

### 2.3. Interpretation (Amendment) Bill 2015 – Clauses considered

**The Speaker:** We turn now to consideration of clauses and I invite Mr Watterson to move clause 1, please.

**Mr Watterson:** Clause 1. This clause gives the Bill its short title.  
I beg to move that clause 1 stand part of the Bill.

**The Speaker:** Mr Teare.

**Mr Teare:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.  
I beg to second that clause 1 do stand part of the Bill.

**The Speaker:** I put the question that clause 1 do stand part of the Bill. Those in favour, say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.  
Clause 2, Mr Watterson.

**Mr Watterson:** This clause provides for the Interpretation Act 1976 to be amended to allow the Chief Minister to authorise the functions of either or both the Attorney General and Solicitor General to be fulfilled in the case of absence, inability or vacancy of the office holder. This restores the position to how it was prior to the Law Officers Act 2014 coming into force.  
I beg to move that clause 2 stand part of the Bill.

**The Speaker:** Mr Teare.

**Mr Teare:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.  
I beg to second that clause 2 do stand part of this Bill.

**The Speaker:** I put the question. Clause 2: those in favour, say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.  
Clause 3.

**Mr Watterson:** This clause provides that section 5(2) of the Law Officers Act 2014 be repealed. This removes the inadvertent oversight which stood to remove the power of the Chief Minister to delegate another person to fulfil the Attorney General's statutory obligations.  
I beg to move that clause 3 stand part of the Bill.

**The Speaker:** Mr Teare.

**Mr Teare:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.  
I beg to move that clause 3 do stand part of this Bill.

**The Speaker:** I put the question. Clause 3: those in favour, say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.