

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2018**

Question

Will the Minister advise what progress, if any, has been made to bring forward legislation to enact the States Assembly's decision to adopt 'Housing: Prevention of discrimination by landlords against tenants with children' (P.31/2018), namely to prevent discrimination against prospective tenants who are domiciled with, and have legal custody of, a child under the age of 18 years; and when members can expect this legislation to be brought to the Assembly?

Answer

Work has commenced on producing a children's legislation programme action plan which will see a major overhaul of existing children's legislation. This will include the Children (Jersey) Law 2002 and a range of other laws, such as Day Care of Children (Jersey) Law 2002, and the necessary changes to the Discrimination Law to deliver the commitment made by the States Assembly under P.31/2018. The Minister for Social Security, who is responsible for the Discrimination Law, will work with the Minister for Children and Housing to bring forward the amendments to that law.

The children's legislation programme will represent a significant and far reaching programme of legislative change for the benefit of children and their families. The associated action plan, which will be published by the Minister for Children and Housing before the end of 2018, will prioritise the legislative changes required to ensure effective delivery of the entire change programme.

Until this work is completed it is not possible to confirm when discrimination legislation will be brought to the States Assembly.