

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister outline his proposed schedule for the production of a new Island Plan, including a review of the current Island Plan; and clarify if he intends to make any Orders under Part 2, section 4 and Part 3, section 5 of the [Planning and Building \(Jersey\) Law 2002](#)?”

Answer

Whilst the Bridging Island Plan was developed for a shorter plan period, it provides a fully comprehensive framework for managing the use and development of our scarce land and marine resources. It also sets out an ambitious programme of delivery.

I am developing a prioritised programme to deliver the plan’s policies and proposals that aligns with and supports delivery of the government’s objectives, particularly in relation to the provision of new homes, over the remainder of this term of government.

Some of the proposals of the current plan are required to be implemented to inform the next island plan. In this respect, I am working to establish a clear understanding of the evidence that is required to inform its preparation, and a programme to deliver it.

The next island plan should be able to provide an appropriate planning response to the critical issues that will need to be addressed over the next plan period. This will likely involve the provision of homes, together with a planning response to, amongst other things, the island’s need for critical elements of infrastructure associated with the management of waste; and the adequate provision of minerals and water. The need for new evidence, and a programme of work required to deliver it (which may include the need for resources), will help inform and shape the next island plan review programme.

In addition to this, I want to consider how best we might prepare an island plan that can provide the necessary framework for decision-making, whilst introducing the potential for flexibility in response to changing circumstances. This may result in changes to the legal framework, including Orders, under which the form of the island plan is defined; and the process for its development and approval, prescribed.

Order-making powers, related to the review of the island plan, are currently limited to Part 2, Article 3 (4) and (5) of the law.

In light of all of the above, I have yet to establish a proposed schedule for the production of a new island plan and am, therefore, unable to provide one at this time.