

**Council of Ministers (Amendment) Bill 2016 –
Third Reading approved**

The Speaker: Mr Cannan.

Mr Cannan: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I beg to move the Third Reading of the Council of Ministers (Amendment) Bill 2016.

Mr Speaker, this is a simple change to legislation that sees the election of Chief Minister become purely a matter for the House of Keys.

What it does is bring forward a series of simple amendments that move the balance of power in this highly important election to the publicly-elected Chamber, and also has the Chief Minister accountable to the publicly-elected Chamber. A significant move that I hope will give the next Government the opportunity and support for serious reform, going forward, to the Legislative Council.

Again, Mr Speaker, I want to add my sincere thanks to those Hon. Members who have added their full weight of support to this significant move and, in fact, providing this Third Reading goes through, I want to congratulate the House on their attitude towards this.

Two Members: Hear, hear.

The Speaker: Mr Singer.

Mr Singer: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I am very pleased to second and to reserve my remarks.

The Speaker: If no one wishes to speak, I put the motion that the Council of Ministers (Amendment) Bill be read for the third time. Those in favour, please say aye; against, no. The ayes have it. The ayes have it.