

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
BY DEPUTY H.L. JEUNE OF ST. JOHN, ST. LAWRENCE AND TRINITY
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 2nd APRIL 2024
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th APRIL 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise what actions, if any, she is progressing or planning to reform the divorce law, including the timetable for any such work, and will she state whether ‘no fault divorce’ will be included in this work; and if not, why not?”

Answer

I am fully supportive of the proposals set out by the previous Minister for Justice and Home Affairs in her Ministerial Plan for 2024, for the reform of Jersey’s current divorce processes, including the introduction of no-fault divorce.

I have already agreed with officers that work to bring forward the necessary legislation which introduces the concept of “no-fault divorce” must continue in 2024. It is my intent that the required legislation will be available at the end of 2024 for debate by the States Assembly in 2025.

I have also approved that similar amendments to the legislative processes surrounding the dissolution of a civil partnership will be addressed as part of this work.