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WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE BY DEPUTY R.J. WARD OF ST. HELIER ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2019

Question

With reference to the answer to Written Question 78/2018, can the Minister state what progress has been made with updating current busking permissions?

Answer

Busking remains a matter for the Bailiff exercising common law powers.

However, as outlined in previous answers given on the matter, it is an area of interest for the Assistant Minister, Deputy Tadier, who has outlined the potential for some changes to the busking guidelines, particularly in relation to Christmas busking and amplified music.

The Assistant Minister has held discussions with the Bailiff's office who currently manage the administration of busking with the support of the Jersey Arts Centre, under the remit of public entertainment.

He has also met separately with the Arts Centre director to discuss possible changes to the guidelines.

Discussions are continuing with the Bailiff's Office to determine what changes might be made as well as what steps could be taken to facilitate and promote busking and street entertainment. This will also involve discussions between the Assistant Minister and other stakeholders, including the Parish of St Helier.