

BROWN, Hon James Anthony, MHK *Castletown (Ind)*

Personal details

B 5 January 1950; *m* (1979) Rachel (Smith); 1 *dau* 1 *s*.

Education and qualifications

Victoria Road Primary, Castletown, Castle Rushen High School.

Career

Electrician, Isle of Man Electricity Board 1965-80, electrical contractor 1980-81, proprietor Tony Brown Electrics, Castletown 1981-date.



Member Castletown Commissioners 1976-81, (*Vice-Chairman*, 1977-79), (*Chairman* 1980-81); *President* Castletown Chamber of Trade and Commerce 1987-date; *President* Castletown and District Over 60's Club 1984-date; *Chairman* Castletown and District Over 60's Club 1990-date; *Chairman* Queen Street Mission Trustees 1994-date; *Vice-President*, Castletown Rifle Club; *Patron and Chairman* Castletown Festival Committee 1981-93 and 1997-date; *Patron and Member* Castletown Festival Committee 1993-97; *Member* Castletown May Day Committee 1979-83, Castletown and Malew Elderly Persons Committee 1978-86, *Member* IOM Municipal Association Executive Committee 1979-81, Southern Health Care Committee 1981-date, Southern Swimming Pool Authority 1982-86, Castletown Chamber of Trade and Commerce 1982-date, Manx Foundation for the Physically Disabled 1982-87, Castletown Youth Club Management Committee 1980-84, Rushen Round Table 1980-84; *Associate Member* Royal British Legion Castletown Branch 1994-date; *Member* Castletown Heritage 1998-date; *ex officio Member* Castletown Heritage Committee 1987-date, *Member* Castletown Commissioners "2000" Executive Committee 1998-2000; *Chairman* Castletown Commissioners "2000" Community Events Committee 1998-2000; *Member* Castletown Town Commissioners "2000" Memorial Committee 1998-2000.

Parliamentary Career

MHK (*Castletown*) (*Ind*) 1981-date.

Government posts: *Minister* for Health & Social Security 1986-89, for Local Government & Environment 1989-94, for Tourism and Leisure 1994-96, for Transport 1996-2001. *Chairman* Government Property Trustees 1983-86; *Member* Assessment Board 1981-83, Highway and Transport Board 1981-83, Local Government Board 1981-86, Tourist Board 1981-86, Year of Sport Executive Committee 1984-85, Whitley Council 1992-96; *Chairman* TT Co-ordinating Committee 1995-96, *Chairman* Island Games 2001 Bid Committee 1995-96. *Chairman* Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons' Committee 2002-date, *Chairman* Manx Heritage Foundation 2001-06, *Member* Manx Museum and National Trust 2001-date, *Vice-Chairman* 2002-date, *Member* Police Advisory Group 2002-date; Chief Minister 2006-date.

Parliamentary posts: Deputy Speaker of the House of Keys April 2000-01. Speaker of the House of Keys November 2001-06, re-elected 2006 and then resigned 2006. Deputy President of Tynwald January 2002-06. Tynwald representative to the British-Irish Inter-Parliamentary Body 2005-date.

Committees of Tynwald: Boards' Responsibilities 1983-86, Tynwald Ceremony Arrangements 1983-86 and 2001-06, Population Growth 1985-86, Petition for Redress 1985-86, Fire Precautions 1988-90, Declaration of Members' Interests 1990-91, Joint Committee on the Remuneration of Crown Officers 1987-96, Petition for Redress Paul J Hilary Fletcher 1997, Manx Patriots Committee 1997-2001, IOM Steam Packet Committee 1998-99, Ecclesiastical Committee 2000-01, Members Pension Management 2001-06, Tynwald Honours 2002-06, Constitutional Matters 2002-06, Economic Initiatives 2003-06, Standing Orders of Tynwald 2001-06, GP Out of Hours Services 2003-04, Tynwald Standards and Members' Interests 2003-06, Tynwald Setting Enhancement 2001-06, Tynwald Management 2001-06, Tynwald Management Wedding Cake Sub-Committee 2001-06, Joint Committee on Emoluments of Certain Public Servants 2001-06 and 2006-date (*eo*), Reduction of Standing Committees 2002, Membership of the Expenditure and Public Accounts Committee 2002, Membership of the Committee on Scrutiny of the Expenditure and Public Accounts Committee Functions 2003-06, Tynwald Ceremony Sub-Committee on Procedural Matters 2004-06, Manx Electricity Authority Committee 2005-06, Members' Pension Management Committee 2006-date (*eo*), Tynwald Ceremony Arrangements Committee 2006-date (*eo*).

House of Keys' Committees: Consultative 1987-97, 2002, Standing Orders 1991-96 and 2001-06, Control of Employment (Amendment) Bill Committee 1982-83, Shop Hours (Repeal) Bill Committee 1982-85, Public Passenger Vehicles Bill Committee 1984-85, Caravans Bill Committee 1985, Landlord of Tenants Bill Committee 1988-89, Management and Members' Standards 2003-06, Constitution (Legislative Council) Bill Committee, 2003-04, Select Committee on the Cheshire Constabulary 2005-06.

Executive Council Committees: *Chairman* Employment Committee 1987-89; *Member* Population Committee 1988-89, *Member* Social Issues, 1987-89, *Member* Brewery Industry Committee 1989-90, *Member* Countryside Committee 1988-90.

Council of Ministers' Committees: *Chairman* Population Committee 1988-89, Administration Committee 1992-96, 50th Anniversary United Nations Committee 1994, Committee to Commemorate 50th Anniversary of the End of the Second World War 1995, TT Safety Committee 1997-98, Manx Heritage Foundation Selection Committee 1995-96; *Member* Population Committee 1989-96, Legislative Scrutiny Committee 1994-01, Mann 2000 Committee 1994-96, Manx National Economic Development Committee 1994-96, Alleviation of Unemployment Committee 1991-96, Economic Development Committee 1994-96, Social Issues Committee 1997-01, Island Wide Economic Development Committee 1997-98, Ministerial Appointments Committee 1997-02, Arts Council Membership Selection Committee 1995-96, Mann 2000 Events Committee 1998-00, Review of the Powers of the Chief Constable Committee 1998, Review of Gaming Law Committee 1999, Review of Future of Legislative Council Committee 2000, Tax and Benefits Committee 1999-00, Planning Process Review Committee 1999, Silverdale Car Park Committee 1999, *Chairman* Noble's Hospital Administration Committee 1986-87, *Chairman* Ballamona Hospital Administration Committee 1986-87.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Joint President 2001-06. Attended visits to Westminster 1982 and 1992; Faroe Islands 1997; Regional Conference Cyprus 1985, Gibraltar 1986, Plenary Conference Barbados 1989, Plenary Conference Cyprus 1993, visit to Brussels 1999; Plenary Conference Jersey/United Kingdom 2000; visit to Wilton Park 2002; *member* Executive Committee 2006-date (*eo*).

Interests

Motor cycle racing, heritage, history, photography.