

Political Questions – David Quirk (2011)

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

I believe passionately in protecting our Island and Manx way of life. I believe the best way to help the people of the Isle of Man is to fully participate in Government, working together and making an effective contribution to the Island.

How well does the candidate think that the present?

Over the past 5 years the Island has faced some difficult times despite this we have addressed the challenges head on and the Islands economy has continued to grow.

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

The Eastern development plan that will commence in 2012, Housing, Industrial Development in and around Onchan, Sheltered Accommodation.

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

Be pro-active in promoting the Isle of Man to attract new international business to the Island. Support and encourage new and existing local businesses in our communities. Maintenance and growth of the local employment market.

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

Cementing relations with our trading partners. Support our ageing population, to support our young

years?

people to keep them in employment, to ensure that our young people have a high standard of education.

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

Improve communication with other jurisdictions and attract new business to diversify the Islands economy.

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

Better education facilities, Investment in Health, Improved housing, Ballafletcher and Bowl sports complex. Our international standing in the community.

What does the candidate feel has changed for the worse for Isle of Man residents, in the past 5 years - give examples?

The uncertainty of the Global Markets of which we have no control.

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

No the Finance sector has given opportunities to other businesses to establish on the Island eg: e- gaming, shipping register, aircraft register.

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

Reduce bureaucracy and barriers to trade, making it easier to do business on the Island. Work with the private sector to encourage development opportunities.

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

No

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

No – A solution is yet to be found which is better than the existing one.

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

No

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

In this present climate the government do not have the resources to fund shipping or airline services nor do they have the expertise

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

Yes – I would also support off shore wind farms (OIL is RUNNING OUT).

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

This would have to be considered by the new administration.