## WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY J. RENOUF OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2024 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2024

## Question

"Will the Minister outline his proposed timetable to regulate hospital and ambulance services under the Regulation of Care (Jersey) Law 2014; and state when he expects an inspection of these services to occur?"

## Answer

A draft Law to amend the Regulation of Care (Jersey) Law 2014 to extend the remit of the independent Jersey Care Commission to regulate and inspect hospital and ambulance services is at an advanced stage of development.

I anticipate that a full public consultation on the draft Law will be launched by April 2024. This consultation will run for between eight to twelve weeks. Feedback received during the consultation will then be considered and the draft Law will be finalised before being lodged in the States Assembly.

Subject to the views of the Scrutiny Panel, the draft Law could be lodged by the end of September and debated by December 2024. If the States Assembly approves the draft legislation, it would require royal assent and to be registered in the Royal Court before it may be brought into force.

Once the legislation is brought into force, services must register with the Jersey Care Commission within 6 months. It is for the Commission to determine when and how it will inspect these services, but I hope that they will be in a position to inspect hospital and ambulance services in Quarter 3 of 2025.