, St Paul's Centre, St Helier
- Thursday 25 April 2024, 6.30pm to 8.30pm, St Saviour's Parish Hall
- Thursday 2 May 2024, 5pm to 7pm, St Clement's Parish Hall
- Tuesday 7 May 2024, 6.30pm to 8.30pm, St Helier Town Hall
- Tuesday 14 May 2024, 7pm to 8.30pm, Les Quennevais School

Health and care professionals information sessions:

Four information sessions for health and care professionals were held during the lodging period, the format of the sessions consisted of a presentation on the proposals by policy officers, followed by the opportunity to ask questions.

Information sessions for all on-island health and care professionals:

- Wednesday 24 April 2024, 5.15pm to 7pm, Town location
- Wednesday 1 May 2024, 7pm to 8.30pm, Online

Information sessions for all Health and Community Services staff:

- Wednesday 17 April 2024, 6pm to 8pm
- Friday 10 May 2024, 12pm to 1pm

Engagement with disabled islanders and islanders with long-term health conditions:

- Planning of targeted engagement in partnership with organisations who support disabled islanders and islanders with long-term conditions, including recruitment of participants and development of discussion guide
- Engagement process – 4 group discussion sessions, one 1-2-1 interview and one open meeting
- Drafting and lodging of feedback report