

**1. Public Health (Amendment) Bill 2013 –
First Reading approved**

Mr Turner to move:

That the Public Health (Amendment) Bill be read a first time.

The President: We turn to the first Item on our Order Paper, the Public Health (Amendment) Bill. I call on Mr Turner to take the First Reading.

Mr Turner: Thank you, Madam President.

This Bill makes a number of amendments to the Public Health Act 1990. They provide new health control measures to assist in the prevention and control of the spread of serious disease by infection and contamination from chemicals or radiation. They empower the Department to give effect in the Isle of Man to new International health regulations adopted by the World Health Organisation in relation to the international spread of disease in ways which are commensurate with and restricted to public health risks and which are intended to avoid unnecessary interference with international traffic and trade.

The amendments reflect modern concerns about the spread of infectious diseases and ensure that public health inspections may take place in the Isle of Man to address incidences where serious disease, infection or contamination occurs.

In the modern day of increased international travel and trade, we must have robust procedures in place to enable the Isle of Man to address any threats that occur in relation to this issue.

Madam President, I beg to move that the Bill be read a first time.

Mr Butt: I beg to second, Madam President, and reserve my remarks.

The President: The motion before Council is that the Bill be read a first time. Those in favour, please say aye; against no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.