

Order of the Day

3. BILL FOR THIRD READING

3.1. Customs and Excise Bill 2017 – Third Reading approved

Mr Peake to move:

That the Customs and Excise Bill 2017 be read a third time.

The Speaker: Item 3, Bill for Third Reading, Customs and Excise Bill 2017, and I call on the mover, Mr Peake.

Mr Peake: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

5 This is the Third Reading of the Customs and Excise Bill 2017 and it is being introduced by the Treasury with three intentions: firstly, to amend the Customs and Excise Act 1993 to ensure it remains relevant and capable of facilitating operations with UK agencies, and complying with the requirements of the Customs and Excise Agreement 1979.

10 Secondly, the amendment of the Customs and Excise Management Act of 1986, the main item of Customs and Excise legislation – the amendments are made to the import and export cash declaration system, following last year’s evaluation by Moneyval and the mutual assurance framework available to customs officers permitting the co-operation in cases with other bodies where fraud, breaches of sanctions and other serious crimes are involved.

15 Finally, to amend section 63 of the Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Act 2014 to allow the Financial Intelligence Unit to deal with United Nations and European Union sanctions matters as a one-stop shop for the reporting of all forms of financial crime.

20 Treasury considers the Bill to be important both in terms of the operation of the Customs and Excise agreement with the UK and the revenues that the Island derives as a result; and for the Island’s ability to play its full part as a responsible member of the international community in combating money laundering and terrorist financing and other forms of serious and organised crime.

I commend this Bill to the House.

25 Mr Speaker, at this point I would just like to thank the officers of Customs and Excise, particularly Mr Ray Todd who, after almost 30 years of service to the Division and the Department, retired last month. He has been responsible for hundreds of Bills from Customs and Excise and this is the last Bill he has responsibility for producing. In his detailed way he has provided succession planning and we have appointed Lucy Kennedy who is taking over in the senior role of Legal and Advice for Customs and Excise Division.

30 Mr Speaker, I beg to move.

The Speaker: Hon. Member for Middle, Mr Shimmins.

Mr Shimmins: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

35 I beg to second and reserve my remarks.

The Speaker: If no Member wishes to speak, I am sure that the House will share Mr Peake’s sentiments on the retirement of Mr Todd and his long career in public service, which is much appreciated. (**Several Members:** Hear, hear.)

40 Hon. Members, the motion is that the Customs and Excise Bill 2017 be read for a third time.
Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.