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In the October 2007 sitting of Tynwald John Houghton asked again about the introduction of an Ombudsman.

Although the answer was positive, it should be noted that, in answering another question the Attorney General stated that it was no exaggeration to say that his Chambers are completely overloaded with work, with 58 Bills to be drafted before July 2008. [#mce temp url#](#)

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The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Chief Minister –
When will a statutory ombudsman service be established and brought into force?

Comprehensive drafting instructions in respect of the drafting of the Ombudsman Bill were forwarded to the Attorney General's chambers in April this year.

The Bill is included in the Council of Ministers legislative programme for introduction in the 2007/2008 legislative year.

Upon completion of the draft Bill a consultation process will be undertaken and it is expected that the Bill will be introduced into the Branches in early 2008.

Chief Minister Brown has issued information to members of Tynwald in response to a Manx Radio interview P A G had on 'Morning Mandate' (10 July 2007) and on 'Talking Heads' the following day. This may be viewed [here](#) .

It is encouraging that P A G gets recognition, dare one say acceptance, by the Minister. It's interesting that Petitions for Redress of Grievance will continue and also that an Auditor General is promised.