

## Political Questions – Geoff Corkish (2011)

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

To use my strengths/experience to help play my part in the future of this Island.

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

No such thing as a perfect administration but should have been better rapore with people in communication terms.

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

Maintaining our quality of life.

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

Our ongoing relationship with the UK.

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

Relationships with UK and employment opportunities for our young people to keep them earning on and contributing to our Island.

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

Enhanced communication with our partners and maintaining the ongoing policy of attracting business and HNWI's to our Island – (confidence boosting).

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

Good employment opportunities, improved career opportunities, better jobs for young people in engineering

**giving examples?**

& manufacturing. Better higher education facilities. Huge investment in health services with more on-Island treatments available.

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

The world has changed and keeps changing with more demands on small nations like ours. Increase in business competitors/devolved parliaments. Travel costs for both people and consumables.

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

No – assisted and worked with it but has taken the eye off other wealth generators perhaps. We should continue to seek out diverse opportunities as we do now and look afresh at what we do now and how we can improve and do better.

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

**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-**

No – but open to a good reasoned argument.

**a popularly elected Legislative Council?**

**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?**

No

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

No

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

Yes – we are having to look at all outgoing costs to maintain standards for our people and as times are 'harder' we owe it to our people that there is a fairness at how we treat each other and look after those who are less fortunate and less able to cope.