

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 3rd JUNE 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 10th JUNE 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether he believes licensed premises should be free to offer ‘happy hours’, and if not, why not, and if so, will he provide details of the steps he will take to remove legal restrictions on premises offering these types of promotional deals?”

Answer

Further to my answer to WQ.485/2023 I can confirm that the current moratorium on drinks promotions is included within the scope of forthcoming amendments planned to the Licensing Law. As the prohibition is not explicitly contained within the Primary Law, this change will be achieved by updating the terms of on-licensed premises and by moving the responsibility for alcohol policy guidance to the Minister, and by extension the States Assembly, rather than the Royal Court.