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**Present:**

The Speaker (Hon. J P Watterson) (Rushen);  
The Chief Minister (Hon. A L Cannan) (Ayre and Michael);  
Mr J R Moorhouse and Mr T S Glover (Arbory, Castletown and Malew);  
Mr T D Johnston (Ayre and Michael);  
Mrs C A Corlett (Douglas Central);  
Ms J L Faragher and Hon. 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);  
Hon. K A Lord-Brennan and Hon. T M Crookall (Glenfaba and Peel);  
Hon. J P Poole-Wilson and Mr S G Peters (Middle);  
Mr R E Callister and Hon. J M Edge (Onchan);  
Hon. L L Hooper and Hon. A J Allinson (Ramsey);  
Dr M E K Haywood (Rushen)  
with Mr J D C King, 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:** Moghrey mie, good morning, Mr Speaker.

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

### PRAYERS

*Mr Speaker*

### Leave of absence granted and leave to attend the sitting virtually granted

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

I have today given leave to Mr Thomas and the following Members will be joining us via Teams, that is Mr Crookall, Mr Glover, Mr Wannenburgh and Ms Edge.

## Order of the Day

### 1. Papers laid before the House

10 **The Speaker:** I call on the Secretary to lay Papers, please, 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.

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

Nomination papers for an election to the Legislative Council [[PP 2021/0203](#)]

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**2. ELECTION OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

*Election of two persons to serve as Members of the Legislative Council for a period expiring on 28th February 2023 in place of Ms Lord-Brennan and Mrs Poole-Wilson*

*Mr William Shimmins  
Nomination received 18th October 2021*

*Nominated by Mrs Caine;  
seconded by Mrs Christian  
supported by Ms Lord-Brennan and Mrs Poole-  
Wilson*

*Mr Paul Craine  
Nomination received 19th October 2021*

*Nominated by Mr Thomas;  
seconded by Mr Ashford;  
supported by Mrs Corlett, Mr Glover,  
Mr Peters, Mr Smith.*

*Mrs Corelli Bentham  
Nomination received 20th October 2021*

*Nominated by Dr Allinson;  
seconded by Dr Haywood;  
supported by Ms Edge, Mrs Maltby,  
Mr Wannenburgh.*

*Mrs Diane Kelsey  
Nomination received 21st October 2021*

*Nominated by Mr Glover;  
seconded by Mrs Corlett;  
supported by Mrs Barber and Mr Johnston.*

*Mr Craig Brown  
Nomination received 25th October 2021*

*Nominated by Mr Ashford;  
seconded by Mr Hooper;  
supported by Dr Allinson and Mr Johnston.*

*Ms MaryBeth Coll  
Nomination received 1st November 2021*

*Nominated by Dr Haywood;  
seconded by Mr Hooper;  
supported by Mrs Barber and  
Mr Wannenburgh.*

*Mr Conor Keenan  
Nomination received 2nd November 2021*

*Nominated by Mr Moorhouse;  
seconded by Mr Callister;  
supported by Mrs Maltby and Ms Faragher.*

**Procedural**

**The Speaker:** We turn to Item 2, which is the election of two Members to Legislative Council.

The election process is set out in Standing Order 8.3 and the guidance note by the Speaker in Annex 2 to Standing Orders. I do not intend to read all this out, as I am sure Members will have acquainted themselves with those provisions. Members will also note that additional officers are  
20 in the Chamber to assist in the recording of the vote of those Members who are in attendance via Teams due to isolation requirements.

I will call on Members to propose and second each nomination. Candidates will be nominated in the order in which the papers were received by the Secretary of the House and in the absence of Mr Thomas, I will ask Mr Ashford to nominate Mr Craine, and ask that one of his supporters  
25 formally second that nomination.

As we only have 23 Members present and voting today, and on the assumption that the technology behaves, the required number of votes to be elected is 12, as a majority of those present and voting is required. Once all of the candidates have been proposed and seconded, I will call on the Clerk to run the vote, and if we do not get a result in the first round, we will move to subsequent rounds dropping off the candidate with the fewest number of votes in each round. I hope that is clear, Hon. Members, I now call on Mrs Caine.

**Mrs Caine:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I nominate Mr Shimmins, Mr Bill Shimmins.

**The Speaker:** Thank you. Mrs Christian.

**Mrs Christian:** I would like to second that, Mr Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Mr Ashford.

**Mr Ashford:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.  
It is my great pleasure, in the absence of Mr Thomas, to nominate Mr Paul Craine.

**The Speaker:** I call on Mrs Corlett.

**Mrs Corlett:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I beg to second Mr Craine.

**The Speaker:** Thank you very much. I call on Dr Allinson.

**Dr Allinson:** Thank you very much, Mr Speaker.  
It is my pleasure to nominate Mrs Corelli Bentham as a prospective Member of the Legislative Council.

**The Speaker:** Dr Haywood.

**Dr Haywood:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I wish to second.

**The Speaker:** Mrs Corlett. Oh, sorry, Mr Glover. Sorry.

**Mr Glover:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.  
I stand to propose Mrs Diane Kelsey for one of the two positions for Legislative Council.

**The Speaker:** Thank you very much. Mrs Corlett.

**Mrs Corlett:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I beg to second, Mrs Kelsey.

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

**Mr Ashford:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. It is my pleasure to nominate Mr Craig Brown.

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

**Mr Hooper:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I beg to second.

**The Speaker:** Thank you. Dr Haywood.

**Dr Haywood:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I wish to nominate Ms MaryBeth Coll.

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

80 **Mr Hooper:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. I beg to second.

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

85 **Mr Moorhouse:** Thank you. I would like to nominate Mr Conor Keenan.

**The Speaker:** Mr Callister.

**Mr Callister:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. It is my pleasure to second his nomination.

90 **The Speaker:** Thank you very much.

**Election of two Members of the Legislative Council –  
Mr Craine and Mrs Kelsey elected**

**The Speaker:** All the candidates having been proposed and seconded, I call on the Secretary of the House to run the ballot.

*A ballot took place and electronic voting resulted as follows:*

Vote Results	
Mr Craine	16
Mrs Kelsey	13
Mr Shimmins	11
Mrs Bentham	11
Mr Keenan	9
Mr Brown	5
Ms Coll	3
Number of spoilt papers	0

**The Speaker:** Hon. Members, we have a result. With 16 votes, we have Mr Paul Craine and with 13 votes, Mrs Diane Kelsey.

**Full voting results**

*Mr Shimmins – Ayes 11, Noes 12*

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



*Mr Craine – Ayes 16, Noes 7*

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

*Mrs Bentham – Ayes 11, Noes 12*

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

*Mrs Kelsey – Ayes 13, Noes 10*

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

*Mr Brown – Ayes 5, Noes 18*

FOR	AGAINST
Mr Ashford	Mr Moorhouse
Dr Allinson	Mrs Barber
Mr Cannan	Mrs Caine
Mr Hooper	Mr Callister
Mr Johnston	Mrs Christian

Mrs Corlett  
Mr Crookall  
Ms Edge  
Ms Faragher  
Mr Glover  
Dr Haywood  
Ms Lord-Brennan  
Mrs Maltby  
Mr Peters  
Mrs Poole-Wilson  
Mr Smith  
Mr Speaker  
Mr Wannenburgh

*Ms Coll – Ayes 3, Noes 20*

FOR

Dr Haywood  
Mr Hooper  
Mr Peters

AGAINST

Mr Ashford  
Mr Moorhouse  
Dr Allinson  
Mrs Barber  
Mrs Caine  
Mr Callister  
Mr Cannan  
Mrs Christian  
Mrs Corlett  
Mr Crookall  
Ms Edge  
Ms Faragher  
Mr Glover  
Mr Johnston  
Ms Lord-Brennan  
Mrs Maltby  
Mrs Poole-Wilson  
Mr Smith  
Mr Speaker  
Mr Wannenburgh

*Mr Keenan – Ayes 9, Noes 14*

FOR

Mr Moorhouse  
Mrs Caine  
Mr Callister  
Mrs Christian  
Ms Edge  
Ms Faragher  
Mr Hooper  
Mr Johnston  
Mrs Maltby

AGAINST

Mr Ashford  
Dr Allinson  
Mrs Barber  
Mr Cannan  
Mrs Corlett  
Mr Crookall  
Mr Glover  
Dr Haywood  
Ms Lord-Brennan  
Mr Peters  
Mrs Poole-Wilson  
Mr Smith  
Mr Speaker  
Mr Wannenburgh

95 **The Speaker:** May I congratulate the successful candidates and wish them well for the forthcoming 15 months? The rest of the votes will be published in due course.

Could I thank all those who took part in this Election. It is not the easiest thing to do, and I thank you for putting your names forward.

100 I will now suspend the House just for a few moments to allow Members an opportunity to congratulate the candidates and ask that Members stay in the Chamber, but if I could please ask the successful candidates not to leave without taking an induction pack before they go.

Thank you very much. The House will be suspended for just a few moments.

*The House adjourned at 10.12 a.m.  
and resumed at 10.17 a.m.*

### 3. Questions for Oral Answer

#### **Procedural –**

**Questions 3.1, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, 3.9 and 3.11 held over to next week;**

**Questions 3.3 and 3.7 converted to Written;**

**Question 3.4 held over to December Tynwald**

105 **The Speaker:** We now turn to Item 3 on our Order Paper, Questions for Oral Answer, and given the number of people attending by Teams there are some significant changes to the Order Paper so please listen out.

Mr Glover's Questions will be converted to Written Answer, Mr Moorhouse's Questions to the Department of Infrastructure will be held over until next week, Mr Thomas's Questions will be held over, Mr Wannenburg's Question will be held over, Dr Haywood's Question 1 will be held over to next week and Question 4 to December Tynwald.

110 And that, if my calculations work out right, leaves us with Questions 2 and 10 to take this morning.

#### **3.2. Port entry channels – Aesthetic assessments**

The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Chief Minister:

*How entry channels at ports are assessed for aesthetic appeal?*

**The Speaker:** So with that, I call on Mr Moorhouse, the Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew, to ask Question 2, please.

115 **Mr Moorhouse:** There is 9 as well.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

I would like to ask the Chief Minister how the entry channels at the ports are assessed for aesthetic appeal?

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

**The Chief Minister (Mr Cannan):** Mr Speaker, the primary responsibility with regard to the entry channels at ports is to ensure that they are functional and meet the necessary legal requirements, and as such they are not routinely assessed for aesthetic appeal.

125 **The Speaker:** Supplementary question, Mr Moorhouse.

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

I am aware that the Chief Minister has been away relatively recently so he is actually in a good position to answer and think about this supplementary question: what are your thoughts on the current antiquated, unattractive and untidy environment that visitors see and really are hit by as they enter and leave the Island?

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

135 **The Chief Minister:** So, Mr Speaker, there is ongoing planned and reactive maintenance being undertaken as part of the programme identified and scheduled as required for the entry points to the Island.

The Department of Infrastructure is working with other Departments to consider and enhance the visitor experience at the Sea Terminal building and a capital funding bid for modernisation of passenger facilities at the Sea Terminal building has been submitted to the Treasury for 2020-23, which will be considered as part of the Budget process.

**The Speaker:** Further supplementary, Mr Moorhouse.

145 **Mr Moorhouse:** Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you, Minister.

Over the past 20 years there has been a significant amount of money spent improving the centres of towns and villages across the Island but no funds appear to be allocated to improving the gateways to the Island. The Chief Minister has implied that something may happen, but it really needs to be in terms of what the place looks like.

150 Also, in the 2019 Budget, you were able to allocate £2.1 million to the Airport Technology Gateway, thank you. The plans are now being developed, a significant proportion of these funds will be allocated to improving the key area between the Airport Technology Gateway and the Airport. When will this actually happen?

155 **The Speaker:** Chief Minister.

**The Chief Minister:** Mr Speaker, this project, the Airport Technology Gateway, is a matter for the Department for Enterprise and the Department of Infrastructure, and I note that this was discussed in depth at last week's House of Keys. However, subject to planning and further funding approval, the Airport Technology Gateway is planned to start construction on its initial phase in Q2 2022, with a completion date of Q4 2022 on the initial stage of the road corridor. The full masterplan for the Airport Technology Gateway will come forward at a later date.

165 **The Speaker:** The Airport Technology Gateway is somewhat outside the scope of the Question but Mr Moorhouse, final supplementary.

**Mr Moorhouse:** Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you, Minister.

170 Beach Buddies have a worldwide reputation for what the Island has achieved, and yet foot passengers arriving or leaving the Island today from the Steam Packet building would be horrified by the sight of old and rotting rubbish. Why is nothing being done about this?

Thank you.

**The Speaker:** Chief Minister. *(Laughter)*

175 **The Chief Minister:** Mr Speaker, I was not aware exactly of where this rubbish is, but if the Hon. Member wishes to let me know specifically I will speak to the Department of Infrastructure to establish why rubbish is present and has not been cleaned up.

**The Speaker:** Thank you.

### CLIMATE CHANGE TRANSFORMATION BOARD

#### 3.10. netzero.im/cop26 – Traffic pre- and post-*Courier* advert

The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Chairman of the Climate Change Transformation Board:

*How many unique hits there were at netzero.im/cop26 on each of the five days before and after the publication of the Isle of Man Courier wraparound advertisement on the subject of climate change?*

180 **The Speaker:** Now, we turn then to Question 10 and again, I call on the Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew, Mr Moorhouse.

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

185 I would like to ask the Chairman of the Climate Change Transformation Board how many unique hits there were at the netzero.im/cop26 on each of the five days before and after the publication of the Isle of Man *Courier* wraparound advertisement on the subject of climate change?

190 **The Speaker:** I call on the Chairman of the Climate Change Transformation Board, Mrs Caine, to reply.

**The Chairman of the Climate Change Transformation Board (Mrs Caine):** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

195 Net Zero Isle of Man, a campaign run and managed by the Cabinet Office Climate Change Transformation Team, used the heightened media presence created by COP26 to raise awareness and inform the public on the Isle of Man through a series of local events, webinars and courses, workshops, tree-planting and school assemblies.

200 The campaign was branded 'Together For Our Planet', which was the official COP26 branding. A significant part of the campaign was the 'Together For Our Planet' wrap in the *Courier*, which had five main objectives. These were: firstly, to reach residents who are not online; secondly, to demonstrate the impact of climate change on the Isle of Man; thirdly, to provide an overview of progress to date; fourthly, to help residents understand the actions they can take to lower their own emissions; and finally, to highlight the COP26 programme of events during the first two weeks of November.

205 Please note that 'unique hit' is not a recognised term under Google Analytics, so we have provided the closest comparative page views and number of users. Web stats for the *Courier* wrap to netzero.im/cop26, showed that we had 116 page views by 54 users in the five days before the wrap, and 141 page views by 114 users in the five days after it. In total, over the two-week period of COP26, we engaged with 655 users on our website netzero.im

210 Thank you, Mr Speaker.

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

**Mr Moorhouse:** Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you, Chairman.

215 It was great to see some clear information for the digitally excluded, it is something we often need to think about, but there were no phone numbers and no information about other things involved in the libraries and other public buildings. Was that a simple oversight or were there some additional links somewhere?

Thank you.

220 **The Speaker:** I call on the Chair to reply.

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

225 The question about the digitally uninformed, I think the point being that the *Courier* wrap is available in libraries and other places. We are drawing up a report to show the main metrics, including event attendees, website users, feedback from the attendees, email open rates and social media stats.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

**The Speaker:** Further supplementary, Mr Moorhouse.

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

235 It was really good to see children being involved. Their words were certainly powerful. Were the words taken from longer pieces of work or were they simply responses to if we do not act now? From my perspective they were rather chilling, in fact they were really worrying when actually the children were saying things that were really impacting on them and there was a fear element. Could you give us a bit more information in terms of where the words were coming from, please?

Thank you.

240 **The Speaker:** Chairman to reply.

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

245 The children in the video were friends and family from the Climate Change Team. Each parent signed a parental consent form with regard to data protection and parents were involved in asking the questions, and to ensure that the children's wellbeing was protected.

250 Yes, I can confirm that they were their actual words. I agree that there is a degree of fear, in fact, I felt more climate fear, climate anxiety, from the adults attending one of the events that I attended, because there is a very real fear among some of the younger generation that we are not doing enough for climate change. But in terms of the children, I think that it showed a level of awareness. I think that they are very engaged but, in fact, the sense I got was that they were wanting the grown-ups to do something about it.

Certainly it was within a very safe environment with their parents there, who would be able to discuss any matters that they were worried about, as any parent would do on any subject.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

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**The Speaker:** Final supplementary, Mr Moorhouse.

260 **Mr Moorhouse:** Thank you, Mr Speaker, and thank you, Chair, it is a bit of a casual question. How many of these supplements were actually published and how many people made use of the QR code on the front cover to access the website and what was the total cost of the publication? Was it done in-house and how will the impact be assessed?

Also, there was a great section on how to lower your emissions in your home, but there do not appear to be any links. Is the Chair able to provide us with some information there on how to get links for grants and the support that was referred to?

265 And finally, the greenhouse gas emissions table quoted 15% from agriculture. Delving further into this, it suggests that the 15% figure came from the UK, which some people have suggested was misleading. Are you able to put any clarity into that please?

Thank you.

270 **The Chairman:** Thank you, Mr Speaker, I will try and get all of those in order.

The cost of the *Courier* wraparound was £7,700, including the design and the printing. I believe it was sent to around 40,000 homes on the Island.

In terms of the links, what people can do to lower their own emissions, the information is on the netzero.im website and the team directed people there for further information.

275 In terms of the greenhouse gas emissions table, it is quoting 15% from agriculture, that figure is correct. It is based on the agricultural census that the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture puts together. Our figures are from the Isle of Man Greenhouse Gas Inventory, which is independently verified. The agricultural sector accounts for 15% of all emissions on the Island, mainly from methane emissions from cows, along with farming practices such as tillage and  
280 ploughing. The full Inventory is on the netzero.im website. The Inventory is done every year, two years in arrears, by Aether, the UK experts in environmental data analysis, who calculate it for us from the Island's agricultural census information.

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

285 **The Speaker:** Thank you very much.

Hon. Members, that concludes the business before the House today, our next scheduled sitting is on Tuesday 30th November, until then the House stands adjourned. Thank you.

*The House adjourned at 10.29 a.m.*