

**4. BILL FOR THIRD READING**

**4.1. Data Protection Bill 2018 –  
Third Reading approved**

Mr Thomas to move:

*That the Data Protection Bill 2018 be read a third time.*

**The Speaker:** Item 4, Bill for Third Reading, Data Protection Bill 2018, and I call on Mr Thomas to move.

**Mr Thomas:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

5 Hon. Members, the Bill before you is a short enabling Bill which gives powers to the Council of Ministers to directly apply EU legislation which applies to data protection into Manx domestic law by order, subject to Tynwald approval. The provisions in this Bill are similar to those in sections 2A and 2B of the European Communities (Isle of Man) Act 1973.

10 The orders which would be moved using the powers in this Bill, were it to be successful in the Branches, were published two months ago and have been subject to an excellent consultation over the last six weeks. I would like to thank the 50-plus organisations and people representing lawyers, businesses, Government Departments, individuals of all perspectives who have actually taken the time to complete the consultation which closed yesterday.

15 I would also like to thank the staff in the Attorney General's office for preparing 300 or so pages of detailed secondary legislation and now, in the next four weeks, for working through 50-plus consultation responses to make sure that that legislation is fit for purpose, is suitable for the Isle of Man and will work to make us a good place to keep data private from the perspective of individuals and useful from the point of view of businesses.

20 Before sitting down I wanted to repeat my pledge to Miss Bettison at the Second Reading a month ago, which is that on 27th March we have a workshop for Members about our own obligations and about a general introduction to the Bill and, after that, in the second half of April, we can lay on as many workshops as Members want, to go through the orders part by part if this Bill is to go through this House and we will be bringing those orders.

25 I also want to repeat my thanks to the Hon. Member for Ramsey, Mr Hooper, who made some excellent points about the importance of the data privacy principles that are in Article 5 of GDPR, to pledge that of course they will be in the orders that I hope will be coming before the other place in May.

30 Certainly the Council of Ministers has a Data Protection Bill in its legislative programme that could become an Information Bill or a Digital Economy Bill suitable for the next two or three decades but inside a legal framework such that it could be modified as the needs of the Isle of Man and as the perceptions of privacy principles even change through coming years.

With that, Mr Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to move that this House takes the Third Reading of the Data Protection Bill.

35 **The Speaker:** I call on Dr Allinson.

**Dr Allinson:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I beg to second.

40 **The Speaker:** The question is that the Data Protection Bill 2018 be read for a third time. All those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.