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Political Questions (2016)

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

I believe passionately in protecting our Island and Manx way of life this can only be achieved by working together and making an effective contribution to the Island.

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

Potential implications for the Isle of Man with the exit from the European Union. Secure sea and air links to and from the Island.

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

The Eastern Development Plan (scheduled for 2012)
Supporting businesses /employment opportunities to locate within Onchan Housing and Sheltered accommodation.

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

We have had many challenges over the last five years and many hard decisions have had to be taken these have not been taken lightly but have been necessary for the island's economy.

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

Securing strong foundations for the future, we should not be relying on our reserves.
European Union-we need to act now to

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

safe guard our future.

Build on our achievements, Support and grow our economy, set in place the foundation for a sustainable future. The new Chief Minister and his Council of Ministers will have to set the parameters and take up this challenge from day one.

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

In July the Pensions Committee was formed to negotiate a new settlement for Public Sector Pensions, Tynwald has agreed to move this forward for future examination.

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

The new Henry Bloom Noble School Engineering and Training facilities at Hills Meadow and the College great opportunity for re skilling great opportunity for Apprentices. Re-joining Health with Social care

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

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

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

No

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

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

No

If you are, in which areas?

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

No

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

Who should have the responsibility of electing the Chief Minister?

At the present time this is the duty of elected members

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

No. History has served us well

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

Yes

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

Yes

If you are, in which areas?