

Political Questions – Jason Moorehouse (2011)

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

To make a difference. To make effective use of my economic knowledge at this crucial time for the Manx nation.

How well does the candidate think that the present?

They have left the economy weakened, but hopefully not destroyed.

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

On a constituency level? To be very visible and supportive. 'A national politician with a strong local base'.

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

The control of national spending, cut backs will have to be carefully managed. Marks and Spencer would simply remove a layer of middle managers. That would be nice, but too simplistic and dangerous in terms of the repercussions on the housing market, etc.

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

Prudence and justified spending will present an overriding challenge at a time when the social needs may be increasing.

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

If I were Chief Minister (!) I would create a Department of Creativity and Cuts. To encourage more

Social Issues question?

rigorous financial checks in all areas of government and more importantly the sharing of good practice. In reality if I were elected I would have to check and question the government's spending plans – hopefully in a positive and constructive manner.

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

For the better, please give examples?
The retail offering has continued to grow, the changes to Castletown are still being questioned but the difference is very noticeable.

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

For the worse, please give examples?
The feel good factor has been dimmed and fear appears to be ever present. Rather reminiscent of the old Ronald Reagan promotional video 'There's a bear!'

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

Difficult, we need to be benefit from specialisation and economies of scale, but at a time of great financial uncertainty the question cannot and must not be ignored.

If The candidate feels there is too much Financial Services reliance, how does the candidate feel that

Yes, but There is the associated cost as the film industry illustrates and the reputation in areas

they would further diversify the Manx economy?

such as internet gambling. We cannot stay still. Space – reach for the stars!

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

It is a direction we are being pushed, the only concern is the value of the link for financial institutions – the quality mark link!

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

No, it needs to retain a level of independence, impartiality and an alternative route into politics.

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

No sounds nice but potentially dangerous.

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 not even as a revenue stream as an addition to the Peel power station back up effect. We must steer clear and learn the dangers of past mistakes that have left unnecessary debt for this and future generations.

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

An option that may have to be considered, unattractive in the short

social housing?

term.