

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th MARCH 2018**

Question

Further to the answer to Written Question 1(594), answered on 14th November 2017, on the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) –

- (a) what matters are being considered in deciding whether CEDAW should be extended to Jersey;
- (b) on what dates has the Minister or officials from his Department taken part in meetings to discuss extending CEDAW to Jersey;
- (c) will the Minister release the minutes of such meetings, if any, and papers or presentations discussed at such meetings; and
- (d) when does the Minister expect that the Government's consideration of extension will be concluded?

Answer

The Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) is a core UN human rights treaty, and there is broad support within the Government that it should be extended to Jersey. It contains a wide range of requirements to promote gender equality that cut across the policy responsibilities of most, if not all, government departments. Work is underway to identify where Jersey already complies with the requirements of the Convention and what legislative changes might be needed to ensure that the Island is compliant. However, it is hoped that Jersey will be in a position to request extension of CEDAW before the end of the year.