

**QUESTION TO BE ASKED OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY 2003 BY THE DEPUTY OF ST. JOHN**

**Question**

The United Kingdom government is introducing new legislation that will require all equines, including horses, ponies, donkeys and mules, irrespective of their age or status, to be registered and issued with a passport identifying the animal by the end of 2003. This will bring the United Kingdom into line with European legislation and the passport will be valid for the life of the animal and will not need to be renewed annually.

Would the President inform members whether the Committee is taking action to mirror this legislation and, if so, would he advise members when it is expected to be put in place?

**Answer**

Yes, the Committee is taking action. The Department is monitoring the legislative developments in the U.K. and will bring forward the necessary legislation for Jersey in good time to ensure that the movement of equines between Jersey and other European countries can continue. The timing obviously needs to coincide closely with the U.K. timetable.