

**Terrorism and Crime (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2015 –  
Third Reading approved**

**The President:** Would you like to move the Third Reading, sir.

**Mr Coleman:** Thank you, Madam President.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Members of Council for your support for these important measures which will strengthen our anti-money laundering and countering terrorism financing regime. This is an exceptionally important time for the Island as we move towards 25th April and the vitally important on-Island assessment by the Moneyval international team.

This Bill will be crucial in helping us to meet the international standards demanded of the Isle of Man to which we are wholeheartedly committed.

Madam President, I beg to move that the Terrorism and Crime (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill 2015 be read for a third time and do pass.

**Mr Crookall:** I beg to second, Madam President.

**The President:** The Hon. Member, Mr Anderson.

**Mr Anderson:** Thank you, Madam President.

Can I just ask ... and it is probably the learned Attorney General rather than the mover?  
At the end of each explanatory memorandum we seem to have a comment now:

In the opinion of the member moving the Bill its provisions are compatible with the Convention rights within the meaning of the Human Rights Act 2001.

That phrase being put in says the Member is ... Is this a legal 'cop-out'? Should it not read that the 'drafter of the Bill' believes that this is compliant?

**The President:** Well, strictly, the explanatory memorandum is not before us but I am quite sure the learned Acting Attorney General will assist, if he can.

**Mr Anderson:** Just an explanation, Madam President.

**The Acting Attorney General:** It is not so much, Madam President, a matter for the drafter of the Bill to sign off on compliance with European legislation. It is, in fact, me.

At the end of the day before a Bill is submitted to the Ministry of Justice for assent, I have got to give confirmation to the Ministry – which they will check – that it is compliant.

I do not know why this practice has crept into the explanatory memorandum, I will look into that again.

But certainly, just so it is clear, the obligation at the end of the day is clearly with me to certify to the Ministry of Justice. However, the Department ought not to be bringing forward legislation which is non-compliant.

**Mr Anderson:** I understand that.

**The Acting Attorney General:** Thank you.

**The President:** Does the mover wish to comment?

**Mr Coleman:** Only to thank, once again, my seconder, Mr Crookall; and again just to reiterate that I think the suspension of Standing Orders for both of the Bills indicates just how seriously we do take this Moneyval inspection.

And again, I beg to move, Madam President.

**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.

That concludes consideration of the Bill, Hon. Members.