

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise what progress, if any, has been made to amend the regulations of the [Explosives \(Jersey\) Law 1970](#) to restrict the access to and use of fireworks?”

Answer

Whilst it remains in the legislative programme, work to reform our regulation of fireworks has been paused, further to a decision to prioritise reform to the ‘Fire Precautions’ law, which is a priority for the Fire Service.

The issue of fireworks is reasonably divisive with both supporters and detractors. While many people enjoy fireworks, especially at large, professional events, there are also legitimate concerns around human and animal welfare to consider and accommodate as far as possible.

In order to make changes to the regulation of fireworks (which will be part of a broader group known as ‘pyrotechnic articles’), the overarching explosive legislation needs to be changed. This is a highly complex subject, with specialist knowledge required to guide the work and it is broad, covering manufacture, importation, sale, transport and storage and so it is relatively time consuming.

The subject of Pyrotechnics has occupied considerable time in the policy schedules of the last three Ministers for Justice and Home Affairs, and in each case, there has been great difficulty in reaching a solution that is acceptable to all parties. While it would be better to have a modernised and more effective regulatory scheme for fireworks, it is difficult to argue that it warrants displacing other items of legislation currently being progressed.