

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE CHIEF MINISTER  
BY DEPUTY M. TADIER OF ST. BRELADE  
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2017**

**Question**

What consideration, if any, has been given to introducing provisions recognising 'no blame' or 'no fault' divorces; will a policy for the introduction of such provisions be brought forward; and, if not, why not?

**Answer**

In July 2015 the States Assembly agreed in principle that new legislation should be brought forward to allow for the introduction of a new system of divorce and dissolution in Jersey (P77/2015).

In October 2015, the Jersey Law Commission published a review of divorce law and there has been preliminary consultation with family law professionals on 'no fault' divorce.

It is anticipated that a public consultation on divorce reform, including matters relating to 'no fault' divorce and a potential statutory requirement to access mediation services, will start in 2018.