

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY THE DEPUTY OF GROUVILLE  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2016**

**Question**

Following the adoption on 25th November 2014 of P.149/2014, 'Freedom of Information: extension to companies owned or controlled by the States', could the Chief Minister provide an update on the progress made to date, including reference to the application of the Freedom of Information Law to wholly-owned States companies and those companies where the States has a controlling interest?

Given that the Chief Minister was requested to bring forward legislation to give effect to the proposal and to report back within 6 months (by June 2015) on investigations into the feasibility of further extending the scope of the Law to entities that receive their majority funding from the States, what progress has been made and when can the Assembly expect to receive the feasibility report?

**Answer**

In the first full year of operation of the Freedom of Information (Jersey) Law, officers have been concentrating on establishing appropriate systems and establishing the law's operation.

There was consequently a delay in obtaining advice on the request to expand the law to cover government owned or controlled companies (the entities).

Advice was received during the second half of 2015 and work has recently recommenced on the expansion of the Law.

It is envisaged that consultation with the entities will take place during the second quarter of 2016.

Due to the complexity of some of the entities and the volume of work already in progress relating to the law, it is not expected that the legislation will be extended to the entities before the first quarter of 2017.

A report will be produced during the third quarter of 2016 following consultation with the entities.