



**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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(HANSARD)

Douglas, Friday, 12th October 2007

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

The Attorney General (Mr W J H Corlett QC),
 Mr D Butt, Mr E A Crowe, Mrs P M Crowe,
 Mr J R Turner and Mr G H Waft,
 with Mr J King, Clerk of the Council.

In attendance:

The First Deemster (His Honour J M Kerruish QC)
 The Assistant Chief Registrar

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The Council adjourned at 9.25 a.m.

Legislative Council

The Council met at 9.15 a.m.

[MR PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

Swearing-in of new Clerk

The President: Good morning, Hon. Members. Please be seated.

Now, Hon. Members, it is a very pleasant morning for the Legislative Council as we are here this morning particularly for our duty of the swearing-in of our new Clerk of the Council.

Hon. Members, first off this morning, I will read the warrant which was prepared and has been signed. The warrant of appointment was signed on the 25th day of September this year. This warrant followed a motion by the Hon. Member Mr Butt, seconded by Mrs Christian and approved by the Council on 19th June, and the warrant reads:

'I confirm that at a sitting of the Legislative Council on 19th June 2007 the following motion was passed:

"That Mr Jonathan D C King be appointed Clerk of the Legislative Council with effect from 1st September 2007, the appointment to continue during pleasure."

Your Honour, it is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you, sir, to the Legislative Council meeting this morning for the purpose of the administering of the oaths. We are satisfied, as a Council, sir, that our new Clerk will carry out his duties in an admirable fashion, but having said that, it is necessary that in fact the formality of the swearing of the oaths is properly done and completed. It is the pleasure of the Legislative Council Members here with me assembled this morning, that, Your Honour, I invite you to administer the oaths to our new Clerk, Mr Jonathan King. Your Honour.

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

With your leave and the leave of the Members, I will ask Mr King to come forward, please.

Are you happy to take the oaths?

Mr King: Yes.

The First Deemster: Take the testament.

Now, there are two oaths and the warrant has been executed but cannot be effective until you have taken the oaths. The first oath is the oath of allegiance and the second is the oath of office of Clerk of this Council. What I will do is I will administer the oaths, so I say the words and then you repeat after me. Are you content with that, Mr King?

Mr King: I am content.

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

Mr King: I, Jonathan David Cormac King, 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.

The First Deemster: That is the oath of allegiance taken.

Now, the oath of office, if you repeat after me, please.

Mr King took the second oath, phrase by phrase, as administered to him.

Mr King: I, Jonathan David Cormac King, do swear that I will duly and truly execute the Office of Clerk of the Legislative Council of this Isle according to the trust reposed in me and that I will not reveal or disclose any secret which may come to my knowledge in the execution of the said office unless by permission of the President of the Legislative Council for the time being. So help me God.

The First Deemster: That is the oath of allegiance and the oath of office.

Now, the oaths having been taken, it is necessary that there be a proper record. The record is entered in the *Liber Juramentorum*, which is probably the oldest book in this jurisdiction, and it reads, under the crest of the Isle:

'At Douglas, 12th October 2007. On this day, the oath of allegiance and the foregoing oath,'

– that is the oath of office –

'was taken by and administered to Jonathan David Cormac King, sworn into the office of Clerk of the Legislative Council.'

Mr King, would you like to sign there with your usual signature.

Mr King signed the Liber Juramentorum.

The First Deemster: Thank you. I will just witness, if I may.

Mr President, Hon. Members, the warrant is now fully effective, Jonathan David Cormac King having taken the due oaths having been administered to him and a record of the same having been made.

Thank you, Mr President.

Welcome to the new Clerk by the President

The President: Welcome, Jonathan.

The Clerk: Thank you.

The President: It is our pleasure to have you as our Clerk of the Council for the years to come. Can you take your chair at the table, sir.

Hon. Members, it is a pleasure, particularly as far as I am concerned, to welcome Jonathan King as our Clerk. As you all well know, I am very pleased indeed that sitting in our public gallery this morning is his wife, Antonia, and as she is a Ballabeg girl, I am sure that she made the right connection

and in fact the connection to the Clerk of the Legislative Council, who will, I am sure, carry out his duties very well because he will be watched with interest, I think.

So there we are. Jonathan, you are more than welcome as our Clerk to the Legislative Council.

Thanks to the First Deemster by the President

The President: Hon. Members, I again want to pay this morning a particular tribute to His Honour our First Deemster. On every occasion that the Legislative Council and other places have had the honour of witnessing the administration of oaths by Deemster Kerruish, it is always done in a manner which is very fitting. I am satisfied that everybody who has stood before His Honour in taking an oath of allegiance in any form whatsoever does so recognising the duty that follows that oath and in fact the feeling with which

it is done. Your Honour, it is my privilege, as President of the Council for the time being, to say thank you very much for once again being prepared to join us this morning for this short but very necessary ceremony and for conducting it in such a wonderful manner for us. Thank you, sir.

The First Deemster: Thank you very much.

The President: Now, Hon. Members, that really draws to a conclusion the business before our Legislative Council this morning. However, we do have a photographer in our midst, especially to allow a photograph to be taken, and at this juncture, Hon. Members, I think it would be appropriate if a few formal photographs were taken, so that Mr King in particular will have a record of the proceedings.

Photographs were taken.

The Council adjourned at 9.25 a.m.