

2. Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Bill 2014 – Third Reading approved

Mr Coleman to move:

That the Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Bill 2014 be read a third time and do pass.

The President: Item 2, Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Bill 2014.
I call on Mr Coleman to take the Third Reading.

Mr Coleman: Thank you, Madam President.

Madam President, in moving the Third Reading of the Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Bill, I would like to remind Hon. Members this Bill is promoted for three reasons.

Firstly, when the Order in Council applying the UK's Terrorist Asset Freezing Act 2010 was brought to Tynwald, the then Chief Minister gave a commitment that the matters contained within the Order in Council would be translated into Manx legislation after the General Election in 2011.

Secondly, to address some of the issues raised by the international community, most recently following the desk-based inspection by MONEYVAL.

The third reason behind this Bill is to draw all the measures designed to counter the financing of terrorism together in one Act with similar procedures and penalties.

In the event this Bill is passed and receives Royal Assent, the intention would be to then seek the removal of the Order in Council. The aim is to have two items of legislation dealing with terrorism rather than three, as is currently the case.

Madam President, during the clauses stage the long title of the Bill was amended in the Keys, to enable two new clauses to be inserted into the Bill, and was amended again in this Chamber to enable two further clauses to be inserted.

The purpose of the new clauses in the Keys was to correct a minor drafting error in the Criminal Justice, Police Powers and Other Amendments Bill relating to bail. The two new clauses in this Chamber: to enable an amendment to be made to section 94A(5) of the Summary Jurisdiction Act 1989, and for subsections (3) and (4) of section 10 of the Sexual Offences Act 1992 to be repealed with the effect of removing the last vestiges of legal prohibition on homosexual activity. Minor amendments were also made to clauses 72 and 73: in the case of clause 72 a proposed amendment to the Proceeds of Crime Act 2008 in subsection (1) was omitted, meaning section 140 of the Proceeds of Crime Act will remain unchanged.

I am grateful for Mr Downie for being willing to move the amendments in this Chamber.

Mr Butt wanted to be sure that there was adequate provision for a person to appeal against any restrictive measures set out in the Bill, and I consider the provisions in part 4 of the Bill relating to the supervision of the exercise of powers, and in division 2 of part 3 relating to civil penalties, covered that point adequately.

Madam President, no other issues were raised during the preceding stages of the Bill, and I beg to move that the Third Reading of the Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions) Bill be approved.

Mr Downie: 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.