

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 7th OCTOBER 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 14th OCTOBER 2024**

Question

“Further to the adoption of [P.14/2023](#), as amended, will the Minister provide an update regarding the introduction of development levies and advise whether it is her assessment that the Government will meet the deadline of 31st March 2025 for the necessary legislation to be in place?”

Answer

In approving P.14/2023, the States Assembly requested that the Council of Minister’s bring forward legislation to implement “*a fair charging mechanism... to raise revenue for the States from any significant uplift in the value of land arising from when the land is rezoned or from when planning permission has been granted*” by 31 March 2025.

Before bringing forward any legislation to implement a levy, work is required to be undertaken to explore the viability of some form of development levy in Jersey, to update similar work undertaken in 2017¹, reflecting the changed economic landscape since then. Work is also required to be undertaken to consider the development of the most appropriate legal and policy framework for the establishment and operation of a development levy in the island.

Carrying out this work would require the engagement of consultant support.

No additional funding was allocated by the Assembly to deliver this work in the Government Plan 2024-2027 and, since then, it has not been possible to reprioritise other resources without negatively impacting other Ministerial objectives.

Work on development levies is, therefore, pending until such a time where resources can be made available and, in such circumstances, the deadline of 31 March 2025 will not be met.

¹ <https://www.gov.je/Government/Pages/StatesReports.aspx?ReportID=2932>