

**1. Criminal Evidence Bill 2018 –
Keys amendment considered and accepted**

The President: Hon. Members, I call this sitting of Legislative Council to order. It has one Item on the Order Paper, the Criminal Evidence Bill, and I call on Her Majesty's Attorney General to move.

The Attorney General: Thank you, Mr President.

As Hon. Members may recall, the Criminal Evidence Bill 2018 was passed by you on 30th October 2018 and has since been considered by the House of Keys and was passed at its Third Reading there on 4th December 2018. However, in its consideration of the clauses of the Bill the House of Keys made an amendment to clause 40, and as the promoter of the Bill I am today moving that that amendment be accepted, Hon. Members.

The amendment, briefly, is a technical amendment. Clause 40 as passed by this Council repealed sections 1 to 6 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 relating to the rules on hearsay, which are replaced in the Bill. It also replaced the definition of 'confession' in section 10 on the basis that the instances of that term in Chapter 1 of Part 1 of that Act are repealed by the Bill. However, the definition of the term is still required. It therefore was identified by the Keys and the proposal is, by the Keys, that that definition as set out on the Order Paper today be added to the Bill, and I would recommend Hon. Members to agreed and accept that.

The President: Miss August-Hanson.

Miss August-Hanson: I would like to second and reserve my remarks.

The President: Does any other Member wish to speak? If not, I put the motion that the Keys amendment as tabled be agreed to. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.

Thank you, Hon. Members. That concludes the business of the Council, which will now stand adjourned until we resume the sitting of Tynwald this afternoon. Thank you very much.

The Council adjourned at 1.07 p.m.