

Political Questions – David Cretney (2011)

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

I feel that I have contributed by adopting a “common sense”, “can do”, attitude and my experience particularly working with the Private sector businesses as Minister of Tourism and then Trade and Industry would be very useful in challenging economic times where Government and the Private sector must market what the Island has to offer, develop new areas of economic activity and demonstrate an innovative partnership approach. I also have a record of “Getting things done”.

How well does the candidate think that the present?

Given significant external challenges the Island continues to provide a very credible, well regulated, top quality environment in which to do business. It is essential that those Elected have the ability and experience to continue with this.

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

HOUSING ISSUES / TRAFFIC ISSUES in particular traffic speed in residential estates and the needs of pedestrians / PLANNING SUPPORT / LEISURE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

If the candidate were elected, what

THE ECONOMY working with others to

would their priorities be at a national level?

ensure Government Departments become more efficient and act in a "Business like manner". Establish clear priorities for financial expenditure, PROPERLY FUND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT to MARKET what the Island has to offer in cooperation with the Private sector and to continue to seek out new opportunities, PRIORITISE HEALTH, EDUCATION, COMMUNITY SAFETY services to protect those who need such services and to continue to make sure our Young people have the skills needed to take our Island forward whether at Further Education or in Apprenticeships. Ensure with the demographics of a population living longer that we have a range of policies in place to meet any challenges presented.

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

THE ECONOMY including in particular competition from the devolved UK assemblies and further afield, AGEING POPULATION, ENSURING WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE (in cooperation with others) ADEQUATE HOUSING for all sectors of our society, COMMUNITY COHESION. IMPROVING TRANSPARENCY AND TRUST IN THE

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

POLITICAL SYSTEM AND COMMUNICATING THE WORK OF GOVERNMENT BETTER.

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

MY EXPERIENCE OUTLINED AND WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO FOR THE GOOD OF THE ISLE OF MAN! TAKE ADVANTAGE OF BUSINESS EXPERTISE ON ISLAND.

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

CONTINUED DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMY whilst Countries adjacent are in dire financial straits. ONGOING IMPROVEMENT (work in progress) IN HOUSING. COMPLETION OF THE NSC AND VILLA COMPLEX. ALMOST FULL EMPLOYMENT (I recall over 3000 people out of work). MORE OPENESS IN GOVERNMENT (work in progress).

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

More traffic, Energy costs, Food costs, Travel costs. Less manners and more aggression and impatience in certain areas.

NO IT HAS DEMONSTRATED PRACTICAL DIVERSIFICATION. WHILST I WAS MINISTER OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY MANUFACTURING, E BUSINESS, SPACE, AIRCRAFT AND

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

SHIPPING REGISTERS and other areas saw the most growth.

CLEAN TECH, RENEWABLE ENERGY (off shore wind farm could produce significant new revenue through export of Electricity), MANUFACTURING, E BUSINESS , NEW NICHE AREAS IN TOURISM such as make more of Archibald Knox as Glasgow does of Rennie McIntosh, Build on the recent success of our Railway infrastructure, Make more of our Golfing, walking and cycling opportunities, Work with entrepreneurs and investors to seek out new business opportunities in new areas, be "open minded" to such.

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

Significant progress has taken place already. If we are to benefit from further fiscal independence i.e less reliance on vat a great deal of planning should be undertaken. We should seek to have a healthy relationship with neighbour jurisdictions and ensure they and Governments further afield are aware of the Isle of Man proposition.

Is the candidate in favour of -and if a

Yes

**standing member, did they vote for-
a popularly elected Legislative
Council?**

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

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

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

MORE INPUT FROM PUBLIC IN
ADVANCE BUT FINAL DECISION WITH
TYNWALD.

No

Singular rather than plural I think with
GREAT PROTECTION of our precious
countryside and Enviroment. As
stated earlier I favour "offshore
wind".

ALL options will no doubt be
considered I would (given my
political background) make any
decisions based on FAIRNESS and
what is right for the Island rather than
blindly following a Right wing political
dogma line on such matters. We
provide financial support for
millionaires in business, rightly so,
because they invest and provide
Employment. So I would seek with
any consideration to try and prevent
social division.

