

Sunbeds Bill
Conference sought by Legislative Council
Three Keys delegates appointed

5. On 5th February 2013 the Council debated the Sunbeds Bill and the message from the House of Keys of 29th January 2013 that it disagrees with the Council's amendments to omit clauses 15 and 16; the Council disagrees with the Keys and seeks a conference.

The Council has appointed Mr Butt, Mr Lowey and Mr Turner as members of their delegation.

The Speaker: Now to Item 5, Message from the Legislative Council in relation to the Sunbeds Bill, as set out in the Order Paper. I call on the mover of the Bill, the Hon. Member, Mrs Cannell.

Mrs Cannell: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Members will recall all of the Readings that were taken in the House of Keys in respect of this piece of legislation. Just recently, of course, we considered amendments made by the Legislative Council, one of which we approved and the other which we rejected. Under the process of scrutiny, it went back to the Legislative Council. They continue disagree with us.

What they are disagreeing with is that we have approved the ability with clauses 15 and 16 in the legislation to give the officers the ability to apply a fixed penalty notice. This is for minor infringements in terms of not displaying a poster inside or not displaying advice to a user, etc. We are unsure what the thinking of the Legislative Council, but clearly, there is a misunderstanding, and perhaps a misappreciation of what is intended here.

They have asked that we seek a conference. I have consulted with the Minister: the Minister is quite happy; I am quite happy. If what we need to do is to establish a delegation from the House of Keys in order to meet and have a conference with the Legislative Council to get this legislation moving, so be it. That is what I would recommend to the House.

Mr Crookall: Hear, hear.

The Speaker: In that case, Hon. Members... Yes, Mr Gawne.

Mr Gawne: I would just wish to second that suggestion. I think it makes a lot of sense to discuss with Legislative Council. From what I have read of the *Hansard*, Legislative Council has completely misunderstood the purpose of what we are trying to do here, so the sooner we can disabuse them of their misunderstanding, the better.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, the question before the House is that a deputation of three Members be formed for a conference with Legislative Council. Is that agreed? (**Members:** Agreed.)

We therefore move to a vote, and may I have nominations?
Mr Quirk.

Mr Quirk: Mr Speaker, I would like to propose Mr Watterson.

Mr Cregeen: I second Mr Watterson.

Mr Singer: I move Mrs Cannell.

Mr Houghton: I second Mrs Cannell.

Mr Anderson: I move Mrs Beecroft.

Mr Quirk: I second, sir.

Mrs Cannell: Mr Speaker, I would like to propose the Hon. Member for Rushen, Mr Gawne.

Mr Crookall: I second, Mr Speaker.

Mr Singer and another Member: Nominations closed.

The Speaker: Is it agreed that nominations be closed? (**Several Members:** Agreed.)

We have four nominations: we therefore put them to the vote. The nominations are, in alphabetical order: Mrs Beecroft; Mrs Cannell; Mr Gawne; and Mr Watterson. (*Interjections and laughter*)

There were technical difficulties with the electronic voting system.

The Speaker: Apologies for the technical error. (*Interjections and laughter*)

In that case we shall have a paper ballot, if I can ask the Messengers to distribute ballot papers. We need two tellers: I call on Mr Cannan to be a teller; and I call on Mr Corkish to be a teller.

You vote for three persons. Any vote other than three will be counted invalid ballot. Three persons: the candidates are Mrs Beecroft; Mrs Cannell,; Mr Gawne; and Mr Watterson.

A ballot took place.

The Speaker: Hon. Members, the result of the ballot is: Mrs Beecroft received 16 votes; Mrs Cannell received 21 votes; Mr Gawne received 11 votes; Mr Watterson received 18 votes. Therefore I declare Mrs Beecroft, Mrs Cannell and Mr Watterson elected as members of the Keys delegation.

Hon. Members, just before I conclude the business of the House, I have been asked to remind you of a meeting at 1.30 in the Barrule Suite, a presentation to be given on the Peel Road Maintenance Scheme.

Hon. Members, that concludes the business of the House today. The House will now stand adjourned until the next sitting, to take place at 10.30 on 19th February in Tynwald Court.