

GELLING, Donald James, CBE CInstSMM CP

Personal

Born: 5th July 1938, Santon

Parents: John Cyril Gelling and Gladys Gelling (née Maddrell) of Port St Mary

Education: Santon Infants, Murray's Road Junior, Douglas High School, FInst SMM (1980); CInst SMM (1999)

Family: Married to Joan (née Kelly) 1960, 3 sons, 1 daughter, 11 grandchildren.

Career: Apprentice in engineering 1954-59; Royal Air Force (National Service) 1959-61; Machinery and vehicle sales 1961-69; General Manager agricultural and industrial sales and service 1969-88

Public Service: Santon Parish Commissioners 1961-86; *Chairman*, five times, Municipal Association, Southern Swimming Pool Authority, Social Services Endowment Committee from 1966, Southern Health Care Committee from 1987, Medical Practitioners Board 1984-86; *Past President:* Rotary Club Rushen and Western Mann; *Senior Warden:* Santon Church; *Member:* Needs and Resources Commission 1985-87; *Former Captain and President:* Rowany Golf Club; *Secretary/Treasurer:* Malew Men's Club; *Life Member, past Captain and Treasurer:* Malew Football Club; *Chairman:* Manx Foundation for the Physically Disabled 1996-2004; *Founder Member:* Manx Auto Sport.

Honours and Decorations: CBE 2002; Captain of the Parish 2003

Interests: Golf (10 handicap), local football (spectator), gardening, DIY, local activities and events



Parliamentary Profile

Member of the House of Keys 1986-2002

Member of the Legislative Council 2002-06

Parliamentary Career

Minister: for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 1988-89, Treasury 1989-96

Chief Minister: 1996-2002 and 2004-06

Member: Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 1986-88 with special responsibility for Forestry, Treasury 2002-04

Chairman Financial Supervision Commission 1989-96, Insurance and Pensions Authority 2002-07

Committees of Tynwald: Ecclesiastical 1987-91, Tynwald Management 1989-2001, Remuneration of Crown Officers 1992-96, Sea Cat 1995-96, Members' Pension Scheme Management 1989-96 and 2004-06, Tynwald Ceremony Arrangements Committee 1996-2001 and 2004-06, Isle of Man Steam Packet Company 1998-99, Membership of the Committee on Expenditure and Public Accounts and its Implications 2002, Standing Committee on Economic Initiatives 2002-05, Joint Committee on Emoluments of Certain Public Servants 2003-05, Select Committee on GP Services 2003-04, Scrutiny of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts 2003-04, Standing Orders of Tynwald 2002, Petition for Redress of D A Newton 2004, Tynwald Standards and Members' Interests Committee 2004-05

House of Keys' Committees: Consultative Committee 1992-96, Credit Unions Bill 1993, Civil Jurisdiction and Judgements Bill 1992-93

Council of Ministers' Committees: Economic 1988-91, Social Issues 1987-91, Productivity Schemes 1987-88, Constitutional and External Relations 1991-2002 and 2004-06, Shipping 1991-2002, Population 1990-2002, Broadcasting 1992-98, Manx National Economic Development Council, Anti-Drugs & Alcohol Strategy, Gaming Control Commissioner 1987-89, Economic Development 2005-06, Governance 2005-06, Social Policy 2005-06, Branding Initiative 2004-06

Chairman: Economic 1990-2002

Electoral History

First stood and elected as Member of the House of Keys for Malew and Santon in 1986. Re-elected in 1991, 1996 unopposed, 2001 unopposed. Elected to the Legislative Council in 2002, resigning in 2006

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Regional Conferences: Isle of Man 1987, Jersey 1988, Malta 1990, Jersey 1991, Isle of Man 1994, Malta 1996, Cyprus 1997, United Kingdom 2002 (Jubilee Visit)