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**(HANSARD)**

**Douglas, Wednesday, 13th June 2007**

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

The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man (The Rt. Rev. Graeme Knowles), The Attorney General (Mr W J H Corlett QC), Mr D Butt, Mrs. C M Christian, Mr E A Crowe, Mrs. P M Crowe, Mr. A F Downie and Mr G H Waft, with Mr L V Crellin, Deputy Clerk of the Council.

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*The Council adjourned at 9.25 a.m.*

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## Legislative Council

*The Council met at 9.15 a.m.*

[MR PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

### Swearing-in of the newly elected Member of the Legislative Council, Mr Juan Richard Turner

**The President:** Please be seated, Hon. Members.

It is my pleasure this morning, and I know that, in fact, it is a pleasure, sir, to the Members of Council, that we welcome Your Honour to our Council Chamber this morning for this swearing-in ceremony. It is of particular importance, I think, and of particular pleasure to the Legislative Council Members, when the Legislative Council has been somewhat under scrutiny in late months and, as a result of that scrutiny, there has been a delay, somewhat, in getting our numerical strength up to its proper level.

However, this morning, Your Honour, following the swearing-in ceremony, we will be fully up to strength. I am quite confident that the value and the work that the Legislative Council Members carry out, during the duties which it performs, is of extreme value to Tynwald and to the Isle of Man, and it will be a pleasure indeed to have our Legislative Council fully up to strength.

So, Your Honour, can I invite you, therefore, to continue with the swearing-in ceremony of our newest elected Member by the Members of the House of Keys – prospective Member still, at this stage – Mr Juan Turner, sir. Can I ask the Clerk to bring him forward.

*The Clerk conducted Mr Turner before the Deemster.*

**The First Deemster (His Honour J M Kerruish QC):** Mr Turner, I will read the warrant. I then will take the Oath of Allegiance with you. I then administer the Oath of Office.

The warrant of certification reads as follows:

*'At the sitting of the House of Keys held at Douglas on Tuesday, 22nd May 2007, Juan Richard Turner was elected to serve as a Member of the Legislative Council until 29th February 2008. The said Juan Richard Turner since his election has signified to me, in writing, his willingness to accept the office and has given an address to which all communications may be sent. Therefore, I, Stephen Charles Rodan, Speaker of the House of Keys, in exercising the authority vested in me by the Isle of Man Constitution Acts 1919 to 2006, this day certify Juan Richard Turner to be an elected Member of the Legislative Council until 29th February 2008.'*

It is given under the Hon. Stephen Charles Rodan's hand on 24th May.

Now, could I ask for the New Testament, please.

The Oath of Allegiance: I say a few words and you repeat them after me, Mr Turner:

I, Juan Richard Turner, 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 Turner took the first oath, phrase by phrase, as administered to him.*

**The First Deemster:** That is the Oath of Allegiance.

Now, retaining the Testament, I administer the oath of an elected Member of the Legislative Council to you, and the oath is as follows:

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.

Those are the oaths administered and, if I may, the *Liber Juramentorum* entry – the *Liber Juramentorum* is the book that is retained by me, as Clerk of the Rolls, and is an historic book – reads:

*'At Douglas, 13th June 2007. On this day, the Oath of Allegiance and the foregoing oath was taken by and administered to Juan Richard Turner, sworn into office as Member of the Legislative Council, by virtue of a warrant of certification of election dated 24th day of May 2007.'*

Can I take the Testament, Mr Turner, if I may. Your usual signature, please, anywhere there.

*Mr Turner signed the Liber Juramentorum.*

**The First Deemster:** Thank you, and I will just witness with my name. Mr Turner, that is your warrant.

**Mr Turner:** Thank you, sir.

**The First Deemster:** Mr President, Mr Turner has handed to me the warrant of certification of the Speaker; the oaths have been administered; the *Liber* has been entered as record. He is now qualified to take his place as a Member of this Council.

**The President:** Thank you, Your Honour.

Juan Richard Turner, unquestionably the newest Member and the youngest Member of our Legislative Council: it is well, without any question of that.

I am sure that the Hon. Members here will unquestionably give you a very great welcome to the Legislative Council. I am confident that you will enjoy the work of the Legislative Council, not only on this table but the work when we join with our fellows of the House of Keys in the Tynwald Court ceremony. I am sure that you will enjoy it.

I have sat here watching you take the oath, and the family who are sitting behind and enjoying, can I say that I equally know how Juan is feeling, when he stands in front of His Honour taking the oath. We have all been there; we have all done it. It is a feeling which is quite incredible. It is very well done. I am very grateful to His Honour for the manner in which he administers the oath.

Can I say welcome to the Legislative Council. There are your Standing Orders. The Clerk will now take you to your seat.

**Mr Turner:** Thank you, Mr President.

*The Clerk conducted Mr Turner to his seat.*

**The President:** Hon. Members, it may very well be a short ceremony; it is nevertheless a ceremony that has considerable meaning. I think in this particular case, it probably has more meaning than on many an occasion, because it does mark a considerable change. It marks a change in the Legislative Council and it forecasts, possibly, a change in the Constitution of the Isle of Man.

It is good at this time, before we face Tynwald Court on 5th July 2007 in our open-air ceremony, that in fact the Legislative Council is fully up to strength. I am certainly pleased indeed that we can attend that ceremony with a fully numerically correct Legislative Council.

Can I say, Your Honour, once again, thank you very much for –

**The First Deemster:** A pleasure, sir.

**The President:** – in your busy life, being prepared to come to our Legislative Council Chamber to administer the oath to Juan Turner. I am sure he appreciates it. I am confident that the family will appreciate it, and it does have meaning.

So, sir, I think at this particular stage, it would be nice – I am sure the family would welcome, in fact – if we could have a group photograph with possibly Juan up front; then, sir, if you would take your leave, I will make certain that the Legislative Council, whilst we are here, can equally have our photograph taken.

That is the end of the formal business before Council. Thank you.

*The Council adjourned at 9.25 a.m.*