WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT BY DEPUTY J. RENOUF OF ST. BRELADE QUESTION SUBMITTED ON TUESDAY 6th MAY 2025 ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON WEDNESDAY 14th MAY 2025

Question

"Will the Minister provide an updated timetable for bringing hospital and ambulance services within the regulatory remit of the Jersey Care Commission, and advise when he expects the first inspection of the hospital to take place?"

Answer

I remain committed to delivering legislation to regulate hospital and ambulance services as soon as practicable. As set out in my answer to <u>Written Question 401/2024</u>, the legislation was on schedule to be lodged in the Assembly by the end of 2024, subject to consideration by the Council of Ministers (CoM). Following CoM's consideration of the draft legislation, I approved amendments to the legislation, and it is now anticipated that these will be ready for further consideration by CoM by June 2025.

Subject to CoM's views, it is currently envisaged that the legislation will be lodged in the States Assembly by the end of Q3 2025, leading to a debate by the end of the year. The legislation is likely to be implemented in Q2 2026, should it be approved for lodging and adopted by the States Assembly in accordance with current expectations. All newly regulated services will have six months after the Law comes into force in which to register with the Jersey Care Commission. While the Commission will set the inspection timetable for the hospital, I expect that some aspects of the hospital will be inspected by the end of 2026.