

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2025**

Question

“Further to her answer to Oral Question 31/2025, in relation to introducing specific legislation to regulate corporate manslaughter, will the Minister provide a full list of projects that have been prioritised and those that have been deprioritised since she took office?”

Answer

Legislative priorities were modified following the change of government in January 2024. The most significant change to the Justice policy work plan was this Government’s wholehearted support for implementing all of the recommendations of the Taskforce on Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), as outlined in the Common Strategic Policy. This Government’s commitment to fiscal discipline means that it has not been possible to simply expand the size of the policy development resources to also meet every existing priority, and so difficult decisions have been required.

These decisions are taken collectively by the Council of Ministers.

New priorities emerging in 2024

Legislation to address VAWG recommendations-

- Pre- conviction management of domestic abuse
- Non-fatal strangulation and suffocation offences
- Online offences involving the taking, transmitting and altering of intimate images
- Sexual harassment in public
- Stalking and associated behaviours, on and off-line

Items deprioritised in 2024

To allow those items to be prioritised, delivery of other justice and home affairs legislation has been rescheduled beyond this Government’s term of office:

- New Civil Contingencies/ Resilience Law
- Pyrotechnic Articles Regulations
- Firearms legislation
- Corporate manslaughter

Work to develop improved legislation to address fire precautions has continued, but delivery within 2024 is contingent on capacity appearing in the legislative drafting office (i.e. it will be deliverable if another project falls away).