

1. Harbour facilities for private boat owners – Requirement of insurance

The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Henderson, to ask a representative of the Department of Infrastructure:

What plans the Department has to introduce a requirement that private boat owners who use harbour facilities should have insurance?

Member of the Department of Infrastructure (Mr Turner): The Department is currently revising the Harbour Byelaws. This will include a provision requiring the owners of certain vessels moored in our harbours to have appropriate insurance.

I know this is an important issue to the Hon Member, who asked previously about the subject at the October sitting of Tynwald last year. Because of the demanding workload faced by the Department, it has not been possible to complete the work in time for the start of this season. However, I can assure the Hon Members that they will be kept apprised of our progress.

The President: Hon. Members, turning to our Order Paper, Item 1 is a Question for Written Answer tabled by the Hon. Member, Mr Henderson, and I see that the Answer has now been circulated.