

## Political Questions – Carol Quine (2011)

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

I feel very passionate about my country and its residents and if I can make a difference or help in whatever manner to further improve the way of life here then I would like to serve.

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

I think they managed in the way they thought best at time eg I believe they responded to the recent banking crisis well and I was pleased to see a firm stance taken over retaining the 0% rate company tax. However there has been millions wasted on such things as The mount Murray Inquiry, The MEA fiasco, The Government restructure, Richmond Hill, The Airport, The VAT revenue sharing agreement. In some cases money was spent on unnecessary infrastructure projects and in some cases money was lost through blatant mismanagement.

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

More Government offices out of Douglas and into Castletown. To be open, transparent and always ready to listen through surgeries, newsletters and the website. Conclusion of the southern area plan.

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

Maintain current revenue streams and develop new ones.

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

Funding an ageing population; maintaining high levels of employment; the global financial downturn resulting in external pressure on the Island's much reduced financial resources.

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

A review needs to be carried out on the Island looking at alternative ways to pay for long term care as the current system is expensive and unfair to home owners. I would like to see a review of public sector pensions including MHK. We need an open and transparent government where we have all the facts and figures to hand so we can stand firm against the pressures of external Governments. We should continue to support the DED in encouraging business's to invest in the Island but as part of Government transparency I would like to see the results of this made more generally public.

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

Despite the upheaval of the Global credit crunch the economy has

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

continued to grow and a low level of unemployment has been maintained. Island residents have enjoyed high levels of health care and the standard of education in our schools has ensured our children can compete on an international stage.

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

Over the last five years a catalogue of incidents such as the problems with MEA, the Mount Murray enquiry, the failings of IRIS, has led to lack of confidence in the Government. Because of the perceived mishandling of local issues Island residents are justifiably concerned about the Government's ability to deal with problems generated externally.

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

The financial services industry has been instrumental in providing the strong economy we have today and long may it continue alongside the development of a more diverse economy which reflects future growth areas.

**If The candidate feels there is too much Financial Services reliance, how does the candidate feel that**

I feel that there is already a move towards a more diversified economy which I support but I would like to see

**they would further diversify the Manx economy?**

more directed marketing of holidays to the Isle of Man.

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

I am happy with the status quo but would like to get the views firstly from those that I would be representing.

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

Yes

**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?**

Yes

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

I would like to see all alternative forms of power explored not just wind farms.

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

Means testing has many pitfalls, such as high administration costs and tends to hit people on middle incomes the most. Means testing already exists for social housing.