

4.2. Police (Amendment) Bill 2016 – Third Reading approved

Mr Watterson to move:

That the Police (Amendment) Bill 2016 be read a third time.

The Speaker: The Police (Amendment) Bill, I call on the mover, Mr Watterson.

Mr Watterson: Mr Speaker, the Bill was introduced into this House in October 2015, received its Second Reading in November. The Bill is designed to do three things: to provide for the contracting out of certain police functions which must first be set out in an order and then approved by Tynwald; to clarify that the Department may re-appoint an incumbent Chief Constable for a further fixed term, without first having to undertake a fresh recruitment-type exercise; and to enable the Chief Constable to self-refer matters for an investigation where they have not been the subject of a complaint.

I would like to thank Mr Houghton for his active engagement and his amendment, as well as my seconder, Mr Thomas and Mr Joughin for their support.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the Police (Amendment) Bill be read a third time.

The Speaker: Mr Houghton.

Mr Houghton: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I am very happy to second this and I am sorry to jump in on the Minister's other seconders from his Department, but also to thank him and his Department for assisting me with my enquiries. I am most grateful.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, I put the question that the Police (Amendment) Bill be read for the third time. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.