

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT**

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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2026**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether any consideration has been given to introducing a law to regulate estate agent practices and, furthermore, to the inclusion of Jersey property law (including the aspects of any new law that is introduced) in any estate agent exams undertaken by agents practising in the Island?”

Answer

The Deputy will be aware that law drafting instructions were submitted in 2024 to introduce a statutory requirement for estate agents to be required to be a member of an Approved Redress Scheme. This will be delivered via an amendment to the [Consumer Protection \(Unfair Practices\) \(Jersey\) Law 2018](#). Given the volume of work assigned to the Legislative Drafting Office (LDO) during this term of office it has been necessary to prioritise specific projects and, consequently, these amendments will not be ready for lodging before the 2026 election. Nevertheless, we have progressed the law drafting, and we will engage with the sector *before* the amendment is made to ensure they are fully aware of the proposed changes.

Industry qualifications are available for estate agents on a voluntary basis but there are no current plans to mandate such courses as a pre-requisite to trade in Jersey.

The Chief Minister and the Minister for Housing are undertaking a consultation on the effectiveness of the residential property transaction process in accordance with the Amendment to the Deputy’s Proposition ([P.61/2025, as amended](#)) approved by the Assembly on 1st October 2025. The consultation is scheduled to report its findings by June 2027. The scope of the consultation will be determined by the next government, and there may be potential to consider estate agent practices, including requirements such as professional examinations, where these are considered relevant to the consultation.