

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2010**

Question

Does the Minister propose to remove time consuming matters such as Sign Applications from the full Planning process and, if so, when does he intend to implement such changes?

Answer

As I stated in a reply to a question raised by the Deputy in February last year, I consider it unwise to remove the requirement to obtain consent for signs and advertisements from the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law, 2002.

I said then that I consider that poor signage and advertisements have a damaging impact on our environment, and in the absence of any form of control, would proliferate throughout the Island. The regulation of large signs is clearly important, but so is control of small signs such as the 'homemade' signs that often appear at junctions and roadsides, and damage our countryside. I also acknowledged then that there is scope for further relaxation of the regulation of signs, and the Department is currently working on changes to the Planning and Building (Display of Advertisements) (Jersey) Order 2006.

In addition, the officers of the Planning and Environment Department are currently working on a raft of measures which will further increase the amount of development which can be carried out by property owners without making a planning application. This will involve changes to the Planning and Building (General Development) (Jersey) Order 2008 and the Planning and Building (Moveable Structures) (Jersey) Order 2006.

I will introduce all of these changes later this year.