STATES OF JERSEY



DRAFT SEXUAL OFFENCES (JERSEY) LAW 201- (P.18/2018): AMENDMENT

Lodged au Greffe on 6th March 2018 by the Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel

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In Article 1(4)(b), for the words "urine or saliva" substitute the words "urine, faeces or saliva".

EDUCATION AND HOME AFFAIRS SCRUTINY PANEL

REPORT

Introduction

1. The Education and Home Affairs Scrutiny Panel has undertaken a review of the Draft Sexual Offences (Jersey) Law 201- (the "draft Law"), which has been lodged for debate by the States Assembly on 20th March 2018. The Panel intends to produce comments detailing the work it has undertaken prior to the debate taking place; however, in advance of the publication of its full comments, the Panel has identified 3 amendments to the draft Law which it shall be lodging separately.

Amendment to Article 1(4)(b)

2. The purpose of this amendment is to add the act of defecation to the list of bodily secretions that are defined as 'sexual touching' within Article 1(4)(b) of the draft Law. Whilst this is a very minor addition, the Panel believes that the draft Law, as currently drafted, is prescriptive, and therefore the addition of the act of defecation is intended to widen the definition of 'sexual touching' by including further bodily secretions.

Financial and manpower implications

3. There are no financial or manpower implications for the States arising from the adoption of this amendment.