

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

The President: We have before us the Public Health (Amendment) Bill for Third Reading. I call on Mr Turner.

Mr Turner: Thank you, Madam President.

Hon. Members will note that the officers of the Department have put round a general paper in response to some of the issues raised at the clauses and Second Reading stage. I do not propose to read the paper out but, having informally spoken to Members, they seem quite content that it answers all the queries. It is quite a detailed paper, which all Members I believe have been circulated with a copy of.

For this, the Third Reading, the Bill makes a number of amendments to the Public Health Act 1990. The amendments provide new health control measures which will assist the Island in dealing with the prevention and control of the spread of serious diseases caused by infection and contaminations from chemicals or radiation.

With the modern day of increased international travel, the Island is not immune to such problems; therefore, we must have robust procedures in place to enable the authorities in the Island to address any threat that occurs in relation to these issues.

Madam President, I move that the Bill be read a third time.

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

The President: The motion is that the Bill be read a third time and do pass. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.