

**Interpretation (Amendment) Bill 2015 –  
Third Reading approved**

The Acting Attorney General to move:

*That the Interpretation (Amendment) Bill 2015 be read a third time and do pass.*

**The President:** And finally to the Third Reading.

**The Acting Attorney General:** Thank you, Madam President.

I would like to thank the Hon. Member, Mr Butt, for his role in seconding matters as we progressed at speed, and also Hon. Members for giving me the support in suspending Standing Orders to take all the Readings in one sitting. I do appreciate that this is an unusual thing to do.

What was an inadvertent oversight has led to this urgent requirement to reinstate the Chief Minister's power to delegate other persons to undertake statutory functions which rest with the Solicitor General in the Attorney General's absence.

As Acting Attorney General, I am of course still able to carry out the relevant functions, and once a Solicitor General has been appointed they will also be able to assume such responsibilities. However, there will always be a possibility for another person to be required to undertake such duties, and as such this Bill is required in order for the relevant areas of Government to function during such times.

I do thank again Hon. Members for their support today and I beg to move that this Bill be read for a third time.

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

**The President:** The motion is that the Bill be –  
Did you wish to speak, Mr Crowe?

**Mr Crowe:** No, I was just going to say there seems to be a good panel of people who will be able to act as judicial officers in the event of something being required. That was all I was going to say, Madam President. Thank you.

**The President:** Right, I do not think there is anything to answer there, just a comment.

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.

Thank you, Hon. Members.