

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER
BY DEPUTY J.M. MAÇON OF ST. SAVIOUR
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 3rd MAY 2011**

Question

Can the Chief Minister indicate when the Civil Partnerships legislation will be lodged for debate?

Answer

The Council of Ministers approved a draft Civil Partnerships Law on 24th March 2011 and decided to engage with the Corporate Services Scrutiny Panel before lodging for debate. It is intended that the law will be lodged before 7th June 2011 so that it can be debated before the summer recess. This should allow the Law to be brought into force during the second quarter of 2012.