

3. BILLS FOR THIRD READING

**3.1. Council of Ministers (Amendment) Bill 2019 –
Third Reading approved**

Mr Malarkey to move:

That the Council of Ministers (Amendment) Bill 2019 be read a third time.

The Speaker: Item 3, Bills for Third Reading; 3.1 Council of Ministers (Amendment) Bill 2019, and I call on Mr Malarkey to move.

Mr Malarkey: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

5 In moving the Third Reading of the Council of Ministers (Amendment) Bill 2019, I wish to thank Hon. Members for their support through the Second Reading and clauses stage. I also wish to acknowledge the support of my Department Members, Dr Allinson and Miss Bettison.

10 This Bill gives the Council of Ministers the responsibility for upholding and supporting both the rule of law and the independence of the judiciary. Those principles are key to our freedom as a democratic community and our attractiveness as a place in which to do business. These two principles are placed on a statutory basis by clause 3 and are inserted into sections 6A and 6B in the Council of Ministers Act 1990. The Bill represents another step in the evolution and development of our Constitution and the Island's assumption of a greater responsibility for its own domestic affairs.

15 Mr Speaker, I commend the Bill to the House and beg to move that the Council of Ministers (Amendment) Bill 2019 be read for the third time, sir.

The Speaker: I call on the Hon. Member for Ramsey, Dr Allinson.

20 **Dr Allinson:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.
I beg to second and reserve my remarks.

The Speaker: I put the question that the Council of Ministers (Amendment) Bill 2019 be read for a third time. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.