

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
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QUESTION SUBMITTED ON MONDAY 12th OCTOBER 2026
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 19th OCTOBER 2026**

Question

“Further to the article in the Jersey Evening Post on 5th October 2026 wherein the Minister stated that officers were working on establishing the “shape and function” of modern-slavery legislation, will she advise whether the actions approved in [P.57/2026 \(as amended\)](#) have been commenced, including the independent review of how work permits are held, and will she further advise –

- (a) what engagement has been undertaken to date, and with which stakeholders; and
- (b) what engagement is planned, with which stakeholders, and when this will take place?”

Answer

Following the adoption of P.57/2026, the Jersey Customs and Immigration Service (JCIS) continued existing dialogue with the Jersey Community Relations Trust (JCRT) and in June 2026 the JCRT commenced a review of the Work Permit Policy. The remit of this review includes an assessment of the feasibility, implications, and potential benefits and risks of changing the registration process for work permits from being held in the name of the employer to being held in the name of the employee.

In line with the requirement in the Deputy’s proposition that this review should be independent, arrangements have been put in place to ensure that the review is undertaken solely by the JCRT. As such, I am not privy to the detailed information regarding stakeholder engagement already undertaken, nor to the specific engagement planned as the review progresses.

Regular updates from the JCRT indicate that the review is well underway and progressing as anticipated. The JCRT has advised that engagement has already taken place with a range of stakeholders and that these discussions have been constructive and productive in informing the review's work.

I understand from the JCRT that engagement activity will continue throughout the review period to ensure that relevant experiences, perspectives and evidence are considered from a wide range of stakeholders before recommendations are developed and reported.

I am looking forward to receiving the findings of the independent review in due course and will consider any recommendations arising from it alongside the wider work being undertaken in respect of modern slavery legislation.

