

**21. Public Debtors' Register –
Establishment**

The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Callister) to ask the Treasury Minister:

If he will make a statement on any plans to establish a Public Debtors' Register?

The Minister for the Treasury (Mr Cannan): The Treasury is progressing a phased approach to civil debt reform. The work encompasses all aspects of civil debt recovery including underlying legislation, organisational framework and internal procedures.

The initial phase is focused on improving the register of debts to make it more accessible and inclusive. Further changes will also be made to remove the preferential status applied to some debts when they are placed with the coroners for recovery.

A draft Bill is nearing completion and will be subject to full public consultation in September 2019.