

Political Questions – June Kelly (2011)

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

After 30 years working in the Health Services and serving for 4 years as an Onchan Commissioner I know that real change to peoples lives can be made from within central government. I believe that the current Government is too male dominated and not focused enough on local peoples issues.

How well does the candidate think that the present?

On the income replacement side they have performed reasonably well. On the expenditure side, from the outside, it looks like freezing and cutting expenditure has been mandatorially calculated, without taking enough account of the consequences to the individual. The challenge of inequality in provision of pre-school education has been totally over looked. Forward planning for employment of graduate students returning to the Island has not been addressed.

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

Ensure that Onchan gets a fair share of Government funding for local schemes and amenities. Investigate the feasibility of all Island recycling. Look for potentially more Local

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

Authority Housing in Onchan.

A constant review of health and education services provided. Civil service salaries and benefits need careful attention. The size of overall government on the Island is excessive for our population.

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

Enhancing our differences from the UK and the EU, strengthening our independence. Look at future Capital Schemes in view of the current economic climate.

Confronting drug and alcohol abuse and subsequent behaviour. Provision of amenities for youth and support.

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

Initially, if elected, I can only learn and question in order that I can develop strategies.

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

School at Bemahague, new prison and the new Bowl. Recycling. Support for 1st time buyers.

Appointment of a representative at the EU. Business opportunities arising from new tax treaties. Easyjet coming to the Island.

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?
Higher taxation. Less money in personal pockets. Government is less transparent. Increased drug and alcohol abuse and anti social behaviour. Sea travel cost. Organisation of TT. Bus Service.

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

The Island is reliant on the finance services industry. However the industry continues to diversify and look for new revenue schemes.

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

Tourism and Agriculture need to continue to be encouraged. The precision engineering sector needs educational support. Education generally should focus on available employment opportunities.

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- a popularly elected Legislative Council?

No

Is the candidate in favour of -and if a standing member, did they vote for-

No

a popularly elected Chief Minister?

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?

No