

## Political Questions – John Hanson (2011)

**Why this candidate wishes to be a member of the House of Keys?**

Because the need exists for an entirely new approach.

**How well does the candidate think that the present?**

On a scale of 1 to 10 – I feel it would have to be a 3.

**If the candidate were elected, what would their priorities be at a constituency level?**

This would have to be on-going and ever changing according to the needs/expectations of the residents of Malew and Santon.

**If the candidate were elected, what would their priorities be at a national level?**

To make Government more cost effective (as with any business) and more accountable with regard to how the tax payers money is spent.

**What does the candidate view as the main political and social issues facing the Isle of Man in the next 5 years?**

Main political issue would be to straighten out the mess left by the previous administration. Main social issue is lawlessness.

**How would the candidate deal with the challenges/issues over the next five years - as stated in the Main Social Issues question?**

In short term by departmental cuts. By give the Police/Courts more power to deal with crime so they can do their job unimpeded.

**What does the candidate feel has changed for the better, for Isle of Man residents, in the past five years - giving examples?**

Rejuvenation of town centres. e.g. North Quay in Douglas.

**What does the candidate feel has**

The fact that people feel unsafe to

**changed for the worse for Isle of Man residents, in the past 5 years - give examples?**

walk their local streets.

**Does the candidate feel that the Isle of man has been too reliant upon the financial services industry?**

Yes

**If The candidate feels there is too much Financial Services reliance, how does the candidate feel that they would further diversify the Manx economy?**

By reinvigorating the Tourist Industry (which is a field I know plenty about).

**Is the candidate in favour of independence from the United Kingdom?**

Yes under the right circumstances.

**Is the candidate in favour of -and if a standing member, did they vote for- a popularly elected Legislative Council?**

Yes

**Is the candidate in favour of -and if a standing member, did they vote for- a popularly elected Chief Minister?**

Yes

**Is the candidate in favour of nationalisation of air and or sea services to and from the Isle of Man?**

No

**Is the candidate in favour of onshore wind farms in the Isle of Man?**

Yes - with reservations.

**Is the candidate in favour of Means testing for "universal" benefits and social housing?**

Yes - because where social housing is concerned - by not means testing you are going against what social housing should stand for.