

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 8TH MARCH 2016**

Question

Further to the Minister's answer to question 9209 tabled on 2nd February 2016 regarding the introduction of a new criminal offence for inciting racial or religious hatred, could the Minister provide an estimated timetable for the process of achieving this indicating when such a law could enter into force?

Answer

As noted in the Answer to question 9209, work is not able start until other legislative priorities have been delivered, most notably amending and updating the sexual offences law. It is, therefore, anticipated that work would start in 2017. Until the work has been fully scoped it is not possible to be definitive about when the law would come into effect, although it would hopefully be within 12 months of work starting.