



CABINET OFFICE (LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS) BILL 2014

EXPLANATORY NOTES

These notes are circulated for the information of Members with the approval of the Member in charge of the Bill, Hon. C R Robertshaw MHK

INTRODUCTION

1. These explanatory notes relate to the Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments) Bill 2014. They have been prepared by the Chief Secretary's Office in order to assist readers of the Bill. They do not form part of the Bill and have not been endorsed by the House of Keys.
2. The notes need to be read in conjunction with the Bill. They are not, and are not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Bill.

SUMMARY

3. At the January 2014 sitting of Tynwald the Council of Ministers' Report on Modernising Ministerial Government was received and its recommendations were approved. One of the Report's recommendations concerned the creation of a Cabinet Office consisting of the current Chief Secretary's Office, Economic Affairs Division of Treasury, Information Systems Division of the Department of Economic Development and the Office of Human Resources.
4. There are a number of references to the Chief Secretary's Office in Manx enactments and primary legislation is required to change these references.
5. The Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments) Bill 2014 therefore amends other enactments to substitute references to the Chief Secretary's Office for references to the Cabinet Office.

COMMENTARY ON CLAUSES

6. **Clause 1** gives the resulting Act its short title.
7. **Clause 2** amends Part I of Schedule 1 to the Jury Act 1980 (persons ineligible for jury service), in Group C (others concerned with the administration of justice).
8. **Clause 3** amends paragraph 8 in the Schedule to the Regulation of Surveillance etc Act 2006 (public authorities).
9. **Clause 4** amends section 3(2)(g) of the Personal Liability (Ministers, Members and Officers) Act 2007 (liability of designated persons).

10. **Clause 5** amends paragraph 1(j) of Schedule 2 to the Tynwald Commissioner for Administration Act 2011 (listed authorities).
11. **Clause 6** deals with references (if any) to the Chief Secretary's Office in other legislation, for example secondary legislation and UK legislation applied to the Island. Any such references are to be read as a reference to the Cabinet Office.
12. **Clause 7** provides for the automatic repeal of sections 2 to 5 of the Act following the promulgation of the Act. This will not affect the amendments made by those sections.

HUMAN RIGHTS

13. It is considered that the provisions of the Bill are compatible with the Convention rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 2001.

FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF THE BILL AND EFFECT ON HUMAN RESOURCES

14. The Bill is not expected to increase the expenditure of Government, reduce the income of Government, or require any additional public service human resources.

COMMENCEMENT

15. The Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments) Bill 2014 will come into operation on the day that Royal Assent is announced in Tynwald.
