



ISLE OF MAN BRANCH

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN
AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

FOR THE YEAR 2001 – 2002



COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION ISLE OF MAN BRANCH

To: The Hon N Q Cringle, President of Tynwald, the Hon J A Brown, Speaker of the House of Keys, Joint Presidents, and Members of the Isle of Man Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.

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INTRODUCTION

The Branch has continued to play a full and active part in the affairs of the Association.

CONFERENCES

32^d Regional Conference

Scotland

17th to 20th June 2001

The 32nd Conference of the British Islands and Mediterranean Region took place in Edinburgh from 17th to 20th June 2001. Hon S C Rodan MHK (leader of the delegation), Mr P Karran MHK, Mr J R Kniveton MLC and Mr J N Radcliffe MLC were the delegates and Mrs M Cullen, Assistant Secretary of the Branch, attended as Secretary of the delegation. Other delegations represented the parliaments of Alderney, Cyprus, the Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Jersey, Malta, Scotland, the United Kingdom and Wales.

The topics discussed were -

- (1) The relationship between the British Islands and Mediterranean Region of the CPA and the European Union
- (2) Equal opportunities for all (including gender, religion, sexual orientation, age, race and disability)
- (3) Parliament and the Media – friend or foe?
- (4) Global warming and the possible implications for small countries

Copies of the verbatim report are expected to arrive in mid-March 2002 and will be lodged in the Tynwald Library. The delegation's report is published separately.

The topic discussed at the Clerks' meeting was "Performance Management within Parliaments"

21st Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference of Members from Small Countries

- Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia

3rd to 6th September 2001

The Isle of Man was represented at this Conference by Hon J D Q Cannan SHK and Mr R P Braidwood MHK.

The topics discussed were divided into 3 workshops

- (1) Vulnerability of small parliaments to various influences including social unrest
- (2) Cooperation among small nations
- (3) Globalisation and localisation

The workshops represented a complete new format from previous Conferences, the chairpersons for each workshop being appointed from the floor. The workshops created an informal atmosphere and the agendas discussed were developed throughout the workshops.

The delegates' report is published separately.

46th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference,

Melbourne and Canberra

7th to 14th September 2001

The Isle of Man was represented at this Conference by Hon J D Q Cannan SHK and Mr R P Braidwood MHK.

A revised format was introduced with an Opening Plenary session, three workshops, a Second Plenary session and a Concluding Statement. The topics discussed were -

- (a) Strengthening Parliament's oversight role in the battle against corruption.
- (b) Poverty alleviation.
- (c) Gender sensitising Parliaments in the Commonwealth.
- (d) Towards being a professional knowledge based Parliamentarian
- (e) Combating international trafficking of people.
- (f) Should scientific advances be subject to legislative and regulatory measures.

Reports on the discussions will appear in *The Parliamentarian*, 2002/ Issue One. The delegation's report is published separately.

SEMINARS

13th Commonwealth Parliamentary Seminar

Tasmania

13th to 21st October 2001

Mr E A Crowe MLC attended the 13th Commonwealth Parliamentary Seminar. The subjects discussed were –

- (a) Parliamentary Committees – can they be more effective?
- (b) The origins of Parliamentary Democracy – looking back on 175 years of the Parliament and Executive in Tasmania.
- (c) The political scene in Tasmania.
- (d) The role of the Presiding Officer – integrity and impartiality.
- (e) Accountability – Parliament, the Executive and the People.
- (f) Accountability – Parliament and Human Rights.
- (g) Parliament, Members and the media.
- (h) MPs, Parties and the electorate – competing demands.
- (i) What can Parliament do to promote the growth and development of tourism potential?

Mr Crowe's report is published separately.

STUDY GROUPS

Study Group on Gender-Sensitizing Commonwealth Parliaments

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

27th February to 1st March 2001

Mrs H Hannan MHK attended this Study Group at the invitation of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Secretariat. Her report is published separately.

VISITS TO THE BRANCH

The Tynwald Ceremony

The following Commonwealth parliamentarians were official guests to the Tynwald Ceremony —

- (1) Sir John Gorman CVO CBE MC DL MLA, Deputy Speaker of the Northern Ireland Assembly
- (2) Mr George Reid MSP, Deputy Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament

- (3) Lord McColl of Dulwich CBE MS FRCS FACS, United Kingdom
- (4) Ms Dawn Primarolo MP, Paymaster General, United Kingdom
- (5) Professor Phil Williams AM, Wales

Other Visitors

During the past year the Branch has been pleased to welcome and entertain other Parliamentarians from Commonwealth countries.

- (1) Mr Peter J Loney MP, Victoria, Australia visited the Island in July 2001. The programme for his visit is set out in Appendix 1.
- (2) Mrs Cheryl Gillan MP, CPA Regional Representative and Mr Andrew Pearson, CPA Regional Secretary visited the Island on 31st January 2002. Mrs Hannan took them on a short tour of the Island, they attended a meeting of the CPA Executive Committee and met Members of Tynwald at the Euroclub meeting.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE LEGISLATURE

School Visits

The Branch has continued to encourage visits to the Legislative Building by parties of school children by offering to meet the cost of transport. Under such sponsorship the following visits took place during the year —

19th June 2001	Kirk Michael and Andreas
27th June 2001	Ashley Hill

Junior Tynwald Court, 16th July 2001

With the active co-operation of the Department of Education, the Branch arranged a sitting of a Junior Tynwald Court comprised of Members from the Island's secondary schools. The meeting began in the Tynwald Chambers at noon on Monday, 16th July 2001. Students from the Island's five secondary schools participated, each school team consisting of five students from Year 12 (sixth form). An additional eight students from each school were invited to attend in the Public Gallery as spectators.

The programme for the afternoon was as follows:

- 12.00 noon Students arrive at the Keys Lobby to be met by Members of Tynwald, followed by a brief tour of the Chambers and a briefing on the procedure for the debate in the Tynwald Chamber.
- 1.00 pm A stand-up sandwich lunch in the Millennium Conference Room.
- 1.45 pm Question Time

2.30 pm Commencement of the sitting of Tynwald Court to debate “That this Junior Tynwald believes that the quality of life in the Isle of Man is improving as a result of population growth”, followed by a further debate on “That this Junior Tynwald is of the opinion that, instead of building a larger prison, alternative methods of punishment should be sought”, should time restrictions allow.

3.00 pm Conclusion of the debate

Appendix 2 to this report contains a list of participants, a copy of the Order Paper and a copy of the Question Paper.

COMMONWEALTH DAY

Commonwealth Day 2001 was marked by the customary celebratory dinner which was held at the Ocean Castle Hotel, Port Erin, at which Mr Keith Raffan MSP was the Guest Speaker. Musical entertainment was provided by Castle Rushen High School Guitar Ensemble.

THE FUTURE

The coming year promises to be a very busy one and includes -

- (1) **Commonwealth Day** which will be celebrated on Monday 11th March 2002 with a dinner at the Chester House Hotel, Douglas. Two undergraduates from the Island nominated by the Department of Education will participate in the Commonwealth Day Observance. They are Miss Sarah Kelly, who is studying European Studies at Leicester University and Mr Neil Kelly, who is studying Politics and International Relations at Lancaster University;
- (2) the **33rd Conference of the British Islands and Mediterranean Region** to be held in Cardiff from 8th to 12th April 2002;
- (3) the **22nd Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference of Members from Small Countries** and the **47th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference** to be held in Namibia from 1st to 14th September 2002;
- (4) a **Study Visit to Westminster** at a time to be arranged;
- (5) a **Junior Tynwald** to be held on a date to be arranged; and
- (6) your Executive will continue the policy of **Study Tours**, extending the programme to include the regional legislatures of the United Kingdom, and promote the attendance of Members at Seminars and other Regional Conferences

Mrs H Hannan MHK
Chair of the Executive Committee
March 2002

APPENDIX 1

Mr Peter J Loney MP, Victoria, Australia

Visit to Tynwald, Isle of Man: Programme

Wednesday 18th July 2001

9.15 pm Arrive Isle of Man by ferry from Belfast

Thursday 19th July 2001

8.00 pm Dinner at the Sefton Hotel, Douglas with Mr Eddie G Lowey MLC, Chairman of the Isle of Man Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Friday 20th July 2001

9.30 am Tour of the Legislative Chambers with Mrs Marilyn Cullen, Assistant Secretary of the Isle of Man Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

10.45 am Meeting at Heywood House, Ridgeway Street, Douglas with Mr J Norman Radcliffe MLC (Chairman) and Mr Jim Midgley (Secretary), Value for Money Committee.

11.45 am Meeting with Mr Clive McGreal, Chief Internal Auditor

12.30 pm Lunch at Waterfront Restaurant with Sir Miles Walker CBE LLD(hc) MHK, Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee

2.00 pm Meeting at the Department for Local Government and the Environment, Murray House, Douglas with Mr Martin Hall, Chief Environmental Health Officer.

2.30 pm Meeting at IOM Water Authority, Tromode with Mr Patrick Heaton-Armstrong, Chief Executive of the Isle of Man Water Authority.

3.45 pm Arrive Sefton Hotel

Saturday 21st July 2001

7.00 am Depart Isle of Man by ferry to Liverpool

APPENDIX 2

JUNIOR TYNWALD

PARTICIPANTS JULY 2001

ACTING PRESIDENT OF TYNWALD

The Hon JD Q CANNAN SHK

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Rachel ANDERSON
William ERANI
Ruth NODEN
Emma POUNDER
Amy SCANLAN
Kate TAGGART

CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Mrs M CULLEN

HOUSE OF KEYS

(SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF KEYS)

The Hon JD Q CANNAN SHK

RAMSEY

Kris McELHINNEY
Tara SLINGER

AYRE

Ruth NODEN

MICHAEL

Rosalind COULSON

PEEL

Tamara DARWYNE

GARFF

Dan McKENZIE

GLENFABA

Tim SULLIVAN

MIDDLE

Steven STANLEY

ONCHAN

Robert GREEN
Nicholas PERKINS

DOUGLAS NORTH

Laura WASLEY

DOUGLAS SOUTH

Ali MacMAHON
Michael WARRINER

DOUGLAS EAST

Andrew CRAIG
Jonathan FEE

DOUGLAS WEST

Philip MALLON
Rhodri ORDERS

CASTLETOWN

Andrew BLACKBURN

MALEW AND SANTON

RUSHEN

Kellie-Anne ALLEN
Kate HAWLEY

JUNIOR TYNWALD

Tinvaal Saa



ORDER PAPER

Claare Obbyr

DOUGLAS
MONDAY 16TH JULY 2000
at 1.45 pm

1. Questions

2. Population

A Member of Ballakermeen High School to move -

That this Junior Tynwald believes that the quality of life in the Isle of Man is improving as a result of population growth.

3. Prison

A Member of Ramsey Grammar School to move -

That this Junior Tynwald is of the opinion that, instead of building a larger prison, alternative methods of punishment should be sought.

JUNIOR TYNWALD

Tinvaal Saa



QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
16th July 2001
at 1.45 pm

FOR ORAL ANSWER

(Questions not reached before 2.30 pm will receive a written answer)

1. The Hon Member for Rushen (Miss Kellie-Anne Allen) to ask the Chief Minister -

The cancellation of the TT this year has caused a reduction in the number of tourists visiting the Isle of Man, how badly has this affected the tourism economy?

2. The Hon Member of the Legislative Council (Miss Rachel Anderson) to ask the Chief Minister -

How do you explain the increase in road deaths in the last 12 months despite attempts to increase road safety?

3. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Philip Mallon) to ask the Chief Minister -

What will be the consequences for the Isle of Man if the UK joins the single currency?

4. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Dan McKenzie) to ask the Minister for Education -

Given the clear inadequacies of the new AS and A2 post 16 qualifications, is your Department giving any consideration to the introduction of the International Baccalaureate?

5. The Hon Member of the Council (Miss Kate Taggart) to ask the Chief Minister -

In appointing Members to position within Government, do you take into account Members' outside interests and in particular commitments to other full-time remunerated employment?

6. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Andrew Blackburn) to ask the Chief Minister -

Due to the limited programmes and news coverage of the Island by UK television companies, do you agree that it is time for your Government to develop a Manx Television Station?

7. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Miss Laura Wasley) to ask the Chief Minister -

Is your Government satisfied with the current trend of the closure of local retail businesses?

8. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Robert Green) to ask the Minister for Education -

What steps is your Government taking to provide the young people on this Island with what they actually want?

9. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Andrew Craig) to ask the Chief Minister-

What was the turnout in the last election for the House of Keys?

10. The Hon Member for Michael (Miss Rosalind Coulson) to ask the Chief Minister -

What can be done to avoid the erosion of the countryside in areas of the Isle of Man such as Peel and Kirk Michael?

- 11.** The Hon Member for Ayre (Miss Ruth Noden) to ask the Chief Minister -

What positive steps does your Government intend to take to promote the economy of the Island?

- 12.** The Hon Member for Rushen (Miss Kate Hawley) to ask the Minister for Education -

The new system of A/ AS levels is proving to be a controversial issue, in your opinion, how well have the schools on the Isle of Man dealt with the new system?

- 13.** The Hon Member for Glenfaba (Mr Tim Sullivan) to ask the Chief Minister -

Does the lack of competition for the major transport companies operating on the Isle of Man have anything to do with certain Members of this House owning shares in these firms?

- 14.** The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Nicholas Perkins) to ask the Chief Minister -

Do you agree that after a number of years of driving, drivers may have accommodated bad habits, which need to be addressed?

- 15.** The Hon Member for Douglas West (Miss Rhodri Orders) to ask the Chief Minister -

What was the cost of the 2001 Tynwald Day Ceremony?

**THE ISLE OF MAN BRANCH OF THE
COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION
STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 2002**

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	£		£	£
Balance b/f 1 st March 2001		4,689.87	Balances at 28 th February 2002:		
Subscriptions Collected	180.00		Deposit Account	4919.55	
Bank Interest	75.96		Current Account	26.28	
		<u>4945.83</u>			<u>4945.83</u>

Notes: (1) As at 28th February 2002, subscriptions in arrears amounted to £18.00
and subscriptions paid in advance amounted to £8.50
There were no subscription written out.

I have audited the above receipts and payments account
in accordance with approved auditing standards and in my
opinion it is an accurate and true statement of the affairs of
the Isle of Man Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary
Association at 28th February 2002.

K.C. McGreal

Treasury
1st March 2002

Honorary Auditor
Mr K C McGreal, CPFA; MAPSA

Mary Williams

Honorary Treasurer
Mrs Mary Williams CPFA
