

GELLING, Donald James, CBE CInstSMM CP MLC

Personal details

B 5th July 1938 Santon; *s* of John Cyril Gelling and Gladys Gelling (nee Maddrell) of Port St Mary; *m* (1960) Joan (nee Kelly) 3 *s*, 1 *dau*, 11 *grandchildren*.

Education and qualifications

Santon Infants, Murray's Road Junior, Douglas High School.

FInst SMM (1980); CInst SMM (1999); CBE (2002); CP 2003.



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.

Local Authorities, Public Bodies, charities etc

Santon Parish Commissioners 1961-86 (five times *Chairman*) Municipal Association, Southern Swimming Pool Authority, Social Services Endowment Committee 1966-date; Southern Health Care Committee 1987-date; 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* and *past Captain* and *Treasurer* Malew Football Club; *Chairman* Manx Foundation for the Physically Disabled 1996-2004. *Founder member* Manx Auto Sport.

Parliamentary Career

MHK (*Malew and Santon*) 1986-2002 (*Ind*); elected to the Legislative Council 2002-06.

Government posts: *Minister* for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 1988-89, *Minister* for Treasury 1989-96; Chief Minister 1996-2002 and 2004-06; *Member* Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry 1986-88 (special responsibility for Forestry); *Chairman* Financial Supervision Commission 1989-96. *Member* for Treasury 2002-04. *Chairman* Insurance and Pensions Authority 2002-07.

Council of Ministers' Committees: Economic 1988-91, Social Issues 1987-91, Productivity Schemes 1987-88; Economic 1990-2002 (*Chairman*), Constitutional and External Relations 1991-2002 and 2004-date, 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-date, Governance 2005-06, Social Policy 2005-06, Branding Initiative 2004-06

Committees of Tynwald: Ecclesiastical 1987-91, Tynwald Management 1989-2001, Remuneration of Crown Officers 1992-96, SeaCat 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.

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

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

Attended CPA Regional Conference Isle of Man 1987, Jersey 1988, Malta 1990, Jersey 1991, Isle of Man 1994, Malta 1996, Cyprus 1997, United Kingdom 2002 (Jubilee Visit).

Interests

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