



**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
OFFICIAL REPORT**

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**PROCEEDINGS
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(HANSARD)**

Douglas, Tuesday, 20th February 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, Mrs. P M Crowe, Mr. A F Downie, Mr E G Lowey and Mr G H Waft, with Mrs M Cullen, Clerk of the Council.

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The Council adjourned at 9.20 a.m.

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 Edward Alan Crowe

The President: Please be seated, Hon. Members.

Hon. Members, it is with pleasure this morning that the Legislative Council are called to this particular sitting of our Council this morning. It is of great interest, I think, to the general public that the Council is sitting prior to a Tynwald sitting, in order to have another Member sworn in to our assembly.

It is an important factor that Legislative Council should be in full number and it is a duty of the House of Keys to make sure that the Legislative Council, elected Members to the Council, are in their seats. It is with particular pleasure this morning, Your Honour, that I welcome you, our First Deemster, to our Council Sitting to swear in Alan Crowe as a new Member – returning Member, should I say – to the Legislative Council.

It is, as you will rightly recognise, Your Honour, an important position, a position of considerable impact, particularly in relation to the law of the Isle of Man, in the duties which the Legislative Council carry out. Your Honour, it is with particular pleasure that I welcome you, as I have done on other occasions, because I know, sir, that you recognise and hold in high regard the Legislative Council, and recognise the work which they do.

Your Honour, it is with pleasure that I invite you, therefore, to the swearing in of Alan Crowe.

The First Deemster (His Honour J M Kerruish QC): Thank you, Mr President.

Could I say I fully support the President's comments. If the Clerk would bring Mr Crowe, please.

The Clerk conducted Mr Crowe before the Deemster.

The First Deemster: Mr Crowe, there are two oaths. The first is the Oath of Allegiance, where I read it out and you repeat after me; and the second is an oath that I administer to you, which is the oath of the Council.

So, repeat after me please:

I, Edward Alan Crowe, 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 Crowe took the first oath, phrase by phrase, as administered to him.

The First Deemster: That is the Oath of Allegiance. Now, the oath of an elected Member of Legislative

Council, I administer, so I read it to you.

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 Crowe, those are the oaths and if I may, the entry in the *Liber Juramentorum*, which has a very historic and actually cultural significance to this jurisdiction, reads:

'At Douglas, 20th February 2007. On this day the Oath of Allegiance and the foregoing oath was taken by and administered to Edward Alan Crowe, sworn into office as Member of the Legislative Council, by virtue of a warrant of election dated 15th day of February 2007.'

Mr Crowe, could I ask you please to sign there – anywhere there, normal signature.

Mr Crowe signed the Liber Juramentorum.

The First Deemster: If I may, I will witness.

If I may, Mr President, read the warrant. This is the warrant which is issued under the hand of the Hon. Stephen Charles Rodan, Speaker of the House of Keys:

'Warrant of certification of election to the Legislative Council
At the sitting of the House of Keys held at Douglas on Tuesday, 13th February 2007, Edward Alan Crowe was elected to serve as a Member of the Legislative Council. The said Edward Alan Crowe 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 Edward Alan Crowe to be an elected Member of the Legislative Council.'

It is given under the hand of Mr Speaker of the House of Keys, and it is dated 15th February 2007. Mr President and Mr Crowe, it has been duly enrolled in the Registry by one of the Assistant Chief Registrars.

Mr Crowe, that is your warrant. Thank you.

Mr Crowe: Thank you.

The President: Mr Crowe, as now a fully fledged Member of the Legislative Council, I am happy to give you a copy, sir, of our Standing Orders.

Mr Crowe: Thank you, Mr President.

The First Deemster: Mr President, may I announce that Edward Alan Crowe is now duly qualified to take his seat amongst this Hon. Council. Congratulations, Mr Crowe.

The Clerk conducted Mr Crowe to his seat.

The President: Your Honour, can I again thank you, this morning, on behalf of the Members of the Legislative Council in being prepared to come forward this morning to

our Council for this particularly early sitting, as we move into a Tynwald sitting later in the day, so that in fact Edward Alan Crowe can be properly brought forward as a Member of the Legislative Council. He will take his place later this morning in Tynwald Court.

It is with pleasure, I am sure, Hon. Members, that we welcome Alan Crowe back to our midst, not a stranger to any of us in any regard, and not personally a stranger to Tynwald or the workings of the Legislative Council. Nevertheless, it is with pleasure that we, as Members of the Legislative Council, Alan, welcome you most sincerely to our midst, and we know full well the value which you will bring to the Council, with sound common sense to our dealings as we work through particularly the legislation which the House of Keys will pass to us in the future months.

Thank you, Hon. Members, for your attendance, and can I, once again, say to His Honour that I find it of particular importance that the Deemster is prepared to come to the Legislative Council in open court this morning, and use with considerable dignity the business of swearing in a new Member. It is an important ceremony. It may only be a short ceremony, but I can assure everybody that anybody that stands in front of this table, in front of the Deemster, does not take that oath lightly and I sincerely thank you, sir, for being prepared to come.

The First Deemster: It is an honour, Mr President.

The Council adjourned at 9.20 a.m.