



**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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(HANSARD)

Douglas, Tuesday, 19th April 2005

Present:**The President of the Council (The Hon. N Q Cringle)**

The Attorney General (Mr W J H Corlett QC), The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man (The Rt. Rev. Graeme Knowles),
Mr D M W Butt, Mrs C M Christian, Mrs P M Crowe, Mr E G Lowey, Mr L I Singer and Mr G H Waft,
with Mr T A Bawden, Acting Clerk of the Council.

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The Council adjourned at 10.14 a.m.

Legislative Council

The Council met at 10.00 a.m.

[MR PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

Swearing-in of the newly elected Member of the Legislative Council, Hon. Alexander Frank Downie

The President: Please be seated, Hon. Members.

We have reached the stage this morning the swearing-in ceremony to complete the numbers of Members to our Legislative Council. As I understand it, the House of Keys this morning have completed their electoral procedure. We have had the Certificate of Election from Mr Speaker, certifying that Mr Downie has been selected by the Keys as a Member of the Legislative Council.

Deemster Doyle, I have great pleasure this morning in welcoming you, sir, to the Legislative Council, to conduct what I understand will be your first swearing-in ceremony. So it is with great pleasure that we invite you into our midst and to actually conduct the formal swearing-in ceremony.

I have to say that this is an important part of the procedure, as far as the Legislative Council is concerned and I am absolutely satisfied, Your Honour, that it is a very important procedure for the Member, who will join the Legislative Council. It is a serious time and he accepts the duties of becoming a Member of the Legislative Council and I am sure that, with those words, I invite you, sir, to conduct formally the swearing-in ceremony of our new Member.

The Second Deemster (His Honour D Doyle): Thank you, Mr President.

The first oath to be taken is the Oath of Allegiance. Mr Downie, would you repeat the following words after me:

I, Alexander Frank Downie, do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors. So help me, God.

Mr Downie took the first oath, phrase by phrase, as administered to him.

The Second Deemster: Thank you.

Mr President, I am satisfied that the Oath of Allegiance has been duly taken.

The next oath is the oath of office: an oath administered to elected Members of the Legislative Council, and I will administer that oath to Mr Downie.

Alexander Frank Downie, you shall well and truly serve as a Member of the Legislative Council of this Isle, according to the statute in that case made and provided. You shall use your best endeavours to maintain the laws and customs of this Isle, and shall justly and truly deliver your opinion and do right in all matters which shall be put unto you, without favour or affection, affinity or consanguinity, love or fear, reward or gain or for any

hope thereof, but in all things you shall deal uprightly and justly and do wrong to no man. So help you, God.

Mr President, I am satisfied that the oath of office has been duly administered. Mr Downie is now required to sign an entry in the *Liber Juramentorum*. The entry reads as follows:

'At Douglas, 19th April 2005. On this day the Oath of Allegiance and the foregoing oath'

– that is the oath of office –

'was taken by and administered to Alexander Frank Downie, sworn into office as Member of the Legislative Council, by virtue of a warrant of election dated 19th day of April 2005.'

and I would invite Mr Downie to sign that entry. Mr Downie, if you could sign on the right-hand side please.

Mr Downie signed the Liber Juramentorum.

The Second Deemster: Thank you very much. Mr Downie has signed the entry, and I will now witness his signature. I will also present to Mr Downie the warrant of election dated 19th April 2005

Mr Downie: Thank you.

The Second Deemster: Thank you and I am now happy to announce, Mr President, that the duly elected Member, Alexander Frank Downie is now fully qualified to take his seat as a Member of the Legislative Council.

The President: Now, Hon. Members, Your Honour, it is with considerable pleasure, Mr Downie, that, on this occasion, I have to present to you a copy of our Standing Orders of the Legislative Council. We certainly welcome you as a new Member to our Council, and the Clerk will now show you to your seat, sir.

Mr Downie: Thank you, Mr President.

The Acting Clerk conducted Mr Downie to his seat.

The President: Now, Hon. Members, it is with pleasure that we welcome the Hon. Member, Mr Downie, as a Member of the Legislative Council.

Mr Downie, of course, is well known to us all, and we are sure that he will enjoy his time of office here amongst us in the Legislative Council, dealing primarily as we do, with the revising bits of the legislature, which is handed to us from another place. Mr Downie is well versed in handling legislative matters in the House of Keys and that, I am sure, will be an added bonus when it comes to dealing with the matters which we do readily and continuously here in the Legislative Council.

The second and important part of being a Member of the Legislative Council, Mr Downie, is dealing with matters as they appear on the Tynwald Order Paper. Tynwald consists of the two branches of the legislature, both of equal importance, when dealing with matters of finance and policy, and I am sure that you will equally play your part, as we know you have done in another place.

Hon. Members, that draws to a conclusion the swearing-

in ceremony and brings the Legislative Council, once again, to its full complement.

We thank, sincerely, His Honour, Deemster Doyle, for giving us the time this morning, albeit that it was at short notice and it is called, particularly, because we are very well aware, when inviting the Deemster to continue with the swearing-in ceremony this morning, that two things could possibly have happened. The Keys may not have completed their electoral procedure and, similarly, of course, the Member who was elected this morning still has 14 days,

should he have wished to have accepted or not the position on the Legislative Council.

In this case, Mr Downie, having been elected this morning, was prepared to accept, to be sworn in straight off and, therefore, bring our Legislative Council to its full complement.

Thank you, Hon. Members, that concludes our business. We will stand adjourned until 10.30 in Tynwald Court.

The Council adjourned at 10.14 a.m.