

3. Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill 2015 – Third Reading approved

Mr Corkish to move:

That the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill 2015 be now read a third time.

The President: We turn now to the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill 2015.
I call on the Hon. Member Mr Corkish to take the Third Reading.

Mr Corkish: Thank you, Madam President.

I beg to move that the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Bill 2015 be read for a third time.

In moving the Third Reading of this Bill I remind Hon. Members that this Bill seeks to ban cold calling and to update the current Consumer Protection Act 1991.

I thank Hon. Members for their contributions during the previous stages of the Bill.

Finally, I would like to thank my seconder, Mr Anderson, for his help in the process of the Bill and I am grateful to the Acting Attorney General for his assistance in respect of questions raised during the Second Reading and the clauses stage.

Madam President, I beg to move that the Bill be read for the third time and do pass.

The President: The Hon. Member, Mr Anderson.

Mr Anderson: I beg to second and reserve my remarks.

The President: The Hon. Member, Mr Turner.

Mr Turner: Thank you, Madam President.

Can I just ask the mover very briefly on the commencement of this. Obviously, clause 2 says it will come into operation on such days as the OFT appoints. Obviously we are bound by Royal Assent and when the Act is signed in another place, but do they have a target for this? I think if people have elderly relatives, vulnerable neighbours, then certainly to let people know when this is coming in will be of great comfort to them because it means that people can be advised that they do not need to feel pressured anymore and that they have the full weight of the law behind them to deal with them.

So it would be useful to know when the Office would like this to be coming into force. I accept that we cannot hold them to this date because some of the factors are outside their control, but if they have a timescale it would be handy to know.

The President: The mover to reply.

Mr Corkish: Thank you, Madam President.

I thank Mr Turner for his observations here. Yes, we will have to wait for Royal Assent and signature. It is, of course, a Bill which will have great concerns, especially for the old and the vulnerable, and we are speeding along with this. If we get Royal Assent in time, we would hope for the July Tynwald for 1st August 2016.

Madam President, I beg to move that the Bill be read for the third time and do pass.

The President: The motion is that this Bill be read a third time and do pass. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it. The motion therefore carries.