

Media Release

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## **Employment & Social Security seek expertise to help progress the development of Disability Equality Legislation**

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The Committee for Employment & Social Security are seeking expert advice to help them to decide which jurisdiction to model the new Disability Equality Legislation on. It is intended that by finding a 'model' jurisdiction, faster progress can be made towards finalising proposals for the law.

Deputy Michelle Le Clerc said:

*We recognise that we need to inject more pace into the development of disability discrimination legislation and, as a Committee, we can do this.*

*While the UK might be the obvious country to model legislation on, we want to make sure that we have considered other options so that we find something that works for Guernsey and provides a good foundation for the future. Legislation of this type is new to Guernsey, and we do not have a skill base to build on. We want to get this legislation right and move towards concrete proposals quickly, so we have decided that we need to find some expert advice.*

The Committee is seeking a subject matter expert with an understanding of how Disability Equality Legislation works in several countries and knowledge of the application of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities who is available to work with the Committee early in the New Year.

A 'request for quotation' has been published on the States of Guernsey's E-tender portal and will be sent directly to potential suppliers that have been identified by the Committee and to relevant professional networks for wider distribution.

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### **Notes to Media**

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