WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL SECURITY BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2019

Question

Further to the Assembly's adoption of 'Housing: prevention of discrimination by landlords against tenants with children' (P.31/2018), will the Minister confirm that she is drawing up plans to enact this decision; and will she explain why no amendment to legislation has been lodged to date, by what date she envisages lodging a proposition, and which parts of legislation she envisages will be amended or affected by such a proposition?

Answer

The Minister is not currently drawing up plans to enact this decision. As outlined in response to previous questions from the Deputy (oral question 176/2019 on 2 July 2019 and written question 89/2019 to the Minister for Children and Housing on 12 February 2019), the position is as follows -

"Legislation to introduce measures protecting prospective tenants with children against discrimination by landlords is identified as a priority for phase 2 of the Children's Legislation Transformation Programme. This work is anticipated to commence in 2020 and, subject to public consultation, draft legislation will follow.

The work will be undertaken by the Minister for Social Security in consultation with the Minister for Children and Housing."

It is not possible at this time to provide a lodging date for any amendments to legislation that may be required. Further research will be undertaken in 2020. However, it is anticipated that the Discrimination (Jersey) Law 2013 would be amended, subject to consultation.