

## **5.1. Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments) Bill 2014 – Third Reading approved**

**The Speaker:** We turn now to Item 5, Bills for Third Reading. The first of those is the Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments) Bill, and I call on the mover, Mr Robertshaw.

**Mr Robertshaw:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I am pleased to be able to move the Third Reading of the Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments) Bill 2014 on behalf of the Council of Ministers.

To recap briefly on the purpose of the Bill, the Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments) Bill 2014 is a short technical Bill resulting from the Modernising Ministerial Government proposals approved at the January sitting of Tynwald. The Bill is the result of one of the report's recommendations relating to the creation of a Cabinet Office consisting of the current Chief Secretary's Office, Economic Affairs Division of Treasury, Information Systems Division of the Department of Economic Development, and the Office of Human Resources.

The Bill is only concerned with references to the Chief Secretary's Office in Manx enactments which require primary legislation to amend.

The Bill amends other enactments to substitute references to the Chief Secretary's Office for references to the Cabinet Office.

The Bill also deals with references, where applicable, to the Chief Secretary's Office in other legislation – for example, secondary legislation and UK legislation applied to the Island.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the the Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments) Bill 2014 be read for a third time.

**The Speaker:** Mr Teare.

**Mr Teare:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I beg to second and to reserve my remarks, sir.

**The Speaker:** Mr Karran.

**Mr Karran:** The only issue I would like to raise... and I am not wanting to take away the Personal Liability (Ministers, Members and Officers) Act 2007, and amended... but I just raise the issue again of the imbalance as far as protection when it comes to executive Government doing their duties and the protection that the Members of parliament need (**Mr Watterson:** Privilege.) outside of this Hon. House. As far as I am concerned, that is something that just needs to be highlighted. It needs to be looked at seriously in the near future as we have already seen where we have had individuals in this Hon. House who have had to backtrack because they could not afford the court costs. The issue needs to be addressed and I just think that this House needs to remember that there is an important parliamentary role... It is alright giving exemptions for one side, but there need to be exemptions for the whole House, whether they are working for executive Government or in their interests as a parliamentarian within this House.

**The Speaker:** I call on the mover to reply. Mr Robertshaw.

**Mr Robertshaw:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I appreciate that the Member for Onchan feels passionately about this issue and has taken the opportunity to express his views at this particular moment, but it does not lie within the remit of this particular amendment Bill.

With that, I beg to move.

**The Speaker:** Hon. Members, I put the motion that the Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments) Bill be read for a third time. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it.

*A division was called for and electronic voting resulted as follows:*

**For**

Mr Anderson  
Mrs Beecroft  
Mr Cannan  
Mr Cregeen  
Mr Cretney  
Mr Crookall  
Mr Gawne  
Mr Hall  
Mr Henderson  
Mr Houghton  
Mr Karran  
Mr Quayle  
Mr Robertshaw  
Mr Ronan  
Mr Shimmin  
Mr Singer  
Mr Teare  
The Speaker  
Mr Thomas  
Mr Watterson

**Against**

Mrs Cannell  
Mr Skelly

**The Speaker:** With 20 votes for—

**Mr Skelly:** A mistake, I'm afraid.

**The Speaker:** Noted. *(Laughter)*