

IN THE KEYS

8<sup>th</sup> April 2008

FOR ORAL ANSWER

The Hon Member for Douglas North to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

Can you provide documentary evidence supporting your view given in Tynwald that there is a public appetite for the establishment of a Tynwald Ombudsman?

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Mr Speaker

Tynwald voted unanimously in support of the recommendations in the review by the Council of Ministers of the Standardised Complaints Procedure and the case for the Establishment of an Ombudsman.

Therefore, the simple answer to the question is that I believe, surely not unreasonably, that Tynwald would not have given unanimous support to the appointment of a Tynwald Ombudsman if the public did not have an appetite for this important appointment.