

## 6. BILL FOR THIRD READING

### 6.1. Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017 – Third Reading approved

Mr Cannan to move:

*That the Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017 be read a third time.*

**The Speaker:** Item 6, Bill for Third Reading: Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017.

I call on Mr Cannan to move.

**Mr Cannan:** Mr Speaker, as described in the clause reading, the Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017 amends the Insurance Act 2008 which provides the necessary powers to enable regulation of insurance business by the Isle of Man Financial Services Authority.

The amendments proposed by the Bill provide for the implementation of an enhanced regulatory regime which reflects relevant international standards in insurance regulation while taking account of the nature of the Island's insurance industry. It clarifies and updates existing provisions where necessary, enabling the Authority to be more flexible and responsive to the need for change and to deal with *ad hoc* situations.

It also enhances the Authority's powers to deal with fit and proper matters and also provides consistency in this respect with the Financial Services Act 2008. It also reduces the administrative burden in certain areas and addresses any anomalies.

These changes are important as they will help ensure the Island has a robust and up to date insurance regulatory framework which will in turn help maintain the Island's reputation as a well-regulated and responsible jurisdiction.

Mr Speaker, in the course of the consideration of clauses a query was raised by the Hon. Member for Ramsey, Mr Hooper, in relation to the new section 39A which is inserted by clause 43. This new section sets out the criteria for a receiver being appointed by the High Court. One such criterion is that the appointment is necessary to protect the interests of customers, creditors or others who have or have had dealings with the person. It was pointed out that policy holders were not specifically mentioned. I indicated at the time that the intention was that policy holders were included in most categories of persons, and I am now pleased to confirm that, on the basis of advice received from the Attorney General's Chambers, it is indeed the case that they are, for the purposes of this section, considered to be included within the term, 'customers'.

May I thank the officers for their support with this Bill and also Hon. Members for their support to date.

Mr Speaker, I beg to move that the Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017 be now read the third time.

**The Speaker:** Mr Peake.

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

**The Speaker:** The question is that the Insurance (Amendment) Bill 2017 be read for a third time. Those in favour please say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.