

5. LEAVE TO INTRODUCE

**5.1. A Bill relating to consent for organ donation –
Leave to introduce granted**

The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Perkins) to move:

That leave be given to introduce a Private Member's Bill to amend the law relating to consent for organ donation; and for connected purposes.

The Speaker: Item 5, Leave to Introduce, and I call on the Hon. Member for Garff, Mr Perkins.

Mr Perkins: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Hon. Members, I find myself in the somewhat invidious position of having to beg for leave again to introduce the Organ Donation Bill 2019. The large amount of Programme for Government legislation and urgent Brexit legislation somewhat limited the time for drafting that was available.

Also, at the same time, England decided to change their legislation and adopt a similar opt-out Bill. So it was prudent to put ours on hold and await the outcome. The English law has now been passed and comes into being in spring next year. As a result, our drafters have been able to make sure the proposed Isle of Man legislation dovetails with England and Wales, and our donated organs can seamlessly be transferred into the UK transplant service.

If leave to introduce is given here today, I propose the unofficial title of the Bill to be 'Daniel's Bill', in memory of a young lad who died tragically as the result of a car accident. His donated organs dramatically changed the lives of many recipients. His mum, Diane Taylor, has since worked tirelessly for Organ Donation Isle of Man and has been part of the driving force behind Noble's Hospital's Organ Donation Memorial Garden.

Hon. Members, I strongly recommend that if you have a minute or two when you are next in Noble's go and experience this little haven of tranquillity. Look closely and you will see that one of our own, former colleague Martin Quayle, is remembered there.

Hon. Members, the Bill is now fully drafted and if leave to introduce is given today I am hoping the First Reading should take place sometime next month providing parliamentary time permits. I believe this is a very important piece of social legislation.

Mr Speaker, I beg to introduce the Organ Donation Bill 2019.

The Speaker: Hon. Member for Ramsey, Dr Allinson.

Dr Allinson: Thank you, Mr Speaker, I beg to second.

The Speaker: I put the question that leave be given to introduce a Private Member's Bill to amend the law relating to consent for organ donation and for connected purposes. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.