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[THE STATES noted that, in accordance with Standing Order 63(9), a written response would be provided for the following oral questions that had not been asked during the time allowed at the meeting –]

**17 Senator S.Y. Mézec to the Minister for Children and Education regarding amendments to the Children (Jersey) Law 2002. (OQ.127/2021):**

**Question**

Will the Minister advise members what progress to date, if any, has been made in implementing amendments to the Children (Jersey) Law 2002 as part of the Children's Legislation Transformation Programme?

**Answer**

The 2018 Children's Legislation Transformation Programme (or C.L.T.P.) brought together a wide range of areas of Government policy and legislation for development to improve outcomes for children and families. A number of these were planned as amendments to the Children Law 2002.

Firstly, in April 2020 a change to the Children Law established Jersey as the first jurisdiction in the British Isles to implement the prohibition of all forms of corporal punishment against children. This gave children the same protection from assault as adults in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. The legislative change was supported by an awareness campaign and positive parenting guidance.

The C.L.T.P. proposed amendments to the Children Law in a range of key areas which have been combined as a new draft Children and Young People (Jersey) Law. I will bring this forward to the Assembly for debate in early Autumn.