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Use of the Manx Language in the Legislature

The attached letter has today been sent to all Members of Tynwald following a meeting of the Tynwald Standing Orders Committee on 24th February.

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To All Members of Tynwald

Dear Member,

The Standing Orders Committee of Tynwald met on 24th February and considered the use of the Manx language by Members for certain purposes during sittings of Tynwald.

The Chairman of the Committee has asked me to let you know that the Committee have advised the President of Tynwald that they believe that Standing Order 3.23(5) is in fact wide enough to permit the use of Manx by a Member seeking leave to ask a Question on the Order Paper, but that they propose in due course to put a revised text of that Order before the Court to make the position generally quite clear. In the meantime, the Committee have asked Mr President if he would adopt their view in applying the existing Standing Order.

Yours sincerely

Malachy Cornwell-Kelly