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3.14 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson of St. Mary, St. Ouen and St. Peter of the Minister for Infrastructure regarding plans announced In June 2024 to ban the sale of disposable vapes in Jersey by April 2025 (OQ.173/2024):

Will the Minister provide an update on the plans announced in June 2024 to ban the sale of disposable vapes in Jersey by April 2025, including the work, if any, undertaken since June and advise when Members might expect a proposition to be lodged for debate?

The Connétable of St. Helier (Assistant Minister for Infrastructure - *rapporteur*):

The drafting for this legislation is in the final stages of drafting and we anticipate it will be ready for lodging within the next month. It has been overseen by a working group including officers from our Policy, Waste and Recycling, Trading Standards, Customs, Health Improvement and Regulation teams. Consultation has also taken place with the relevant parties.

3.14.1 Deputy L.K.F. Stephenson:

Thank you for that answer and the work that is underway; we look forward to that coming forward. Can I just clarify, does that mean that we are still on target for April 2025 or is that date likely to change, given that previously I think we have been looking at a proposition for debate in October?

The Connétable of St. Helier:

There is a chance that draft legislation will be lodged in time for the final sitting of the year; otherwise, a debate will take place at the first sitting of the new session next year. The Assembly will certainly be given the opportunity to approve the legislation well before April 2025, but it will then be subject to the usual process for Royal Assent and ratification, which is outside of our control.