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### **Council of Ministers**

**Cross-Government Report 2015** 

#### **Introduction to the Cross Government Report 2015**

Cross Government information is recorded by Departments, Boards and Offices ('Departments') each year; this recorded data is then subject of a return to the Cabinet Office. The Cabinet Office includes the recorded data in a Cross Government Report to Tynwald.

The Cross Government Report for the year ended 31 March 2015 is divided into two parts:

The **first part** reflects the requirement for Departments to maintain a record of data in relation to:

- refusals of requests for information made under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information
- complaints made under the Standardised Complaints procedure
- the number of Government consultations
- instances of whistle blowing against Departments

The **second part** of the Report draws together other information which has been collated by the Cabinet Office and covers the following categories:

- Bills introduced into the Branches of Tynwald since November 2011 (including an update on Royal Assent)
- Legal Services Commission: Update Report
- Town and Village Regeneration Scheme Report

**Note:** As the information contained within this report is in the main published or is readily available, the Council of Ministers agreed that this report will be the last annual Cross Government Report.

Will Greenhow Chief Secretary

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#### Part 1

## Initial refusals and review decisions in respect of written requests for information made under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information

#### Introduction

The Code of Practice on Access to Government Information ('the Code'), published under the authority of the Council of Ministers, came into operation on 1 September 1996.

The Code requires administrative arrangements to be in place to provide for a facility under which a person, who had made a written request for information to a Department and was aggrieved at a refusal to supply the information, or the cost charged for the supply of information, could make representations to the Department for a review of the decision. A record is required to be kept of all initial refusals and review decisions in respect of written requests for information under the Code and the category of exemption cited by the Department in respect of each refusal.

Individuals who remain dissatisfied with a Department's decision can appeal to the Commissioner under the Code via a referral from a Member of Tynwald.

For the year ending 31 March 2015, Departments recorded no refusals to supply information to written requests for information as required under the Code.

### Government refusals under the Code from the period commencing 2010/11

The table below shows a record of the number of refusals in respect of written requests for information made under the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information:

2010/11	5
2011/12	1
2012/13	6
2013/14	4
2014/15	0

The Code of Practice on Access to Government Information can be found on the Cabinet Office website <a href="http://www.gov.im/lib/docs/cso/corporate/Community\_Focus/codeofpractice.pdf">http://www.gov.im/lib/docs/cso/corporate/Community\_Focus/codeofpractice.pdf</a>.

### **Complaints made against Departments under the standardised procedure**

#### Introduction

In 1991, as a result of recommendations made by the Select Committee on the Appointment of an Ombudsman, a standardised complaints procedure was introduced within Government for responding to complaints from members of the public. In accordance with the procedure, Departments keep a central record of complaints, the action taken in relation to the complaint and the level at which the action was taken.

### What constitutes a Complaint?

The guidance given to Departments when the procedure was instigated recognised that not all complaints warranted inclusion in the registers and lists the types of complaint Departments should record and those they should not. The word 'complaint' can be used to describe a very wide range of customer representations. Re-produced below is the guidance provided to Departments which details those complaints that should be recorded in the central register and those that should not.

### Complaints which warrant being recorded in the Central Register

These would include the following, which should be submitted in writing by the aggrieved party or by their authorised agent (which might include a Member of Tynwald):

C1	A complaint concerning a decision by the Department where there is no independent appeal mechanism
C2	A complaint concerning any failure by a Department to make a decision
C3	A complaint concerning a failure of service which is not corrected or is not corrected within a reasonable time-scale
C4	A complaint concerning the failure of administrative arrangements or an over-restrictive or narrow interpretation of such arrangements
C5	A complaint concerning the application of inappropriate or unfair remedies
C6	A complaint concerning breach of confidentiality
C7	Any other substantial complaint not falling within any of the foregoing definitions

### Complaints which do not warrant recording in the Central Register

- A complaint about a matter outside the competence of the Department
- A complaint where it is obvious that there is no prima facie case to answer or that the complaint is frivolous, malicious, trivial or vexatious
- A complaint where the complainant is not involved in the matter forming the subject of the complaint or has no direct interest therein
- A complaint which is made more than twelve months after the action has been taken which has led to the complaint being made
- A complaint which is successfully dealt with on the spot
- A complaint about a failure of service which is rectified within a reasonable timescale (e.g. failure of water or electricity supply)
- A complaint solely regarding the attitude/behaviour of a member of staff (this is the subject of normal disciplinary enquiry)
- A complaint solely against a decision which is the subject of an independent appeal mechanism or where the mechanisms available for further review and appeal have not been exhausted
- A complaint solely concerning the application of professional judgement

#### **Nil Returns**

In accordance with the standardised complaints procedure Departments provide a 'nil' complaints return to the Chief Secretary unless a complaint has been received and has been deemed as suitable for inclusion in the central register.

This does not mean that there have been no complaints made to that Department; only that there has not been a complaint made that would warrant recording in the centralised register, in accordance with the standardised procedure.

The following table does not list those Departments who submitted a 'nil return'. For completeness nil returns were submitted from the Attorney General's Chambers, Communications Commission, Insurance and Pensions Authority, Manx Industrial Relations Service, Manx National Heritage, Office of Fair Trading, Post Office, Road Transport Licensing Committee and Veteran's Welfare Service.

### This Year's Report lists at:

- **Table 1:** the number and type of complaints received by Departments during 2014/15
- **Table 2**: the complaints resolved during the year ended 31 March 2015, along with the number of complaints unresolved as at 31 March 2015
- Table 3: the level of seniority at which complaints were resolved
- **Table 4:** the number of complaints received each reporting year

Table 1 - Number of complaints received during the year ending 31 March 2015

Department	Number of complaints	Nature of complaints <sup>1</sup>
Cabinet Office	1	1 C7
Department of Economic Development	2	1 C6 1 C7
Department of Education & Children	8	8 C7
Financial Supervision Commission	1	1 C7
Gambling Supervision Commission	1	1 C1
General Registry	2	1 C4 1 C7
Department of Health & Social Care	30	13 C3 6 C4 4 C5 7 C7
Department of Home Affairs	2	1 C1 1 C6
Department of Infrastructure	12	2 C1 2 C2 1 C3 2 C6 5 C7
Manx Utilities Authority	3	3 C7
Office of the Data Protection Supervisor	1	1 C7
Public Sector Pensions Authority	6	1 C3 5 C4
Treasury	16	3 C1 3 C3 7 C4 3 C7
Total	85	

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 1}$  Complaints are categorised as per the table under the section entitled 'Complaints which warrant being recorded in the central register' on page 5

Table 2 — Complaints unresolved at start of year, complaints received and resolved during the year and remaining unresolved as at 31 March 2015

Department	Unresolved at start of year	Received during year	Resolved during year	Unresolved at year end
Cabinet Office	0	1	1	0
Department of Economic Development	1	2	2	1
Department of Education & Children	6	8	7	7
Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture	1	0	1	0
Financial Supervision Commission	0	1	0	1
Gambling Supervision Commission	0	1	1	0
General Registry	0	2	2	0
Department of Health & Social Care	10	30	27	13
Department of Home Affairs	0	2	2	0
Department of Infrastructure	4	12	14	2
Manx Utilities Authority	0	3	1	2
Office of Data Protection Supervisor	0	1	1	0
Public Sector Pensions Authority	1	6	5	2
Treasury	0	16	13	3
Total	23	85	77	31

Table 3 — Details of the level of seniority at which complaints were resolved during the year ending 31 March 2015

Department	Line Manager	Chief Officer	Minister / Chairman	Other
Cabinet Office	1			
Department of Economic Development		2		
Department of Education & Children				7
Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture				1
Gambling Supervision Commission			1	
General Registry	1	1		
Department of Health & Social Care	26		1	
Department of Home Affairs	1			1
Department of Infrastructure	8	6		
Manx Utilities Authority	1			
Office of Data Protection Supervisor				1
Public Sector Pensions Authority	2			3
Treasury	13			
Total	53	9	2	13

Table 4: The table below shows the number of complaints received against Departments per reporting year:

2011/12	136
2012/13	88
2013/14	101
2014/15	85

### Consultations carried out between Government Departments and the public

#### Introduction

The Code of Practice on Consultation was implemented with effect from July 2008 under the authority of the Council of Ministers ('Council'). Although the Code is designed for use with primary legislation, Council endorsed the use of the Code as a template for best practice when considering major policy decisions where consultation may be appropriate. The Code requires that Departments keep a central record of consultations held, detailing the period of consultation, method of advertisement, number and nature of the responses received and whether the consultation criteria was followed. This data is forwarded to the Cabinet Office annually. The data below refers to consultations which commenced during the period 1 April 2014 to the 31 March 2015.

#### **Nil Returns**

The following tables do not list those Departments who have submitted 'nil returns'. For completeness nil returns were submitted from: Attorney General's Chambers, Gambling Supervision Commission, Manx Utilities Authority, Manx Industrial Relations Service, Manx National Heritage, Office of the Data Protection Supervisor, Post Office, Road Transport Licensing Committee and Veterans Welfare Office.

### **Summary**

Returns for this period show that 59 consultations were conducted by Departments for the year ending 31 March 2015. This compares with 57 consultations carried out over the previous year. The numbers of consultations conducted by individual Departments are as follows:

Department	Number of Consultations
Cabinet Office	6
Communications Commission	2
Department of Economic Development	7
Department of Education and Children	1
Department of Environment, Food & Agriculture	4
Financial Supervision Commission	8
General Registry	1
Department of Health & Social Care	4
Department of Home Affairs	5
Department of Infrastructure	7
Insurance and Pensions Authority	4
Office of Fair Trading	1
Public Sector Pensions Authority	5
Treasury	4
Total	59

# Consultations which commenced during the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015 are as follows:

### **Cabinet Office**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Electronic Communications and Social Media: Policy, Standards and Guidelines	3 Feb15	13 Mar 15	11	Government website
2	Draft IOM Government policy for allocation and charging for Government car parking spaces	15 Jan 15	12 Feb 15	126	Government website
3	Draft Central Douglas Masterplan	3 Oct 14	14 Nov 14	54	Press release, public presentation at Manx Museum, public exhibition and Government website
4	Equality Bill	28 Nov 14	11 Aug 14	70	Direct mail to relevant parties, press release and Government website
5	Beneficial ownership information	30 Jun 14	26 Sep 14	38	Direct mail to relevant parties, press release and Government website
6	Representation of the People (Amend) Bill and Regulations 2014	30 Apr 14	27 Jun 14	20	Direct mail to relevant parties, press release, Government website and social media
	Total responses received			319	

### **Communications Commission**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Licensing of Spectrum in the 3.6 GHz Band	26 Mar 15	29 Apr 15	2	Press release and Government website
2	Increasing ISP licence fees	12 Sep 14	13 Oct 14	5	Direct mail to interested parties and Government website
	Total responses received			7	

### **Department of Economic Development**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Proposed additional qualifying session during 2014 Festival of Motorcyling	27 Jun 14	1 Aug 14	40	Direct mail to all relevant parties, local press and Government website
2	Proposed policy for new legislation implementing Marpol Annex III, Marpol Protocol I and SOLAS Chapter VII.	9 Dec 14	20 Jan 15	4	Direct mail to all relevant parties and Government website
3	Merchant Shipping (Fees) Regulations 2015	4 Nov 14	16 Dec 14	0	Direct mail to all relevant parties and Government website
4	Proposed implementation of the Nairobi International Convention on the Removal of Wrecks 2007	20 Aug 14	1 Oct 14	6	Direct mail to all relevant parties and Government website
5	Proposals to implement by regulation the latest version of the Large Commercial Yacht Code (LY3).	18 Aug 14	29 Sep 14	1	Direct mail to all relevant parties and Government website
6	Merchant Shipping (Medical Stores) Regulations 2015	23 Oct 14	4 Dec 14	11	Direct mail to all relevant parties and Government website
7	New regulations to update official log book and list of crew	6 Mar 15	17 Apr 15	18	Direct mail to all relevant parties and Government website
	Total responses received			80	

### **Department of Education and Children**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	The best way forward for 14 - 16 qualification	1 Apr 14	16 May 14	804	Through schools, a 'roadshow' aimed at parents in secondary schools, press release and interviews with local media and Government website
	Total responses received			804	

### **Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Amendments to the Countryside Care Scheme	4 Dec 14	16 Jan 15	54	Press release to interested parties and public meetings
2	Proposals for future management of the Isle of Man Queen Scallop fishery	22 Dec 14	9 Feb 15	50	News release, direct mail to all relevant parties and Government website
3	Food Information Regulations	22 Aug 14	3 Oct 14	8	Department and Government website
4	Compulsory Micro-chipping of dogs	20 Mar 15	1 May 15	28	Department and Government website
	Total response received			140	

### **Financial Supervision Commission**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Implementation of Discretionary Civil Penalties	19 Dec 14	30 Jan 15	12	Direct mail to all licenceholders, relevant professional bodies and associations. Press release on FSC and Government websites
2	Revisions to the Financial Services (Appointment of Manager) Order	25 Apr 14	6 Jun 14	2	Direct mail to all licenceholders, relevant professional bodies and associations. Press release on the FSC and Government websites
3	Draft Register of Authorised Auditor Regulations	11 Apr 14	23 May 14	4	Direct mail to all licenceholders, relevant professional bodies, associations and authorised auditors. Met with local audit firms. Press release on FSC and Government websites
4	Credit Union framework	30 Jan 15	13 Mar 15	114	Direct mail to all relevant persons / bodies, press release on the FSC and Government websites

5	Basel III: Leverage Ratio (discussion paper only)	27 Jun 14	26 Sep 14	3	Direct mail to the Isle of Man Bankers Association and all banks — Issued in conjunction with Jersey FSC and Guernsey FSC
6	Consultation on a General Review of Collective Investment Schemes	1 Aug 14	31 Oct 14	21	Direct mail to all stakeholders, FSC and Government websites
7	Consultation on changes to Regulatory Fees from 2015	12 Dec 14	30 Jan 15	13	Direct mail to all stakeholders, FSC and Government websites
8	Second consultation on a general review of collective investment schemes	26 Feb 15	24 Apr 15	7	Direct mail to stakeholders, FSC and Government websites
	Total responses received			176	

### **General Registry**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Legal Aid	16 Sep 14	28 Nov 14	32	Direct mail to all key stakeholders, local press, radio, Registry and Government website
	Total responses received			32	

### **Department of Health and Social Care**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	DisabledGo Internet Disability Access Guide	2 Jun 14	13 Jul 14	48	Direct to relevant parties, ie members of the public, Tynwald Library, Douglas Town Council, Douglas library, Douglas Development Partnership and the Sea Terminal. Press release to local/ UK media and Government website
2	National Health Service (Dental Charges) Regulations 2015	9 Jan 15	9 Feb 15	4	Direct mail to all interested parties

3	Public Health Tobacco (Amendment) Bill 2014	9 Dec 14	19 Jan 15	19	Direct mail to all interested parties and Government website
4	Draft Strategic Plan for Mental Health and Well being	16 Dec 14	9 Jan 15	9	Internal only via email bulletin
	Total responses received			80	

### **Department of Home Affairs**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Criminal Procedure and Investigations Bill 2014 Consultation	16 Jun 14	29 July 14	10	Direct mail to relevant parties, press release to local media and Government website
2	Consultation on Police Codes of Practice	22 Sep 14	3 Nov 14	9	Direct mail to relevant parties, press release, interviews on Manx Radio and Government website
3	Anti-money laundering and countering terrorist financing	15 Aug 14	10 Oct 14	30	Direct mail to relevant parties, press release and Government website
4	Draft Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism Code 2015	5 Jan 15	29 Jan 15	20	Direct mail to relevant parties, press release and Government website.
5	Special constables' consultation on police regulations	3 Dec 14	13 Jan 15	17	Direct mail to relevant parties and Government website
	<b>Total responses received</b>			86	

### **Department of Infrastructure**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Primary Marine Legislation	13 Mar 15	24 Apr 15	22	News release, direct mail to relevant parties
2	Revision of the use classes and associated permitted changes of use	28 Nov 14	9 Jan 15	25	News release, Department and Government website
3	New Driver Proposals	8 Oct 14	30 Nov 14	1216	Press release, Minister interviews with media and Government website

4	The Draft Isle of Man Strategic Plan 2015	16 Jan 15	13 Mar 15	34	Press and news release, Government and Department website
5	Proposed permitted development Order for temporary use or development of land	24 Oct 14	5 Dec 14	30	News Release and Government website
6	Proposed changes to Public Transport and parking provision	18 Jun 14	31 July 14	1711	Direct mail to key stakeholders and press release
7	Role, remit and operation of the Road Transport Licensing Committee	6 Mar 15	17 Apr 15	96	Media release and Government website
	Total responses received			3134	

### **Insurance and Pensions Authority**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Insurance Supplementary Fee	4 Jul 14	15 Aug 14	7	Discussion with relevant Bodies, IPA and Government website
2	CP14-08 2015 Regulatory Fees	12 Dec 14	21 Jan 15	1	News item and IPA website
3	Secondary legislation in connection with Insurance Special Purpose Vehicles	4 Nov 14	25 Nov 14	1	IPA website and met with industry working parties (includes DED, Treasury & FSC)
4	Insurance Special Purpose Vehicles	8 May 14	19 Jun 14	3	IPA website, discussion with industry working party (which includes DED) and the Treasury
	<b>Total responses received</b>			12	·

### Office of Fair Trading

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Proposed changes to the Scope of the Financial Services Ombudsman Scheme	30 Jul 14	10 Sep 14	28	Circulated to relevant parties, OFT and Government websites
	Total responses received			28	

### **Public Sector Pensions Authority**

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Isle of Man Government Unified Scheme (Amendment) (No.2) Scheme 2014	20 Jun 14	01 Aug 14	7	Direct mail to interested parties, notice boards, staff bulletins and Government website
2	Isle of Man Government Unified Scheme (Amendment) Scheme 2014	16 Apr 14	27 Jun 14	9	Direct mail to interested parties and Government website
3	Public Sector Injury Benefit Scheme 2015	13 Oct 14	16 Jan 15	7	Direct mail to relevant parties, an 'All Staff' email and PSPA website
4	Teachers' Compensation Scheme 2014	27 May 14	27 June 14	4	Direct mail to relevant parties and Department of Education's Intranet System
5	Public Sector Pensions (Admission) Regulations 2014	16 Apr 14	27 Jun 14	9	Direct mail to relevant parties and Government website
	<b>Total responses received</b>			36	

### Treasury

No	Subject of Consultation	Start Date	End Date	Responses Received	Advertisement method
1	Compulsory online filing of Company Tax Returns	12 May 14	11 Jul 14	5	Direct email to interested parties, Gov and Treasury websites and interviews with local media
2	Proposed changes to the Manx Social Security and National Insurance Systems	23 Mar 15	15 May 15	417	Media release and Government website
3	Reform of Domestic Rates	16 Mar 15	27 Apr 15	1477	Press release, Gov website and flyer included with the rate demands to households
4	Treasury Shares under the Companies Acts 1931 to 2004 and Companies Act 2006 (following initial consultation Aug - Sept 13)	1 Apr 14	28 Apr 14	6	Direct to all relevant parties through Financial Services Steering Group, Treasury, DED and Gov websites
	Total responses received			1905	

#### **Cases of Whistleblowing incidents against Government Departments**

#### Introduction

The Government is committed to the highest possible standards of openness, probity and accountability. In line with these commitments, employees with serious concerns about any aspect of the Government's work are encouraged to voice them through appropriate channels. In so doing it is recognised that, in certain cases, they may have to proceed on a confidential basis.

The Isle of Man Government's Confidential Reporting (Whistleblowing) Policy covers all those in the employment of the Government. It is the intention of the policy to provide safeguards for staff and is intended to encourage and enable staff to raise serious concerns within the Government without fear of reprisal. The policy requires Accounting Officers to report to the Chief Secretary, on an annual basis, on the incidence of cases reported, and their status or outcome.

### What constitutes Whistleblowing?

Issues which should be raised under this policy are where there is a suspicion or direct evidence that the following have been, are being or are likely to be committed by a fellow employee(s). The list below outlines the categories that these events may fall into -

W1	a criminal offence
W2	fraud, bribery or corruption
W3	a breach of the Government Code of Conduct
W4	undue favour shown either on a contractual matter, or to a job applicant
W5	bad working practice
W6	disregard for legislation, particularly in relation to health and safety in the workplace
W7	damage to the environment
W8	a breach of Government Financial Regulations
W9	concealment of any of the above
W10	any other that does not fall within the above categories

#### Report for the year ending 31 March 2015

Returns submitted to the Chief Secretary (in accordance with the policy) show that there was one instance of concern raised through the Whistleblowing policy as follows:

Code	Department	Description	Action Taken
W4	Department of Health & Social Care	Undue favour shown, either on a contractual matter, or to a job applicant	The concern was resolved at Accounting Officer level

The Isle of Man Government's Confidential Reporting (Whistleblowing) Policy can be found on the Cabinet Office website at: <a href="https://www.gov.im/lib/docs/hr/ERP/whistleblowingpolicyfinalrevised.pdf">www.gov.im/lib/docs/hr/ERP/whistleblowingpolicyfinalrevised.pdf</a>

Government Bills introduced to the House of Keys since year 2012 to date (including an update on their progress to Royal Assent)

Part 2

Year Introduced	No.	Name of Bill	
2012	1	Gambling Duty	
	2	Legal Aid (Amendment)	
	3	Casino (Amendment)	
	4	Partnership (Amendment)	
	5	Companies (Beneficial Ownership)	
	6	Town and Country Planning (Amendment)	
	7	Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (Limitation on Debt Recovery)	
	8	Companies and Business Names Etc	
	9	Moneylenders (Amendment)	
	10	Cash in Postal Packets	
	11	Income Tax	
	12	Sunbeds	
	13	Financial Services (Miscellaneous Amendments)	
	14	Licensing (Amendment)	
	15	Regulation of Care	
	16	Children and Young Persons (Amendment)	
	17	Bribery	
	18	Fisheries (Amendment)	
2013	19	Law Officers	
	20	Flood Risk Management	
	21	Weeds (Amendment)	
	22	Summary Jurisdiction and Miscellaneous Amendments	
	23	Public Health (Amendment)	
	24	Criminal Justice, Police Powers and Other Amendments	
	25	Post Office (Amendment)	
	26	Custody (Amendment)	
	27	Foreign Companies	
	28	Income Tax (Amendment)	
	29	Limited Liability Companies (Amendment)	
30 Copy		Copyright Etc. (Amendment)	
	31	Representation of the People (Amendment)	

	32	Control of Employment
	33	Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments)
2014	34	Designated Businesses (Registration and Oversight)
	35	European Union (Amendment)
	36	Freedom of Information
	37	Healthcare Professionals
	38	Law Officers
	39	Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions)
	40	Interpretation
	41	Legislation
	42	Road Races (Temporary Modification)
	43	Road Traffic (Amendment)
	44	Sewerage (Amendment)
	45	Trusts (Amendment)
	46	Public Services Commission
	47	Interpretation (Amendment)
2015	48	Payment Services
	49	Income Tax
	50	Representation of the People (Amendment)

### **Bills granted Royal Assent**

- 1. Bribery
- 2. Cabinet Office (Legislative Amendments)
- 3. Cash in Postal Packets
- 4. Casino (Amendment)
- 5. Children and Young Persons (Amendment)
- 6. Companies (Beneficial Ownership)
- 7. Companies and Business Names Etc
- 8. Control of Employment
- 9. Copyright etc. (Amendment)
- 10. Criminal Justice, Police Powers and Other Amendments
- 11. Custody (Amendment)
- 12. European Union (Amendment)
- 13. Financial Services (Miscellaneous Amendments)
- 14. Fisheries (Amendment)
- 15. Flood Risk Management

- 16. Foreign Companies
- 17. Gambling Duty
- 18. Healthcare Professionals
- 19. Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (Limitation on Debt Recovery)
- 20. Income Tax
- 21. Income Tax (Amendment)
- 22. Interpretation (Amendment)
- 23. Law Officers
- 24. Law Officers
- 25. Legal Aid (Amendment)
- 26. Licensing (Amendment)
- 27. Limited Liability Companies (Amendment)
- 28. Moneylenders (Amendment)
- 29. Partnership (Amendment)
- 30. Payment Services
- 31. Post Office (Amendment)
- 32. Public Health (Amendment)
- 33. Public Services Commission
- 34. Regulation of Care
- 35. Representation of the People (Amendment)
- 36. Road Races (Temporary Modification)
- 37. Road Traffic (Amendment)
- 38. Sewerage (Amendment)
- 39. Summary Jurisdiction and Miscellaneous Amendments
- 40. Sunbeds
- 41. Terrorism and Other Crime (Financial Restrictions)
- 42. Town and Country Planning (Amendment)
- 43. Trusts (Amendment)
- 44. Weeds (Amendment)

#### **Bills awaiting Royal Assent**

- 45. Freedom of Information
- 46. Designated Businesses (Registration and Oversight)
- 47. Income Tax
- 48. Interpretation
- 49. Legislation
- 50. Representation of the People (Amendment)

### **Legal Services Commission - Update Report 2015**

Since 2008 Government has provided an annual update on the recommendations of the Legal Services Commission. Recommendations 1 to 21 (excluding 8) were either completed or no action was required. The remaining recommendation is set out below, together with an update for 2015.

Legal Services Commission Recommendation	Action agreed by Tynwald	Actions Update
8. Statutory Charge  'see merit in the introduction of statutory charge but no introduction but wish to see close review'	The General Registry will seek to introduce legislation in 2008/09 to allow a phased introduction of statutory charges to be made.	The Legal Aid (Financial Resources) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 came into force on 1 December 2014

#### **Town and Village Centre Regeneration Scheme Report**

#### Introduction

This Annual Report provides information on the progress of the Town and Village Centre Regeneration Scheme 2013 for the year ending 31 March 2015.

The Town and Village Centre Regeneration Scheme was unanimously agreed at February 2009 Tynwald and came into operation on 1st April 2009. The Scheme was made by the former Department of Trade and Industry to provide grant assistance from the Treasury Regeneration Fund for the purpose of enhancing and regenerating town and village centres. The Fund originally had available £8m for this purpose.

In spring 2014 and 2015, the Government made the decision to increase the Regeneration Fund by transferring £3 million from the Economic Development Fund. This was a direct result of the positive effects and investment return of the Regeneration Fund.

### **Chief Minister's Regeneration Steering Group**

The Chief Minister's Regeneration Steering Group was established in 2008 to oversee the development of the Scheme. The Group comprises the Chief Minister (Chair), Treasury Minister, Minister for Infrastructure and Minister for Economic Development and is the reporting body for the various Local Regeneration Committees.

### **Local Regeneration Committees**

There are six Local Regeneration Committees: Castletown, Douglas, Laxey, Peel, Ramsey, and the South West (Port Erin and Port St Mary).

#### **Financial Information**

The financial information below is for projects that have had commitments for funding or have received funding up to 31 March 2015.

	Committed funding by area	Actual funds spent by area to 31 March 2015	No. of applications by area
Castletown	£1,585,103	£389,212	13
Douglas	£5,822,590	£4,371,872	55
Island Wide	£49,606	£43,722	3
Laxey	£1,392,029	£487,110	16
Peel	£579,154	£114,777	25
Ramsey	£3,173,602	£2,811,284	58
South West	£225,670	£109,302	14
Total	£12,827,754	£8,327,279	

Note: Applications which have expired are not included.