

## Political Questions – John McDonough (2011)

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

I believe that a fresh perspective and ideas are needed.

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

I feel that they have spent too much time focussing on the international front to the detriment on the domestic one.

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

Getting people to shop locally and see what the town has to offer.

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

Healthcare, education and continued links with the UK, Europe and further afield.

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

Balancing the budget, getting the whole population to do what they can for the Island and maintaining our triple A rating.

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

Push for legislation to make Manx politicians contribute towards their pension, a fresh look as the benefits and Personal credit systems, community work schemes, try to ensure we don't put money we can ill afford to lose, into political whims.

**What does the candidate feel has changed for the better, for Isle of Man**

We have a greater international presence and performed better than

**residents, in the past five years - giving examples?**

several of our larger European neighbours.

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

Higher cost of living, healthcare and education cuts, less money being spent on essential areas of the infrastructure.

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

Yes, to the detriment of our traditional industries and services.

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

Invest in and promote alternative energy sources, get the Island back on the map as a tourist destination.

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

No, just a distinct identity.

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

Yes, let's prove we're a true democracy.

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

Yes

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

End the user agreement for the linkspan, open it up to competition, we're only. Funding the steam packet's debts.

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

Yes

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

Yes