

Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2012
Second Reading approved

3.1. Mr Gawne to move:

That the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2012 be read the second time.

The Speaker: We turn now to Item 3, Bills for Second Reading. The first of those is the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill. I call on the mover, Mr Gawne.

Mr Gawne: Gura mie eu, Loayreyder.

In the few days prior to the announcement of Royal Assent for the Fisheries Act 2012, it was notified by the Ministry of Justice that two particular sections of the Fisheries Act were not Human Rights compliant. Both of these non-compliant sections are a straight lift from the Inland Fisheries Act 1976, which was subjected to a Human Rights audit, prior to the introduction of the Human Rights Act in 2001. The particular provisions were not highlighted as requiring amendment at that time.

Following discussions between the legislative drafter and the Ministry of Justice in the UK, it was agreed that the Department would give an undertaking not to implement those provisions within the Bill until an appropriate amendment had been made.

This minor amendment Bill introduces a defence into section 28 and provides for independent scrutiny in respect of section 81.

Loayreyder, I move that this Bill be read for a second time.

The Speaker: Mrs Beecroft.

Mrs Beecroft: Thank you, Mr Speaker.
I beg to second and reserve my remarks.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, I put the motion that the Fisheries (Amendment) Bill 2012 be read the second time. Those in favour, please, say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.
Thank you, Hon. Members.