

**2. Central Registry Bill 2018 –  
Third Reading approved**

Mr Crookall to move:

*That the Central Registry Bill 2018 be read a third time.*

**The President:** In that case, we move to Item 2, Central Registry Bill for Third Reading, I call on the mover, Hon. Member of Council, Mr Crookall.

**Mr Crookall:** Thank you, Mr President.

The principal purpose of this Bill is to formally establish a Central Registry, under the auspices of the Department for Enterprise, placing on a statutory basis a number of functions transferred from the General Registry and currently performed by DFE under the delegation of the Chief Registrar.

Normally such actions would be performed by a Transfer of Functions Order; however, as the General Registry is not included within the Government Departments Act 1987, a separate Bill is being required in this instance.

The Bill establishes the Office of the Registrar General. This officer, who will be a member of the staff of the Department for Enterprise, will be responsible for managing the functions of the Central Registry, an office of the Government separate from the General Registry.

The Bill makes the Registrar General explicitly responsible for the management of the Central Registry and thereby the records it creates and maintains. It also makes the Registrar General accountable to the Department under the provision of the Public Services Commission Act 2015. The outcome of this is that the Registrar General is responsible for the Central Registry, free from unnecessary or inappropriate political direction, but remains accountable to the Department for his or her actions.

The Bill also includes a number of minor amendments to legislation to ensure that it reflects changes in practice which have occurred as a result of other governmental restructuring and new working practices, especially those driven by technological change. Finally, it provides a legislative basis for the Island's Criminal Injuries Compensation Scheme.

The General Registry retains its functions in respect of the courts and tribunals. It is understood, following implementation of this legislation, the General Registry will look to introduce further legislation to address issues with the General Registry Act 1965 and its remaining functions associated with the courts and tribunals.

The Bill will complete the transfer of functions from the General Registry into a fully functioning Central Registry which, in conjunction with the wider Department for Enterprise, enables it to work effectively towards the Department's vision to be a forward thinking, valued partner, supporting Island business and people to fulfil their potential.

Mr President, I beg to move that the Bill be read a third time.

**The President:** Mrs Poole-Wilson.

**Mrs Poole-Wilson:** Thank you Mr. President.

I beg to second and reserve my remarks.

**The President:** I put the motion that the Central Registry Bill 2018 be read for a third time. Those in favour, say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.