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SELECT COMMITTEE OF TYNWALD ON HOUSE OF KEYS GENERAL ELECTIONS

Following the low turnout in the recent Manx General Election, Tynwald has established a select committee to investigate the reasons for this and to seek ways to enhance public participation in the democratic process and the work of Tynwald generally. The Select Committee are required to report to Tynwald in July.

The Committee is very keen to gather as much information as possible from members of the public on what they see as the causes of the low turnout and the lack of interest in the work of the legislature which it appears to reflect, and what can be done to improve it. The Committee intends to approach a wide range of groups and organisations in the Island to canvass their views. The need for as wide a public consultation as possible is also likely to lead to an opinion poll type survey being undertaken.

Any members of the public who wish to submit written evidence are invited to do now: once the initial evidence has been examined, the Committee may also request individuals and groups to give oral evidence on matters arising from the written evidence.

Written evidence should be submitted to the Clerk to the Select Committee on Elections to the House of Keys, Malachy Cornwell-Kelly, at the Office of the Clerk of Tynwald, Legislative Buildings, Douglas, IM1 3PW by 8th February 2002.