

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019**

**Question**

Will the Minister provide a timetable showing both the actions to be undertaken to ensure mixed-sex couples are able to opt for a civil partnership and the date by which this will be achieved?

**Answer**

As per my answer to the Deputy's oral question (OQ. 134/2019) I anticipate that a draft amended law will be brought before the Assembly by the middle of next year. The timetable below is subject to resolution of policy matters relating to treatment of overseas civil partnerships and conversions of marriages to civil partnerships, which are subject to consultation in England and Wales.

Law drafting instructions issued to the Law Drafting Office	November 2019
Draft amended law lodged	April/May 2020
Review by Scrutiny	May/June 2020
States Assembly debate	July 2020