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Political Questions (2016)

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

To make a difference on a local and national level by serving the interests of the people in these difficult and challenging times.

Decades of commercial business experience will enable me to make difficult decisions in an informed, analytical and decisive way for the people of the Isle of Man.

I will always work in the best interests of the people and find solutions that work for everyone.

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

THE ECONOMY, JOB CREATION, HEALTH, EDUCATION, CARE FOR THE ELDERLY.

Working better, faster and smarter has to be the priority to get the job done.

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

Locally I want every resident of Onchan to know their money is being spent to deliver the best services and that all sections of the community are seeing the quality of their daily lives improve over time.

My door is open 24/7 for every resident to contact me so that I can listen and act upon any concerns in a timely manner.

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

In my opinion over the last five years there have been many shortcomings of the present administration across many areas.

There is a consensus that more could have been done and too much time and money has been wasted.

Governments have to be accountable to the people at all times and not just every five years.

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

Reduction of the Finance sector
Health service at the point of need
An ageing population
Employment opportunities
Infrastructure
Transport

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

Create new employment sectors and boost existing ones to meet the present and future needs of the island.

Commit to training and employment of permanent healthcare professionals across the island.

Ensure there is sufficient provision for accommodation and health care to meet the needs of everyone.

Encourage new and existing businesses to grow by providing streamlined support packages whilst providing people with

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

vocational training.

Negotiate new deals which are more favourable than the present arrangements and consider public ownership if the existing companies do not improve their service levels and prices.

This issue has already taken much government time without providing an answer acceptable to the majority of people caught up in this matter. Any changes will have to be staged in order to give people time and opportunity for adjusting to any changes that are implemented.

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

The improvements are negligible, a reflection of the government's own performance which may be summarised as, "Could do better."

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

A number of buildings have been taken out of use without any provision for replacement. This has affected employment and a decrease of services in some instances for the most vulnerable. The government must lead by example, operate in a more efficient productive way and no longer be propped up by the taxpayer.

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

The answer to this question is that the Isle of Man has been able to diversify and must repeat this process of change. Dominant sectors are not a constant as global changes have a direct effect on domestic ones.

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

Whilst the DED are one of the departments in place for this task they need to be challenged and results driven. This is not a one department mission; it is everyone's responsibility to rally together for the future of the Isle of Man.

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

Whilst Brexit is still unconfirmed it would be prudent to review this matter as the details unfold.

If you are, in which areas?

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

Review and reform should always be a consideration.

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

Subject to the conclusions of the above.

Who should have the responsibility of electing the Chief Minister?

Vote from all members

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

In favour of a study into the feasibility.

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

As above.

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

Support should be given where there is a genuine need. This does not necessarily mean further means testing.

If you are, in which areas?