

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
BY THE CONNÉABLE OF ST. MARTIN
QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 31st JANUARY 2022
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2022**

Question

“Will the Minister advise what consideration, if any, has been given, during both the ongoing review of women’s safety in Jersey (as agreed in the Government Plan 2022-2025) and the wider work programmes of the Department of Justice and Home Affairs and the States of Jersey Police, to the response to allegations and evidence of stalking and continued harassment of women?”

Answer

Stalking and harassment are included within the offences that are crimes of violence against women and girls. As such it will be feature in the ongoing review of women’s safety in Jersey.

A taskforce has been set up to deliver this review, which will consist of States members, representatives of operational agencies and third sector organisations.

The States of Jersey Police Force is a key member of that taskforce and will develop and deliver an action plan under the strategy which will seek to:

- Improve trust and confidence in policing
- Relentlessly Pursue Perpetrators
- Seek to create safer Spaces.

It seems likely that the recommendations of the taskforce to the incoming government later this year will include further work on legislation in the area of women’s safety.

If the taskforce considers that addressing stalking and harassment requires legislative change then it will make a recommendation to do so, and if so then I hope that the new government will act on that recommendation as a matter of the highest priority.