

## Leslie Hanson – Glenfaba and Peel

### Political Questions (2016)

**Why do you want to be a member of the House of Keys?**

The present politicians are not capable of balancing the books and are just asset stripping this national wealth to cover up their own incompetence. I want to change this.

**If you were elected, what would your priorities be on a national level?**

Get the finances balanced. Make sure when it comes to funds the basic services are prioritised.

**If you were elected, what would your priorities be on a constituency level?**

Look on my website this lists the priorities for the West.

**How well do you think the present administration has handled the major challenges of the past five years?**

When lots of money was coming in they solved any problems by throwing money at it when money became tight all they could do was asset strip because they haven't a financial clue.

**What are the main political and social issues facing the Isle of Man in the next five years?**

1) Making sure we approve in advance any matters that in anyway impinging on the Island before the UK puts them on the negotiating table for Brexit.  
2) Ensure the financial books are balanced.

**How would you deal with the challenges referred to in the previous answer?**

- 1) Ensure the Government gets the guarantee from the UK Government in writing.
- 2) Stop the monumental waste.

**How would you deal with the issue of public sector pension reform and the public sector pension deficit?**

Increase contributions for new employees in certain job categories.

**What has changed in the past five years for Isle of Man residents for the better? (Please give examples)**

Nothing comes to mind.

**What has changed in the past five years for Isle of Man residents for the worse? (Please give examples)**

Doctors waiting times. The hospital service. Government rates keep going up its getting more expensive just to live on the Island.

**Is the Isle of Man too reliant on any one sector of its economy?**

Reasonably balanced.

**If you feel it is, how would you further diversify the Manx economy?**

**Are you in favour of increased independence from the United Kingdom?**

I'm in favour of the status quo that is the Manx Government runs the internal affairs of the Island but I'm against the UK Government interfering with the status

**If you are, in which areas?**

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**Are you in favour of parliamentary reform in the Isle of Man?**

Tynwald is a court not a parliament. The present system isn't perfect but changing it could result in something worse.

**If you are, which aspects of the parliamentary system would you change?**

**Who should have the responsibility of electing the Chief Minister?**

The present system works well, I wouldn't change it.

**Are you in favour of the nationalisation of air and/or sea services to and from the Isle of Man?**

No

**Are you in favour of renewable energy projects in Manx territorial waters?**

It would depend on the project.

**Are you in favour of an increase in means testing for financial support and/or services provided by Government?**

No

**If you are, in which areas?**