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SELECT COMMITTEE OF TYNWALD ON HOUSE OF KEYS GENERAL ELECTIONS

Chairman of the Select Committee Hon David Cretney MHK said today: "The Tynwald Select Committee has been very pleased with the volume of letters received from members of the public, local authorities, returning officers and others outlining ideas which might explain the disappointing turnout in the November 2001 General Election and encourage more interest and participation in the democratic process for the future. To date ninety responses have been forthcoming. These are now being analysed to discover common themes. In addition the Committee is likely to invite a number of those who have submitted evidence to appear before it to develop their ideas and the Committee is to engage an independent company to carry out a survey of residents on the subject."

"On behalf of the Committee, we wish the public to know that it is still not too late to make a written submission giving views on this important subject. The greater the number of responses the better picture can be gained. If anyone is still considering making a written response, the Committee would be very pleased to receive it" stated Mr Cretney.

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 as soon as possible.