

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 19th MAY 2025
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 27th MAY 2025**

Question

“Further to his response to [Written Question 204/2025](#) will the Minister advise the timeline of the policy development for the establishment of an independent medicines regulator, what consultation, if any, has been undertaken with relevant key stakeholders, and whether he intends to bring this policy to the States, and if so, what is the expected timeline for this?”

Answer

I do not anticipate policy development work commencing before October 2025, as all existing policy resource is allocated to the delivery of priority projects including termination of pregnancy, assisted dying and options for the decriminalisation / regulation of recreational cannabis in accordance with Assembly decisions.

Establishing an independent medicines regulator will require legislation development with an amended law being brought to the Assembly for consideration and approval. I am keen for this to be done as soon as is practically possible and have requested Officers to develop a timetable which I will provide to the Assembly.