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**Present:**

Mr J R Moorhouse and Mr T S Glover (Arbory, Castletown and Malew);  
Hon. A L Cannan and Mr T D Johnston (Ayre and Michael);  
Mrs C A Corlett and Mr C C Thomas (Douglas Central);  
Ms J L Faragher and Mrs C L Barber (Douglas East);  
Hon. D J Ashford MBE and Mr J C Wannenburg (Douglas North);  
Mrs S L Maltby and Mrs C S B Christian (Douglas South);  
Mrs D H P Caine and Mr A J Smith (Garff);  
Ms K A Lord-Brennan and Mr T M Crookall (Glenfaba and Peel);  
Mrs J P Poole-Wilson and Mr S G Peters (Middle);  
Mr R E Callister and Ms J M Edge (Onchan);  
Mr L L Hooper and Hon. Dr A J Allinson (Ramsey);  
Hon. J P Watterson and Dr M E K Haywood (Rushen);  
with Mr J D C King, Secretary of the House and Ms J Corkish, Deputy Secretary of the House.

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## House of Keys

*The House met at 10 a.m.*

[MR SPEAKER *in the Chair*]

**The Speaker:** Moghrey mie, good morning, Hon. Members.

**Members:** Good morning, Mr Speaker.

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**The Speaker:** In the absence of a Chaplain, I will lead us in prayer.

### PRAYERS

*The Speaker*

### Procedural

**The Speaker:** Thank you, Hon. Members.

I have to announce that Ms Edge is attending via Teams today, and she does also have leave for part of the sitting.

## Order of the Day

### 1. Papers laid before the House

10 **The Speaker:** I call on the Secretary to lay papers, Item 1.

**The Secretary:** Gura mie eu, Loayreyder

Ta mee cur roish y Kiare-as-feed ny pabyryn enmyssit ayns aynr nane jeh'n Chlaare Obbyr.

15 Thank you, Mr Speaker. I lay before the House of Keys the papers listed at Item 1 of the Order Paper.

Written statements in compliance with section 2(2B) of the Council of Ministers Act 1990 from:

[Dr A J Allinson](#)

[Mr A L Cannan](#)

**Matter of Urgent Public Importance –  
Motion not proceeded**

**The Speaker:** Yesterday, Hon. Members received notification of a Matter of Urgent Public Importance in the name of Mr Thomas, which I will read to you:

That each candidate for nomination as Chief Minister shall make a statement; that when both statements have been made, the candidates shall answer questions from Members; and that the total time allotted for statements, questions and answers pursuant to this resolution shall be one hour.

In order to debate this motion, I need four people to stand in their place.

20 I see only three Members, therefore the motion does not proceed.

**2. Nomination of Chief Minister –  
Mr Alfred Cannan elected**

*In accordance with section 2 of the Council of Ministers Act 1990, to nominate one Member of the House of Keys for appointment as Chief Minister.*

*The Members proposed for nomination are:*

*Dr A J Allinson*

*Mr A L Cannan*

**The Speaker:** We turn then to Item 2, nomination of Chief Minister. In accordance with section 2 of the Council of Ministers Act 1990, the next Item is to elect a Chief Minister.

I call first on the Hon. Member for Rushen, Dr Haywood.

25 **Dr Haywood:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

It is a great honour to be able to stand in this Hon. Chamber and give my maiden speech as a newly elected representative for the constituents of Rushen.

I stand to propose Dr Alex Allinson for the election to be our next Chief Minister.

30 There has been a lot of discussion about experience and leadership qualities in the run-up to today. Alex studied medical science at Cambridge and graduated with a Masters. By fast-tracking his medical studies he was able to spend his third year dedicated to social and political studies, and he specialised in political theory, criminology, social services and economics. Whilst at medical school he was involved in several campaigns, including the anti-apartheid movement, and later went on to be an influential member of the Medical Practitioner Union, representing them at the  
35 TUC Congress.

He has worked in Israel and returned with the United Nations to teach in Palestinian refugee camps, and so he has experienced both sides of conflict in the region. He was part of the campaign that led Tony Blair to power in 1997, and then worked in Western Australia for two years providing medical services to Aboriginal communities.

40 Alex moved to the Isle of Man in 2001 and on arriving he immersed himself in medical politics here, too. He became the Chief GP Negotiator with the Department of Health for over 10 years, and supervised a number of integrated care projects. He was elected twice as Ramsey Town Commissioner and liaised closely with central Government Departments, before standing for MHK in 2016 and topping the poll.

45 His record as a Member of this Hon. House speaks for itself. He is a strong advocate for his constituents and social justice. He has brought forward complex and progressive legislation regarding abortion and sexual offences. He has been Chair of Manx Utilities and a political Member of the Department of Home Affairs and the Cabinet Office. Most recently, as a Minister,

50 he has guided the Department of Education, Sport and Culture through a major reorganisation which has changed the culture of that Department and reset the relationship with the teaching profession.

The manifesto he has presented and the hustings he has taken part in exhibit his qualities as a progressive politician, willing to listen and involve all of us in the difficult decisions we will face over the next five years. He brings a wide range of experience, deep background knowledge and an optimism to this Chamber; and I sincerely hope he will be given the chance by Hon. Members to form the next administration.

Thank you.

60 **The Speaker:** I call on the Hon. Member for Ramsey, Mr Hooper.

**Mr Hooper:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

Firstly, let me congratulate the Hon. Member for Rushen on her maiden speech. (**Several Members:** Hear, hear.) A rather excellent maiden speech.

65 I rise to second the nomination of my hon. colleague from Ramsey, Dr Alex Allinson.

Mr Speaker, Hon. Members, today I am casting my vote not for a person, not for a personality, but for progressive policy. Rather than holding us back or taking us backwards, progressive policy moves us forwards.

70 Both candidates in today's election have made compelling arguments as to why *they* are the right person to lead the Island forward. But I find myself persuaded by Dr Allinson's vision of building a fairer Island, of a just transition and of improved intergenerational fairness. And so, Mr Speaker, I commend the Hon. Member for Ramsey, Dr Allinson to this Hon. House for election to the post of Chief Minister.

75 **The Speaker:** I call on the Hon. Member for Douglas East, Mrs Barber.

**Mrs Barber:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

80 It is my pleasure to stand in this Hon. House today and propose Mr Alf Cannan for the position of Chief Minister. The last five years has seen our Island nation and the wider world face challenges that many of us had never dared to imagine. There have been times when things have gone well and times when I think we have all known things could have been better. In a world of unknown unknowns, much of this was inevitable.

85 We have been led by a team of our peers who have, throughout their roles in CoMin, continued to lead us through stormy waters, and I wish to sincerely thank all of them today. We have seen a focus on our Health Services, our economy and our leadership. We have needed listening leadership, committed leadership, and a leadership that recognises its own strengths as well as the strengths of others to ensure a team approach at the time of greatest need for so many; and we still need this now.

90 When information was scarce for those on the backbenches, Minister Cannan reached out to listen, to understand, to support and to effect change. He did not use the inability to meet face-to-face as a barrier, rather moving swiftly to phone and video meetings to continue to engage with both backbenchers, the business community and the wider Island to understand the challenges that different communities faced and how they could best be addressed.

95 Minister Cannan has demonstrated through his role as Treasury Minister his capability, his competence and his credibility and I have no doubt that at this point he is the right person to lead our Island through the next five years.

100 The post of Chief Minister is one that requires effective listening leadership as well as the ability to consolidate strategic thinking into effective delivery. A Chief Minister in a parliament predominantly compiled of independent candidates must bring not just to the table the list of things they will do, but how they will do that and how they will bring people on the journey with them.

They must listen and hear the priorities of all Members and seek to prioritise themes with consensus and compassion. The Chief Minister should provide a framework for strategic discussion and policy-setting which will allow operational delivery to flow effectively from it. I cannot recall reading manifestos from any Hon. Member sitting here today that did not touch on the important issues of climate change, housing, economy, intergenerational fairness. Rest assured we have much common ground to start from. We are all here for the right reason. We all want to make positive change.

What we now need is a Chief Minister who can listen to the many voices that make up the rich tapestry of our parliament, while having a solid grasp on the economic and fiscal realities we face. A Chief Minister who has experience of both parliament and the executive, with the strength of character to challenge constructively and ensure discussions remain grounded. A Chief Minister who seeks measurable solutions, can fairly assess success or failure and who demands more accountability from Ministers and the executive. A Chief Minister who can be calm and measured in times of great pressure, while projecting a clear sense of vision and purpose that can readily be applied to all facets of Government delivery. A Chief Minister who can serve the Isle of Man competently and confidently on the national stage and the international stage, allowing our Island home to be the best it can be for us all.

I am so pleased there has been no horse-trading in this Chief Minister election from either candidate. No offers of jobs for votes. There is no place for that. We have two strong candidates that have acted with integrity and honesty. They are both people that I have been honoured to work with on many issues over the past five years. We now need to coalesce behind the right person for the role of Chief Minister, remembering that with the right leader we will all have a voice, we will *all* have a role to play and we will all contribute to the collective decisions about our Island. But we must now all work together *for* our Island.

I believe Alf Cannan is the right person for the job and offers a holistic skill set, ideal for the tough challenges we face. I ask you to support Minister Alf Cannan for the role of Chief Minister. Thank you.

**The Speaker:** The Hon. Member for Glenfaba and Peel, Ms Lord-Brennan.

**Ms Lord-Brennan:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I rise to second the proposal of Mr Cannan, put forward by Mrs Barber, for Mr Cannan to take up the position and the responsibility of the Island's next Chief Minister, without hesitation or doubt.

It would be remiss not to mention the proven track record of Mr Cannan in getting on and dealing with the big stuff, and the ability to take a long-term view for the greater benefit of the Island. For example: the instigation of the Independent Health Care Review, which is much needed in order to transform healthcare delivery; the purchase of the Steam Packet, to secure a strategic lifeline for this Island; and the establishment of the Economic Recovery Group, which was set up out of a crisis but is leading the Island forward in terms of what we need for an economic plan; as well as the Manx Development Corporation, leading on the proposal to establish a Capital Projects Unit, after all the issues we have had with delivery on that front; and, more recently, setting out the Sustainable Financing Framework which describes how the Isle of Man Government plans to finance future projects in line with green and social objectives. These are all seriously important changes where Mr Cannan has played a central part and, importantly, worked with others.

But as Mrs Barber has highlighted, I, too – and most especially for the benefit of newer Members – wish to frame what is essentially in the consideration of a potential Chief Minister: an evaluation of personal attributes, disposition, approach and, crucially, experience in Government and in parliament; and in prior careers by referencing the months – over a year and a half now – through the COVID crisis, and indeed what the realities are of the serious situations now facing the Island and what they demand. The COVID crisis demanded performance, quick thinking and

careful handling. It was clearly incredibly difficult, especially in the pressure of the early stages of the emergency in those early days.

155 I would venture, Mr Speaker, that there has simply never been a time when Ministers have had their actions scrutinised and challenged to such a degree, under the highest pressure and the full glare of public expectation, public fear and media coverage; and also, in a parliamentary sense, scrutiny from Tynwald Members. Never before has ministerial leadership and approach on this Island been so publicly tested than in recent times.

160 During the height of that COVID emergency I spent my time, as did others, inevitably, observing how different Ministers reacted. The style of approach was tested. Whether they were open to challenge, how they reacted to criticism, ideas or serious concerns from backbenchers. But for those who do not know, Mr Speaker, I can tell you that it was Mr Cannan that many Members looked to at the very start when those early announcements were made. It was Mr Cannan that backbenchers went to for a listening ear and encouraging approach to resolving some of the serious situations that came up when dealing with, frankly, heart-breaking situations and matters that got to the very nub of compassion. And it was Mr Cannan, in his early speeches to Tynwald and to the Island, that delivered a much-needed message, 'Help is on the way', in terms of the financial support that was much needed for people.

170 It was those speeches that provided a galvanising effort for the nation to come together. It is those speeches, that delivery, that style and that approachability that Members clearly found, and those are the marks of what the Island needed then and what we need now. As they say, 'When the going gets tough, the tough get going'. Mr Speaker, this is what we need. We cannot mess around now. There needs to be stability and confidence in Government and its approach; a drive for change and delivery; and well-developed policy to take account of the various views in this place across the political spectrum, to bring that together and drive it forward.

175 We cannot have a casual approach to the direction of the Island and we must have collaboration across Tynwald. We cannot have a pick-and-mix range of policies determined by one person that are untested, undeveloped and uncosted. We cannot afford to ignore the key changes needed in Government, the parts that are broken, that many of us are sat in Tynwald for hours on end hearing about – about inadequate policy, lack of strategic thought, and delivery that is left wanting.

185 I am happy that Mr Cannan is answering the call for changes in these areas in his manifesto and has set forward a vision for the Island's future, a reason to believe for a secure, a vibrant and a sustainable Island. We surely need that change and that positivity now. We need the change in narrative and tone amongst all the serious issues, and an end to the rhetoric of fear.

190 As a further comfort for those who are concerned about or would set to pit the various aspects of the political spectrum against each other on social and policy matters on an Island which is very politically balanced with many independent views, take assurance: there is no exclusivity over the notion of a progressive Island or a progressive policy when the system itself is designed for varied input and solid social policy development with people at the heart, as Mr Cannan is proposing.

In conclusion, Mr Speaker, I hope that Hon. Members judge on the basis of the specific contents as to what has been presented to Members in the documents from the Chief Minister candidates where they set out their stall, and judge with the best interests of the future of the Island at the forefront of their minds when they come to take their vote today.

195 It appears to me that the approach laid out by Mr Cannan appears to be attracting support from some of the most experienced people in this House, including those that have challenged Government heartily. And might I suggest that support is there for a very good reason.

Like Mrs Barber, I urge you to vote for Mr Cannan, in the interests of the future of the Island.  
Thank you, Mr Speaker.

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**The Speaker:** Thank you.

We will now turn to the ballot and, for the information of everybody, vote for one candidate and vote against the other candidate. One red, one green, otherwise it will be a spoilt paper.

*A ballot of Members took place:*

	Dr Allinson	Mr Cannan	Invalid Vote
Dr Allinson	X		
Mr Ashford		X	
Mrs Barber		X	
Mrs Caine	X		
Mr Callister		X	
Mr Cannan		X	
Mrs Christian	X		
Mrs Corlett		X	
Mr Crookall		X	
Ms Edge		X	
Ms Faragher	X		
Mr Glover		X	
Dr Haywood	X		
Mr Hooper	X		
Mr Johnston		X	
Ms Lord-Brennan		X	
Mrs Maltby	X		
Mr Moorhouse		X	
Mr Peters		X	
Mrs Poole-Wilson		X	
Mr Smith		X	
Mr Speaker	X		
Mr Thomas			X
Mr Wannenburg			X
TOTAL	8	14	2

205 **The Speaker:** Mr Cannan has received 14 votes; Dr Allinson has received 8 votes.

I will just ask the Secretary of the House to read out the names of who voted for which candidate and then, given the result, we will then move to a confirmatory vote.

**The Secretary:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

210 The Members who voted for Mr Cannan, there were 14 and they are: Ms Lord-Brennan, Mrs Poole-Wilson, Mr Callister, Ms Edge, Mr Peters, Mr Crookall, Mr Smith, Mr Ashford, Mrs Corlett, Mr Cannan, Mr Moorhouse, Mr Glover, Mr Johnston and Mrs Barber.

The Members who voted for Dr Allinson were 8 in number, and they were: Mrs Caine, Dr Haywood, Mr Hooper, Dr Allinson, Mrs Maltby, Ms Faragher, Mrs Christian and Mr Speaker.

215 And there were two spoilt papers.

**The Speaker:** Can we ascertain who those two spoilt papers were?

**The Secretary:** They know who they are. I can check that, it will take me a minute or two.

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**The Speaker:** No, it is okay. We will move on to the confirmatory vote at this stage.

So the motion is that Mr Cannan be appointed the Keys nominee for Chief Minister, that is the motion laid before you, so please vote.

*Electronic voting resulted as follows:*

**FOR**

Dr Allinson  
Mr Ashford  
Mrs Barber  
Mrs Caine  
Mr Callister  
Mr Cannan  
Mrs Christian  
Mrs Corlett  
Mr Crookall  
Ms Edge  
Mr Glover  
Dr Haywood  
Mr Hooper  
Mr Johnston  
Ms Lord-Brennan  
Mr Moorhouse  
Mr Peters  
Mrs Poole-Wilson  
Mr Smith  
Mr Speaker  
Mr Thomas

**AGAINST**

Ms Faragher  
Mrs Maltby  
Mr Wannenburg

225 **The Speaker:** With 21 votes for, 3 against, I therefore announce that Mr Cannan is in fact the  
Keys nominee. I wish him all the best and congratulations on the post.  
Mr Cannan, would you like to say a few words at this point?

230 **Mr Cannan:** Thank you very much indeed, Mr Speaker, and can I thank my proposer and  
seconded for their extremely kind remarks, for which I am extremely grateful. I am also extremely  
grateful to the many Hon. Members who have taken the time to speak to me over the past week  
or so and express their views, both in what they were seeking from a Chief Minister but also their  
views about how they thought Government should be shaped in the future. Indeed, I look forward  
to working with all Hon. Members in the coming days to firm up our plans.

235 Can I also thank Dr Allinson for the professional manner and considerations he has given during  
the short campaign around this important election and I wish him well for the future.

240 Mr Speaker, it falls to me now, and I accept this role with humility but also with a strong sense  
of purpose, to harness the collective will and determination of all Members to do the very best  
for our Island. I look forward to working with everybody to bring forward the best policies and  
drive the Government to ultimately deliver and succeed, and build a secure and sustainable and  
vibrant Island for the future. Thank you.

**Several Members:** Hear, hear.

**3. Election of the Deputy Speaker –  
Mrs Daphne Caine elected**

*In accordance with section 15 of the Elections (Keys and Local Authorities) Act 2020, to elect a  
Member to be Deputy Speaker.*

245 **The Speaker:** We turn then to Item 3 on our Order Paper, the Election of Deputy Speaker, and  
I call for nominations.  
Mrs Poole-Wilson.

**Mrs Poole-Wilson:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.  
I would like to propose the Hon. Member for Garff, Mrs Caine.

250 **The Speaker:** Thank you.  
Dr Allinson.

**Dr Allinson:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.  
I would like to propose Mrs Claire Christian.

255 **The Speaker:** Thank you.  
Mr Hooper.

**Mr Hooper:** I am happy to second Mrs Christian.

260 **The Speaker:** Mr Callister.

**Mr Callister:** I am happy to second Mrs Caine.  
Thank you.

265 **The Speaker:** There being two nominations, we shall proceed to a ballot.

*A ballot of Members took place:*

	Mrs Caine	Mrs Christian	Invalid Vote
Dr Allinson		X	
Mr Ashford	X		
Mrs Barber		X	
Mrs Caine	X		
Mr Callister	X		
Mr Cannan	X		
Mrs Christian		X	
Mrs Corlett	X		
Mr Crookall	X		
Ms Edge	X		
Ms Faragher	X		
Mr Glover		X	
Dr Haywood	X		
Mr Hooper		X	
Mr Johnston		X	
Ms Lord-Brennan	X		
Mrs Maltby	X		
Mr Moorhouse		X	
Mr Peters	X		
Mrs Poole-Wilson	X		
Mr Smith	X		
Mr Speaker		X	
Mr Thomas		X	
Mr Wannenburg		X	
TOTAL	14	10	0

**The Speaker:** Mrs Caine has received 14 votes, Mrs Christian received 10 votes. I therefore declare that Mrs Caine is to be Deputy Speaker. Congratulations.

270 **A Member:** Congratulations.

## 4. Questions for Oral Answer

### Procedural – Questions 4.4 and 4.5 withdrawn

**The Speaker:** We turn to Item 4 on the Order Paper, Oral Questions, and I have been advised by Ms Edge that Questions 4 and 5 will be withdrawn.

#### 4.1. Occupational pension arrangements – Reforming in the coming five years

The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Minister for the Treasury:

*What plans he has to reform statutory and non-statutory occupational pension arrangements in the coming five years?*

**The Speaker:** Question 1 and I call on the Hon. Member for Douglas Central, Mr Thomas.

275 **Mr Thomas:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I beg leave to ask the Minister for the Treasury what plans he has to reform statutory and non-statutory occupational pension arrangements in the coming five years?

280 **The Speaker:** I call on the Treasury Minister – for the time being – Mr Cannan.

**The Minister for the Treasury (Mr Cannan):** This is a policy matter which will now be determined by the new administration at the earliest opportunity.

285 **The Speaker:** Mr Thomas.

**Mr Thomas:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker, and I have got an important supplementary question, but before asking that can I just offer my congratulations to Mr Cannan on his election as Chief Minister and also for having made his maiden speech in this administration.

290 The supplementary question I have is that I look forward to learning whether the Chief Minister has any pre-declared positions in respect of statutory occupational pension arrangements, because obviously in the crucial vote in March 2019 Mr Cannan used a speech from just before the last election in 2016 to vote against the Council of Ministers' position. So I wondered whether the Chief Minister could advise whether he has any pre-declared positions in respect of occupational pension schemes on a statutory basis?

295 **The Speaker:** Minister to reply.

**The Minister:** Well, I will take any appropriate advice when this matter comes to be discussed, Mr Speaker.

300 **The Speaker:** Final supplementary question, Mr Thomas.

**Mr Thomas:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

305 Can the Treasury Minister, now Chief Minister, advise whether he is a believer in the cost-sharing, cost-envelope approach and the arrangements for making available defined contribution

schemes to new things; or does he still have the position that the defined benefit scheme has to be folded for new entrants into this public service?

**The Speaker:** Treasury Minister to reply.

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**The Minister:** Mr Speaker, considerable progress has been made with public sector pensions over the last decade or so and I am sure that considerable progress will have to be made in the future.

#### **4.2. Rates modernisation – Plans to progress in the coming five years**

The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Minister for the Treasury:

*How he plans to progress rates modernisation in the coming five years?*

**The Speaker:** Question 2, again I call on the Hon. Member for Douglas Central, Mr Thomas.

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**Mr Thomas:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I beg leave to ask the Minister for the Treasury how he plans to progress rates modernisation in the coming five years?

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**The Speaker:** I call on the Minister for the Treasury to reply.

**The Minister for the Treasury (Mr Cannan):** Mr Speaker, this is a policy matter which will be determined by the new administration at the earliest opportunity.

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**The Speaker:** Supplementary question, Mr Thomas.

**Mr Thomas:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Does the Treasury Minister, now Chief Minister, agree with the other candidate for Chief Minister that rates can be reformed within a hundred days using, presumably, the October 2019 Tynwald Resolution which is settled policy for rates modernisation?

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**The Speaker:** Minister to reply.

**The Minister:** Mr Speaker, this is a matter that I intend to discuss with Hon. Members both in this House and with those Hon. Members who subsequently form a Council of Ministers.

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**The Speaker:** Final supplementary question, Mr Thomas.

**Mr Thomas:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I find these answers very helpful and they will be very helpful in coming years.

Can the Treasury Minister, now Chief Minister, advise whether the rates consultation has been launched over the summer, the one that was promised by the previous Council of Ministers, and also whether he believes that rates modernisation is an important issue, given that in the private hustings the Treasury Minister clearly stated that nobody cared about it in Ayre and Michael? I could only assume because they benefit from the current unfair rate system.

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**The Speaker:** Minister to reply.

350 **The Minister:** I did not quite catch that last comment, Mr Speaker, probably to good effect, but as I have told the Hon. Member all these matters will have to be reviewed and clarity will be provided when a new Island plan is formed and Government priorities are outlined.

**4.3. Minimum wage and living wage –  
Transitioning within five years**

The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Minister for the Treasury:

*How the minimum wage will transition to the living wage within five years?*

**The Speaker:** Question 3, I call on the Hon. Member for Douglas Central, Mr Thomas.

**Mr Thomas:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

355 I beg leave to ask the Minister for the Treasury how the minimum wage will transition to the living wage within five years?

**The Speaker:** I call on the Treasury Minister to reply.

360 **The Minister for the Treasury (Mr Cannan):** Mr Speaker, acknowledging the will of Tynwald, this is a policy matter which will be determined by the new administration.

**The Speaker:** Supplementary question, Mr Thomas.

**Mr Thomas:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

365 Does the Treasury Minister not concede, though, that it is the settled will of Tynwald already that the minimum wage will transition to the living wage? So it is not something to be determined by the new administration. Secondly, what we need to know now is how quickly it will transition and how it will transition. Will the new Treasury Minister and the Minister for Enterprise be calling on the Minimum Wage Committee to begin consultation immediately about this process?

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**The Speaker:** Treasury Minister to reply.

**The Minister:** Thank you.

375 The Hon. Member will recognise his Question says *how* the minimum wage will transition. That is yet to be determined in detail and as soon as I have got the answer to that, Mr Speaker, I am sure I will make that position clear to this House and to the public.

**The Speaker:** Supplementary question, Mr Hooper.

380 **Mr Hooper:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.

The first test for the new Chief Minister, I suppose. In his manifesto he actually stated that:

The recommendations from the Report of the Select Committee of Tynwald on Poverty ... including the recommendation on the alignment of the Manx minimum wage with the living wage ...

– ‘must’ be implemented. So in order to put that in his manifesto I am sure he has his own thoughts on how that can be achieved over the next five years and I would be grateful if he could share them.

385 **The Speaker:** I call on the Treasury Minister to reply.

**The Minister:** I think the commitment is there, Mr Speaker. The exact detail will still need to be finalised. So when that is done then I will ensure that the House is appropriately informed.

390 **The Speaker:** As I say, Questions 4 and 5 were withdrawn.

## Order of the Day (continued)

### 5. Management and Members' Standards Committee – Election under Standing Order 6.4 – Dr Haywood, Mrs Caine and Mr Crookall elected

*To elect three Members.*

*(Under Standing Order 6.4 the Speaker is ex officio chairman of this Committee. The previous elected members were Mr Ashford, Ms Edge and Mr Robertshaw.*

*Under the Standing Orders of Tynwald Court the members of this Committee also represent the House on the Emoluments Committee and the Tynwald Standards and Members' Interests Committee.)*

**The Speaker:** We turn to Item 5 on our Order Paper, which is to elect three Members to the Management and Members' Standards Committee. I therefore invite nominations.  
Ms Faragher.

395 **Ms Faragher:** I would like to nominate the Hon. Member for Rushen, Dr Haywood.

**The Speaker:** Thank you.  
Mr Hooper.

400 **Mr Hooper:** I second that nomination, Mr Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Thank you very much.  
Mr Crookall.

405 **Mr Crookall:** I would like to nominate Mrs Caine.

**The Speaker:** Mrs Barber.

410 **Mrs Barber:** I am happy to second Mrs Caine.

**The Speaker:** I am still looking for a third Member, Hon. Members.  
Mrs Christian.

415 **Mrs Christian:** I nominate Mr Crookall.

**The Speaker:** Mr Crookall.

**Ms Lord-Brennan:** I second Mr Crookall.

420 **The Speaker:** If there are no further nominations – people are clearly fed up of voting for people today! (*Laughter*) In which case I declare that your Management and Members' Standards Committee members, in addition to myself, are Dr Haywood, Mrs Caine and Mr Crookall. Thank you.

Hon. Members, that concludes the business before the House today. The House will stand adjourned until 19th October 10.30 a.m. in Tynwald Court.

425 Thank you very much.

*The House adjourned at 10.30 a.m.*