

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2021**

Question

Will the Minister provide an update on any ongoing legislative work relating to marriage / partnerships and divorce, including but not limited to –

- (a) divorce reform; and
- (b) civil partnerships for mixed sex couples?

Answer

- a) The law drafting instructions to instruct the Legislative Drafting Office to make amendments to the Matrimonial Causes (Jersey) Law 1949 are currently being drafted. It is envisaged that a draft Amendment Law will be lodged prior to the end of this year.
- b) The law drafting instructions to amend the Marriage and Civil Status (Jersey) Law 2001 and the Civil Partnership (Jersey) Law 2012 to enable a mixed sex couple to enter into a civil partnership were issued to the Law Drafting Office on the 4th October 2020. The draft legislation is currently in the very final stages of drafting. I look forward to lodging the draft amendment Law and draft Regulations for a debate in the States Assembly in the Autumn.