

**3. Registration of Electors Bill 2020 –
Third Reading approved**

Mr Henderson to move:

That the Registration of Electors Bill 2020 be read a third time.

The President: Item 3, Registration of Electors Bill for Third Reading. Again, Hon. Member, Mr Henderson, to move.

Mr Henderson: Gura mie eu, Eaghtyrane.

Eaghtyrane, I am pleased to move the Third Reading of the Registration of Electors Bill 2020. I would like to thank Hon. Members for their close scrutiny of this legislation, in particular Mrs Poole-Wilson, whose input has improved the Bill as a whole, as indeed has Hon. Members' support also.

Eaghtyrane, this Bill modernises the system of electoral registration which, as we all know, is an essential part of ensuring that democratic elections can be held in the Isle of Man. It introduces the concept of individual and continuous registration, improves the process of registration for the electorate and generates efficiencies for the Government. This legislation will result in a more accurate and complete Electoral Register, thereby supporting efforts to strengthen political engagement and increase voter turnout.

Eaghtyrane, I beg to move that the Registration of Electors Bill 2020 be read for the third time.

The President: Hon. Member, Mr Mercer.

Mr Mercer: Thank you, Mr President.

I beg to second and reserve my remarks.

The President: Hon. Members, I put to Council that the Registration of Electors Bill be read for a third time; if there be dissent, please indicate this now.

There being no dissent, the ayes have it. The ayes have it.