

**3.2. Airports and Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill 2018 –  
Second Reading approved**

Mr Skelly to move:

*That the Airports and Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill 2018 be read a second time.*

**The Speaker:** Now, Hon. Members, having dealt with the first of our three Second Readings, (*Laughter*) we move on to the second and we turn to the Airports and Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill 2018 in the hands of Mr Skelly.

5 **The Minister for Enterprise (Mr Skelly):** Gura mie eu, Loayreyder.

Perhaps not so controversial or topical but equally important for our economy, I am pleased to be before you today to present the Airports and Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill.

10 The Bill will introduce new primary powers to the Airports and Civil Aviation Act 1987 to enable the Department for Enterprise to make subordinate legislation for the purpose of meeting the Island's international obligations in respect of civil aviation and regulating the Island's civil aviation in general.

15 At present the Island relies on the UK to make orders to regulate civil aviation and to implement the Convention on International Civil Aviation, which lays down standards and recommended practices for civil aviation. This is achieved through a UK Act which has been applied to the Island by the UK, which requires such orders to be made in the UK Privy Council and therefore to which Tynwald has no input or say. This places a burden on the UK government and the progression of legislation on behalf of Crown Dependencies is inevitably in competition with wider UK priorities, resulting in significant hindrance for the Island in keeping up to date with international requirements.

20 The Airports and Civil Aviation Act 1987 currently enables the Department to extend specific UK and EU civil aviation legislation to the Island subject to exceptions, adaptations and modifications. Whilst these are useful provisions that must be retained, they are not sufficient to create effective legislation where sufficient modification or variation from the UK or EU legislation is required. The Bill reflects the legislation in force in the UK that is already extended to the Island, therefore the aim of the Bill is to introduce new legislative process rather than introduce new functions or responsibilities for the Department.

25 The Department has identified a wide range of legislative developments required to ensure continued compliance with international civil aviation standards. The ability to progress the required legislation in a timely and efficient manner can only be achieved through the provision of new powers to make domestic secondary legislation without recourse to orders in Council.

30 The UK Department for Transport has formally confirmed that it has no objections to the content and purpose of the Bill and is content to see the Bill proceed. The Department for Enterprise will continue to communicate with the UK Department for Transport as the Bill progresses.

35 Loayreyder, I would now like to provide Hon. Members with a brief overview of the key features contained in the Bill. The Bill itself contains eight clauses. The first three clauses deal with the opening provisions. Clauses 4, 5, 7 and 8 deal with minor consequential matters, whilst clause 6 provides the most substantial part of the Bill, dealing with the insertion of a number of new sections in the 1987 Act. Some of the areas covered by the provisions in clause 6 are as follows: registration and airworthiness of aircraft; safety, efficiency and regularity of air navigation; noise and emissions; important international conventions; technical standards; trespass and prohibition; and restriction of flying. The Bill is the first phase of regulatory and legislative power which will ensure that the Island remains in compliance with civil aviation international standards and recommended practice.

45 Loayreyder, I hope that Hon. Members will be able to give the Bill their support and I beg to move that the Airports and Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill be read for the second time.

**The Speaker:** Mr Perkins.

50 **Mr Perkins:** I beg to second and reserve my remarks.

**The Speaker:** The question I put to the House is that the Airports and Civil Aviation (Amendment) Bill be read for a second time. Those in favour, please say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.