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Present:

The President of Tynwald (Hon. S C Rodan)

In the Council:

The Lord Bishop of Sodor and Man (The Rt Rev. R M E Paterson),
The Acting Attorney General (Mr J L M Quinn),
Mr D M Anderson, Mr M R Coleman, Mr C G Corkish MBE, Mr D C Cretney,
Hon. T M Crookall, Mr R W Henderson, Mr J R Turner and Mr T P Wild,
with Mr J D C King, Deputy Clerk of Tynwald.

In the Keys:

The Speaker (Hon. J P Watterson) (Rushen);
Mr J R Moorhouse and Mr G D Cregeen (Arbory, Castletown and Malew);
Mr A L Cannan and Mr T S Baker (Ayre and Michael);
Mr C C Thomas and Mrs C A Corlett (Douglas Central);
Miss C L Bettison and Mr C R Robertshaw (Douglas East);
Mr D J Ashford and Mr G R Peake (Douglas North);
Mrs K J Beecroft and Mr W M Malarkey (Douglas South);
Mr M J Perkins and Mrs D H P Caine (Garff);
Mr R K Harmer and Mr G G Boot (Glenfaba and Peel);
Mr W C Shimmins and Hon. R H Quayle (Middle);
Mr R E Callister and Ms J M Edge (Onchan);
Dr A J Allinson and Mr L L Hooper (Ramsey);
Hon. L D Skelly (Rushen);
with Mr R I S Phillips, Clerk of Tynwald.

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Tynwald

The Court met at 10.30 a.m.

[MR PRESIDENT *in the Chair*]

The Deputy Clerk: Hon. Members, please rise for the President of Tynwald.

The President: Moghrey mie, Hon. Members.

5 **Members:** Moghrey mie, Mr President.

The President: The Lord Bishop will lead us in prayer.

10 **The Lord Bishop:** Very briefly, just before we begin with the prayers in the blue book, at the first full sitting of Tynwald we will use the Lord's Prayer in Manx Gaelic, and I have some phonetic versions of that prayer here if any Member would like to have a copy.

PRAYERS

The Lord Bishop

Order of the Day

1. Papers laid before the Court

The President: Please be seated, Hon. Members.
I call on the Clerk to lay papers.

15 **The Clerk:** Ta mee cur roish y Whaiyl ny pabyryn enmyssit ayns ayn nane jeh'n Chlaare Obbyr.

I lay before the Court the papers listed at Item 1 of the Order Paper.

Written statements in compliance with the Council of Ministers Act 1990 s 2(2B) from –

[Mrs K J Beecroft](#)

[Mr A L Cannan](#)

[Hon R H Quayle](#)

2. Introduction of the Speaker of the House of Keys to Tynwald

20 **The President:** Hon. Members, I invite the sponsors of the newly elected Speaker of the House of Keys to escort him into the Chamber.

Mrs Beecroft and Mr Skelly escorted Mr Speaker into the Tynwald Chamber and brought him before the President.

Mrs Beecroft: Mr President, I have the honour to present the Speaker of the House of Keys.

The President: I invite Mr Speaker, Hon. Members, to take your seats.

25 Mr Watterson, as I welcome you to Tynwald this morning, may I congratulate you on your election last week to the ancient and honourable office of Speaker of the House of Keys, marking as it does appreciation of your ability and impartiality by your Keys' colleagues.

30 While history records that it was John Stevenson first in the role of the Keys' presiding officer back in 1704, with the specific title of Speaker not being claimed until 1758 by Sir George Moore, there is no doubt that the role of Speaker is as old as Tynwald itself, back to the days when the Keys sat in Castle Rushen. Your office requires you to protect Members' rights and privileges, and together with your interpretation of Standing Orders you thereby guard the political freedom of the people, and there can be no greater responsibility than that.

35 Your role is unique in requiring you to preside in one Chamber, but also with the political freedom to speak for your constituents of Rushen and for the House in the setting of Tynwald Court, as well as to represent our Island further afield. It is with confidence, Mr Speaker, that I wish you every success as you discharge your responsibilities in the years ahead.

40 **The Speaker:** Thank you, Mr President, for those kind words. I would like to thank the Hon. Members of the House of Keys for their unanimous support in my election and of course, also to thank the people of Rushen for showing me their support in the election. It is a great honour to lead this House as Speaker and to follow in the footsteps of such distinguished holders of the office. I look forward to representing this House and defending its privileges, I look forward to representing my constituents in Rushen and look forward to playing an active part in Tynwald Court.

45 Thank you, Mr President.

Tribute to former Member, Mr Martyn Quayle

50 **The President:** Hon. Members, as we prepare to meet the challenges of the future, we now pause to remember the life and work of one who joined in accepting the challenges of the past, Martyn Quayle, former Member for Middle, our colleague and friend, who died on 26th August.

I call upon the Hon. Member of Council, Mr Anderson.

Mr Anderson: Thank you, Mr President, for the opportunity to pay tribute to George Martyn Quayle, who has tragically passed away since the last sitting of this Hon. Court.

55 I know Mr Speaker has paid tribute in another place, but as being a Member of Tynwald was something he was especially proud of, it is fitting we should add a tribute in Tynwald Court today.

60 Martyn was the youngest of three sons of George and Elaine Quayle, of the well-known farming family of Glenlough, Marown. Being the third son, he decided on a life in the Civil Service, but after a short time he went to work for the Isle of Man Farmers, at that time, the largest agricultural merchant on the Island, serving under Arnold Callin, then a Member of

Tynwald, who no doubt cultivated Martyn's already active political interest. In 1986, he succeeded Arnold Callin as general manager.

65 Throughout his youth, he was a keen and active member of the Young Farmers' movement and became chair of the Isle of Man Federation of Young Farmers and represented the Island at off-Island events. These started a lifelong involvement with the Young Farmers Ambassadors' movement, with an exchange visit to an Austrian farming family, who became Martyn's extended family.

70 The International Farm Youth Exchange Alumni is a worldwide organisation. Martyn was proud to be elected president of the European area in 2007 and went on to serve in that capacity for six years. It was while president, he was successful in persuading the organisation to hold the European annual convention on the Isle of Man in 2010. It was a rare week when the sun shone from dawn to dusk, and the international visitors could see at first hand the Island culture and heritage Martyn had been such a proud ambassador of, wherever he had travelled.

75 It was experience of these organisations that enabled him to hit the ground running when he was first elected at the general election in 2001 as the Member for Middle. His public speaking and debating skills came to the fore.

80 I know Mr Speaker has made reference to his enthusiasm for the CPA activities that took his ambassadorial role as far as the Falkland Islands. However, he wore his ambassador's hat whenever he was off the Island, whether representing CPA, as president of the International Exchange movement or on his favourite ski slopes.

85 Martyn had a wide circle of friends and would always have a young lady at official functions like the Tynwald banquet, but took political correctness to extremes by not favouring one above the others and remained a bachelor boy. New Members may not be aware that since Mr Speaker has been an MHK, memorable remarks are recorded in the booklet entitled *Tynwald Balls*. Beware, as no doubt you will feature in this in the passage of time! One of Martyn's most memorable quotes from that first edition was when in Tynwald he moved a financial motion as Minister and spoke at length, but that was promptly seconded by his Department Member, and then no other Member made a contribution. Martyn got up to respond to the non-existent debate and said, 'I would suggest that silence means acceptance', to which Quintin Gill quipped, 'You're not married, are you?' (*Laughter*)

90 Martyn, who led the charge against the proposed inert tip at Archallagan, asked many in-depth questions in this Court to highlight the unsuitability of the site. Martyn was like a dog with a bone and would not be fobbed off with incomplete answers. On one occasion, when he took exception to reply that was given to him, he jumped to his feet and said, 'I don't mind being misrepresented, but if you are going to misrepresent me, please do it accurately.' (*Laughter*) As soon as he sat down, he realised what he said and laughed as much as any of us did. He had a keen sense of humour, which endeared him not only to his political colleagues but also to the civil servants with whom he worked.

100 He was a most diligent Member. Even after being involved in a serious car crash and having two broken legs, he was determined to attend Keys and Tynwald sittings in his wheelchair as soon as the doctor allowed. He served in several Departments before becoming a Minister of three different Government Departments: Home Affairs, 2006 to 2008, in which he claimed to knock the present Chief Secretary into shape (*Laughter*); Tourism and Leisure, from 2008 to 2010; and Social Care, from 2010 to 2011.

105 Martyn was a team player and was also a gentleman and respected those taking an opposing view. As you would expect, he was gracious when losing out in the 2011 election. However, his interest in Manx and international politics was as active as ever after the election, and his continued involvement in the community and service to it is an example to us all.

110 Mr President, we have lost a past colleague and friend, and our thoughts and prayers continue with Martyn's mother Elaine, and his brothers, Peter, John and families, in coming to terms with the loss of such a loved family member, who was also very proud and honourable Manxman.

Members: Hear, hear.

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The President: Thank you, Mr Anderson.

Hon. Members, let us stand for a moment in silent tribute to the memory of our late colleague.

Members stood in silence.

The President: Thank you, Hon. Members.

Tribute to outgoing Chief Minister, Allan Bell

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The President: Hon. Members, as this Court prepares to consider its choice of Chief Minister, I think it would be remiss if I did not, on your behalf, pay tribute to the retiring Chief Minister and the former Member for Ramsey, Allan Bell, whose long political service and membership of Tynwald Court for 32 years is shortly drawing to a close.

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Born in Ramsey and educated at Albert Road School and Ramsey Grammar School, Allan Bell went into Martins Bank, later taken over by Barclays. From there, he went to Gibraltar and spent a year doing a variety of jobs. He worked in hotels as a cashier, and even as an ice-cream seller on the beach. *(Laughter)* With the border with Spain being closed in those days, and movement somewhat limited, Allan decided to return home to Ramsey. On his return, he went to work for a firm of accountants, but shortly afterwards opened his own clothing business in Ramsey, becoming, I understand, the Island's sole supplier of punk and New Romantic clothing to the Island's youth.

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Politically, Allan Bell had been involved with Mec Vannin, and in 1976 he stood for Ramsey in the general election as a Mec Vannin candidate and was only narrowly defeated. A successful candidate in 1976 was Mr George Swales, who left a vacancy on the Ramsey Town Commissioners and Allan Bell took over that seat, going in unopposed. This was his first experience of public office and he served until April 1984 when he resigned his seat.

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Why was that? Throughout his term in the Commissioners, he worked for the establishment of a new sports hall at Ramsey Grammar School, which was to be built by the Board of Education, as it then was, in partnership with the Ramsey Town Commissioners as a community project. Plans progressed, but at the 11th hour the Commissioners decided to pull out and Allan Bell resigned in protest.

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After a carefree summer of travelling Europe by train, that year of 1984, he returned home to find that a vacancy has arisen in the House of Keys, as one of the Members for Ramsey, Dr Hugo Teare, had resigned due to ill health. Under considerable pressure from the voters, Allan Bell stood successfully, and in November 1984, he took his seat in the House of Keys.

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He was pleased to be sent to the Board of Education, where he was able to continue to work towards the creation of a Ramsey sports hall, which eventually did open in 1988.

He served at the Local Government Board and as chairman of Public Transport, and in 1986 was returned at the general election and, under the new ministerial system, given the post of Minister for Tourism and Leisure, which he went on to serve for some eight years.

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Over the course of three more decades, Allan Bell would go on to fight five more general elections, serving variously as Minister for Industry; Home Affairs; Treasury, delivering nine successive Budgets in this place from 2002 to 2010; Economic Development; and of course the last five years as Chief Minister.

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When Allan Bell came into politics, the Island was a very different place: over 3,000 unemployed, reserves of barely £1 million, a standard of living half that of the United Kingdom. In all those years since, he has been passionate about growing the Island's economy, not just

160 finance and manufacturing, but diversifying into such things as film, e-gaming, space industry.
But he has also been equally passionate about social justice and reform, to ensure not just
economic opportunity, but social equality for the Island's people. If the Island has moved on and
up over the past 40 years, it is in no small part due to the political passion and commitment of
Allan Bell, not only at home, but abroad. He has had the ear and respect of fellow heads of
165 government, of foreign ministers. He has taken to the international stage on the Island's behalf,
the promotion of our growing reputation as a top business centre, most lately earning praise
from the international media, and also at home, for speaking out boldly and unscripted at May's
anti-corruption summit in London about the hypocrisy of nations somewhat bigger than
ourselves.

170 Allan Bell can leave Tynwald with pride and a lifetime of public service – service recognised
and in which we also take pride with the award of CBE earlier this year. We as Members of
Tynwald extend good wishes to him, to Stephen, and his family for long years of retirement
ahead.

Members: Hear, hear. (*Applause*)

**Welcome to newly elected Members of the House of Keys and
thanks to Members of previous House**

175 **The President:** Hon. Members, at this point, I wish to congratulate those of you who have
been elected or re-elected to the House of Keys, and welcome you, along with your Legislative
Council colleagues, to this first sitting of Tynwald in our new term.

180 I would like to record the Court's appreciation for the services of those Members of the last
House of Keys were no longer with us, and indeed all candidates were put forward their names
at the recent general election in the service of Manx democracy. (**Several Members:** Hear, hear.)
In this most ancient of all parliaments we have a precious asset, of which we should be justly
proud. Democratic, responsible, courteous, dignified, good-humoured and passionate: these
should be the watchwords by which we conduct our business, and thereby earn the confidence
185 of the public we are here to serve.

This Island and the world face many challenges in the coming years. Statesmanship, foresight,
initiative and good planning will be needed. New Members will need strength of resolution to
make the right decisions, and it is in this regard we should perhaps be mindful of the words of
the 19th century historian, Lord Macaulay, who said, 'No man is fit to govern ... who hesitates
190 about disobliging the few who have access to him for the sake of the many he will never see.'

Remember also the words, even earlier, of Edmund Burke, that MPs are representatives who
vote according to their 'unbiased opinion', 'mature judgment' and 'enlightened conscience',
rather than as mere delegates who repeat the views of their constituents. In his words, 'Your
representative owes you, not their industry only, but their judgment; and they betray you
195 instead of serving you if they sacrifice it to your opinion.'

**Procedural –
Filming of the start of the next sitting –
Permission granted**

The President: So, Hon. Members, we move on and, as a matter of housekeeping, I draw
your attention to the next sitting on 18th October, when there has been a request by Mr Paul
Moulton to briefly film the start of the sitting on 18th October.

200 I am minded to grant permission on the grounds that this filming will be done from the press
bench and will be non-intrusive to our deliberations and for a short time only.
Is that agreed, Hon. Members?

Members: Agreed.

205 **The President:** Thank you, Hon. Members.

3. Announcement of Royal Assent – Custody (Amendment) Act 2016

The President: Hon. Members, I have to announce that Royal Assent has been given to the
Custody (Amendment) Act 2016.

4. Nomination of Chief Minister – Mr Howard Quayle elected

*In accordance with section 2 of the Council of Ministers Act 1990, to nominate one Member of
Tynwald for appointment as Chief Minister.*

The Members proposed for nomination are:

Mrs K J Beecroft

Mr A L Cannan

Hon R H Quayle

The President: Hon. Members, we now turn to our Order Paper. The main business of today
is the election of a Chief Minister.

210 This election is governed by section 2 of the Council of Ministers Act 1990 and also by
Standing Orders 1.5, 2.4A, 3.17A and 5.3, as amended by the recent change to Standing Orders,
Standing Order 3.17B.

215 Three members have been proposed: Mrs Kate Beecroft, proposed by Mr Lawrie Hooper and
seconded by Ms Julie Edge; Mr Alfred Cannan, proposed by Mr Chris Thomas and seconded by
Mr Martyn Perkins; and Mr Howard Quayle, proposed by Mr David Ashford and seconded by Mr
Ray Harmer.

220 I intend to take the nominations in alphabetical order of the nominees. I will therefore invite
the proposer and seconder of the nomination of the Hon. Member for Douglas South, Mrs
Beecroft, followed by the proposer and seconder of the nomination of the Hon. Member for
Ayre and Michael, Mr Cannan, and then the Hon. Member for Middle, Mr Quayle.

Following established practice, I shall allow Hon. Members' proposing and seconding
nominees to speak in support of that nominee, but I shall not allow other speeches.

225 I remind Hon. Members of the procedure which is in two parts. The first part consists of a
ballot to produce one nominee with the Council and the Keys voting together as one body. But,
unlike in previous years, the Keys will vote first and the Legislative Council will vote once the
results in the Keys have been announced under Standing Order 3.17B.

230 If one candidate attracts the majority of the votes of the Members present and voting, I shall
put the motion that that candidate be nominated as Chief Minister and it will be voted on
electronically – Tynwald again voting as one body. Following nomination by this Court, the
successful nominee will then be appointed by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

Hon. Members, I call for nominations and seconders.
Mr Lawrie Hooper, please.

Mr Hooper: Thank you, Mr President.

235 It is a privilege that the first speech I am able to give in this Hon. Court is to propose a worthy candidate as our next Chief Minister, who would be the first lady to hold this position.

I have worked closely with the Hon. Member for Douglas South, Mrs Kate Beecroft, for the last five years and, like those who have followed her Tynwald career with interest, know that she has the necessary skills to lead our Island through the troubled waters ahead.

240 Having topped the poll in Douglas South, the Hon. Member has shown that she has the support of her constituents, and also their trust. Rebuilding trust in Government will be an important part of the next administration and I believe it is essential that our next Chief Minister has this foremost in their mind.

245 Hard-working and tenacious, Mrs Beecroft has demonstrated time and time again that she is willing to stand up for her principles, even when doing so is not the popular route. We have all seen evidence of this determination over the past five years and I know that she would fulfil the role of Chief Minister with an equal amount of strength and courage. Perhaps more important than this, Mrs Beecroft has that rare quality of knowing when to yield and when to stand her ground. This is an essential skill for any leader.

250 The Hon. Member has proposed an inclusive Government in which all the elected Members of Tynwald will be encouraged to play a part. We have all brought with us unique skills and insights, and Mrs Beecroft has pledged to ensure we all have the opportunity to serve our constituents to the best of our ability by bringing our own priorities to be included in the Programme for Government.

255 I know that many of us share the same ideals of openness and transparency which are embodied in the principles held by Mrs Beecroft and, from the number of new faces around this Hon. Court, it is evident that the electorate have voted for a new direction and I know that Mrs Beecroft will bring a new style of leadership that is needed to help drive us down a new path.

260 I humbly submit to this Hon. Court that Mrs Beecroft is the right person for the job and commended to Hon. Members with my full support.

Thank you, Mr President.

The President: I call on the Hon. Member for Onchan, Ms Edge, to second.

265 **Ms Edge:** Thank you, Mr President.

Less than two weeks ago the people of the Isle of Man sent out a clear message and voted overwhelmingly for change. Many of us in our manifestos promised that, if elected, we would do all we can to drive the change. Electing a progressive Chief Minister is the first opportunity we have to show that we will honour that trust. The old ways are no longer acceptable.

270 What we need and what the people want is: a new fresh approach in Government, with clear and transparent policies; a Government that will be open and honest with the people of this proud Island; a Government that can hold its head up in the wider political arena; a Government that can work together with the overriding aim of making this Island prosper for the good of all; a Government that has the trust of its people and a Government that new and existing
275 businesses will have confidence in; an efficient system of government with the framework that can work together with, and invest in, those businesses, with sensible regulatory regimes and efficient service delivery.

280 The Hon. Member for Douglas South, Mrs Kate Beecroft, is the right person to bring Tynwald together to deliver on these goals. Improving our transparency, accountability and the efficiency of Government should be uppermost in our decision today, because without the strong foundation everything else fails.

285 A vote for Mrs Beecroft will cement those foundations underpinned with a principled approach with honesty and integrity, where the input of all Members of this Hon. Court is valued. I urge each and every one of you, before casting your vote, to consider the direction that you want Government to take towards openness, towards transparency and towards a fairer and more equal society.

290 Mrs Beecroft is the right person to restore public trust in Government. My colleague, the Hon. Member for Ramsey, spoke of courage and strength, but an equally important quality exemplified by Mrs Beecroft is compassion. The next five years will be difficult and we need a Chief Minister with this quality to ensure Government deals fairly with all the people of our Island.

I am honoured to be able to second the proposal that Mrs Beecroft be our next Chief Minister.

295 Thank you, Mr President.

The President: I call on the Hon. Member for Douglas Central, Mr Thomas.

300 **Mr Thomas:** Thank you, Mr President, and before proposing the Hon. Member for Ayre and Michael, Mr Cannan, MHK, for nomination as Chief Minister in this election, I would just like to congratulate the Hon. Members for Ramsey and Onchan on their maiden speeches. (**Several Members:** Hear, hear.)

305 In his January 2014 Modernising Ministerial Government debate speech, Mr Cannan told this Hon. Court of the scepticism of some antipodean parliamentarians he looked after during their Tynwald visit; scepticism that ‘anything could be achieved politically in a Keys with Members elected as independents’.

310 Mr Cannan mentioned that episode that day to explain why he welcomed proposals which he argued could focus policy and vision, with Ministers and Members thereafter acting accordingly. I mention this speech and that episode today for two reasons: firstly, because it shows that Mr Cannan has been chosen as Tynwald’s international ambassador for some years; and, secondly, these remarks three years ago demonstrate that Mr Cannan has been serious for some time about his pledge in respect of the new approach to Government based on a Government Programme approved in Tynwald as a basis for collective responsibility.

315 This is probably the single most important thing about Mr Cannan’s candidacy. He can lead us beyond talking of an agenda for change, to actual delivery of a Government Programme with realistic financing and supportive legislation that will make Government more effective for people and provide better outcomes for people.

320 Government ministerial experience was touted as the primary factor for Chief Minister, but in fact many good governments have been led by politicians without ministerial experience. What really matters is the vision and the capability of the potential Chief Minister to lead the public’s elected representatives in our nation. As the Lord Bishop put it that same day back in January 2014, the source of power is the electorate, and the election of the Chief Minister is based, ‘on his or her manifesto to the public electorate, because if it is based on something different then you are causing an interruption’.

325 Mr Cannan has a significant mandate. He topped the poll in Ayre and Michael with two-thirds of those voting giving him the vote – more than the rest of us have. And, however the wider public has been asked, Mr Cannan’s candidacy is one which seems to have popular support.

330 In any case, Mr Cannan’s experience is not limited. Mr Cannan has represented Tynwald abroad. I have witnessed him working the situation and people to secure our national interests. Mr Cannan has built companies – just the sort of experience we need. Most importantly, as well as chairing the Tynwald Public Accounts Committee – the senior Tynwald Committee – and chairing the Civil Service Commission, Whitley Council and the Public Service Pensions Authority, Mr Cannan has chaired the board of the Manx Utility Authority for two and a half years – a body with an annual turnover of £100 million, which is larger than all but two of Government

335 Departments. During this time, the MUA has been restructured into a single legal entity, which is £6 million ahead of its revenue projections – better than some Government Departments.

But it is policy that really matters and Mr Cannan would have to lead a broad church in political terms, as other Chief Ministers have had to do. For one though, I am excited about this opportunity to work with colleagues under Mr Cannan’s leadership, as I have worked with him in various groupings in recent years; for instance, to change the stealth taxation policy of new and increased charges. It was Mr Cannan who coined the phrase, ‘Drip, drip, drip,’ and he was an important member of the group of nine who voted against the ‘toilet tax’ and led that change to policy, which was successful.

An extract from Mr Cannan’s 2014 Budget speech from this time encapsulates Mr Cannan’s politics then and since:

When we started out on this short journey, almost precisely two and a half years ago, it was the Scope of Government Report and its sibling review that were heralded as the drivers of the new-look Government; that and the three much-heralded mantras of balancing the budget, growing the economy and protecting the vulnerable. However, Madam President, both the Scope and the Vision –

345 *(Laughter)* **(The Speaker: Mr President.)** ‘Madam President’, it is quoting, though –

– of Government lacked real detail and at the time, I called on the Government to lay out its full-term agenda for dealing with the loss of revenue – a call that was rebutted as being impractical. But I do not believe, Madam President, that it was impractical. Instead, such an early and comprehensive plan would have made the transitions we are undertaking so much easier. In bringing forward such a plan, the Government would have set out a more detailed agenda, with headline figures that would have allowed the public and Tynwald into a full overview of the required changes and sacrifices that were needed to adapt to new financial circumstances. It would also ... have encouraged the backbenchers to take a more active role in ... forcing the Government and Council of Ministers into taking the leadership actions that were necessary to [be able to] instil the public confidence [necessary to drive through reforms successfully]. The actions I am talking about [in particular], Madam President, were the actions to address the savings that Tynwald itself was going to make to set the example. The Chief Minister should have clearly set out an agenda that included reform of the Legislative Council, alongside the other impositions that have already been made, such as the removal of fuel allowances and pension increases. It is not, as [the Chief Minister] recently insinuated, a minor requirement in the overall scheme of things, but rather a required example that would have instilled confidence in the public.

Mr President, Mr Speaker, Hon. Members, this General Election was about voting for change, not a vote for more of the same. I propose that the Hon. Member for Ayre and Michael, Mr Cannan, MHK, is nominated by this Hon. Court as Chief Minister to make the economy work for more people and to make Government more effective for us all, thus conserving consensus and confidence. He can deliver the Government programme we need, starting from our input later this month in the Tynwald debate, which is already scheduled. Mr Cannan listens, he discusses, he learns and, most importantly, he is a credible action man.

Mr President, Mr Speaker, Hon. Members, I propose Mr Cannan.

355 **The President:** Hon. Member for Garff, Mr Perkins.

Mr Perkins: Mr President, as a newly-elected MHK, I am acutely aware that in the recent General Election the Manx voting public voted for fresh thinking and a new direction of Government. I have followed the political career of the Hon. Member for Ayre and Michael over the last five years. I know him to be a man of high integrity, a man of vision and, above all, a resolute, confident man who inspires others. It is a privilege for me to second the Hon. Member for Douglas Central’s nomination of Mr Cannan, as I firmly believe it is in the best interests of our Island nation.

365 **The President:** Hon. Member for Douglas North, Mr Ashford.

Mr Ashford: Thank you, Mr President.

It is my great honour and privilege to rise to propose the Hon. Member for Middle, Mr Quayle, for the position of the next Chief Minister of our Island.

370 Over the last five years, the Hon. Member for Middle has held many varied roles, most recently having taken on what is one of the toughest jobs in Government – that of Minister for Health and Social Care. Prior to this he served as Chairman of Planning, Chairman of the MEA and served as a member in the crucial Departments of Infrastructure and Economic Development.

375 Mr Quayle also has a record, Mr President, of not just talking about change, but actually delivering it. He was the Minister who helped finally bring forward the much delayed Disability Discrimination Act; as a backbencher, he helped raise the issue of public sector pensions on the floor of this Hon. Court that ultimately led to the changes agreed in June this year; and he brought forward the proposal in 2013 which ultimately led to the £50 million Enterprise Fund. I
380 hope all of this displays to Hon. Members, Mr President, that Mr Quayle is one of the most experienced Members of this Hon. Court.

The next five years are probably going to be some of the toughest in living memory for our Island and in the Hon. Member for Middle we have a person of experience who knows not just how Government works but, crucially, Hon. Members, where Government does not work.

385 I know that some outside this Hon. Court, and maybe even some inside, have questioned, do we really need experience going forward? The analogy for me is one of a watch that is not working correctly: an item that has many moving parts, all of which have to work together to produce the desired result – much like Isle of Man Government, you might say. You do not take the watch to the dentist or the doctor to get it repaired; you take it to the watchmaker. Why?
390 Because they know how all the parts work, both individually and together; and, crucially, not just what is wrong with them but also how to fix them. The Hon. Member for Middle, Mr Quayle, is the person who knows the parts of the government machinery – how it works, how it does not work – and over the next five years is in the best position to repair the parts that are failing.

I hope that Hon. Members have noticed that the Hon. Member for Middle headed up his
395 policy statement ‘An inclusive Government leading the way’. For me, that is absolutely crucial. If we are to bring real and lasting change over the next five years we all need to be working together as a team – Team Tynwald, as the Hon. Member for Middle has called it. Mr Quayle, if given the chance by Hon. Members, is someone who can bring real and lasting change; not just change for change’s sake, but targeted change that will make a real and positive difference in
400 people’s everyday lives.

If Hon. Members want an inclusive Government that offers consistency and stability alongside greater public engagement and that also delivers strong leadership based on policies, not personalities, then I would urge Hon. Members to support the nomination of the Hon. Member for Middle, Mr Quayle.

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The President: Hon. Member for Glenfaba and Peel, Mr Harmer.

Mr Harmer: Thank you, Mr President.

410 Firstly, I would like to congratulate the Member for Garff, Martyn Perkins, and the Member for Douglas North, David Ashford, for their maiden speeches. (**Several Members:** Hear, hear.)

I beg to second Howard Quayle as Chief Minister. All of the three candidates have great qualities which I hope to see in the new Government, but I believe Howard Quayle has demonstrated the skills and the strength of character to be Chief Minister. Interestingly, all three were elected in September 2011. All of them were backbenchers since 2011.

415 Howard Quayle has significant experience vital to the role of Chief Minister, such as having vision, a willingness to challenge, a mind to initiate reform, and leadership skills to deliver change, as was demonstrated through his role as Health and Social Services Minister. In implementing successful change in Health and other areas, Howard has had the support and confidence of MHKs and the whole of Tynwald, as well as the public service – qualities which are

420 crucial for the position of Chief Minister. Howard leads by example, has integrity and honesty, and is committed to our Island. Howard works incredibly hard and has won respect across Tynwald and beyond.

Over the last year, I have work with Howard and he is a team player. He involves the Members of his Department in every decision and works with them all to formulate ideas. In Health we had political views across the spectrum, but Howard was able to bring the team together. Much has been said of collective responsibility, but, under Howard, if a Member does not support the policy consistently, the Member has a free vote.

Howard also supports his team with their ideas and passions. When approached with the idea of digitalisation of hospital paper records, Howard supported this, leading the change and potentially saving over £2 million a year.

Howard is strategic. He has launched the Five-Year Health Strategy this year, as well as the new Mental Health Strategy. As Chair of Manx Utilities, he initiated the scheme to combine the water, sewerage and electricity parts of the business. Howard has shown in his manifesto how he has a vision for the Island – vital for these challenging times.

Howard is a reformer. He has reformed the planning process while a Member of Dol, saving £½ million a year. He brought a motion regarding the public pensions which initiated the review over the last two years. He led the way for a £50 million investment fund to support economic growth. He has taken significant legislation forward with the Health and Social Care Bill over the last year.

Howard is his own man. He shows drive, determination and commitment. He has made difficult decisions and does not flinch in adversity or challenge. He has great respect across the public service but has not been afraid to replace CEOs and directors when needed.

Howard has made good contacts with politicians of other jurisdictions and shown he can negotiate good deals for the benefit of our Island.

We need to maintain a steady ship with Howard's experience and strength at the helm. We have heard the talk of the need for change, but we should remember that we have had over 30 years of economic growth, with 5% last year, effectively full employment and an Aa1-minus credit rating. We must not knee-jerk into changing for change's sake and spend the next three years undoing and reviewing what is already planned, such as the public and state pension. We *have* change – we have 12 new Members and most of the Ministers will be new, which makes it more important to have experience and leadership at the helm. We also need to ensure that we use the experience and skills we have, particularly in the newly elected MHKs, as well as the MLCs, who are elected by the Keys for a five-year term.

Howard cares deeply about the people he serves and never takes a decision lightly, and always for the best interests of the Island. During the next five years we can have confidence in Howard as Chief Minister, as one who has been tried and tested and can unite and lead the way forward. This is why I beg to second Howard Quayle for Chief Minister.

Thank you, Mr President.

460 **The President:** Hon. Members, that brings the nominations to a close. We therefore will ballot on the names of the three Members nominated.

I ask the Clerk to read out the names of those proposed and seconded.

465 **The Clerk:** The following Members have been nominated and seconded: Mrs Kate Beecroft, Mr Alfred Cannan and Mr Howard Quayle.

The President: Hon. Members, I appoint from the Council to act as a teller the Hon. Member of Council, Mr Cretney.

Mr Speaker.

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The Speaker: Mr Cregeen from the Keys, sir.

The President: At this point, Members of the House of Keys, please vote. Ballot papers are before you.

A ballot of the Members of the House of Keys took place.

475 **The President:** Hon. Members, now that the Keys have voted I shall ask the Clerk to read out the names of those who have voted and the way they have voted, including which votes, if any, were spoiled.

In the Keys –

	Mrs Beecroft	Mr Cannan	Mr Quayle	Invalid vote
Dr Allinson			X	
Mr Ashford			X	
Mr Baker			X	
Mrs Beecroft	X			
Miss Bettison		X		
Mr Boot			X	
Mrs Caine		X		
Mr Callister		X		
Mr Cannan		X		
Mrs Corlett			X	
Mr Cregeen			X	
Ms Edge	X			
Mr Harmer			X	
Mr Hooper	X			
Mr Malarkey			X	
Mr Moorhouse			X	
Mr Peake		X		
Mr Perkins		X		
Mr Quayle			X	
Mr Robertshaw		X		
Mr Shimmins		X		
Mr Skelly			X	
Mr Thomas		X		
Mr Speaker			X	
TOTAL	3	9	12	0

480 **The Clerk:** Mr President, the Members of the House of Keys, in this ballot, have voted as follows: Dr Allinson has voted for Mr Quayle; Mr Ashford has voted for Mr Quayle; Mr Baker has voted for Mr Quayle; Mrs Beecroft has voted for Mrs Beecroft; Miss Bettison has voted for Mr Cannan; Mr Boot has voted for Mr Quayle; Mrs Caine has voted for Mr Cannan; Mr Callister has voted for Mr Cannan; Mr Cannan has voted for Mr Cannan; Mrs Corlett has voted for Mr Quayle; Mr Cregeen has voted for Mr Quayle; Ms Edge has voted for Mrs Beecroft; Mr Harmer has voted for Mr Quayle; Mr Hooper has voted for Mrs Beecroft; Mr Malarkey has voted for Mr Quayle; Mr Moorhouse has voted for Mr Quayle; Mr Peake has voted for Mr Cannan; Mr Perkins has voted for Mr Cannan; Mr Quayle has voted for Mr Quayle; Mr Robertshaw has voted for Mr Cannan; Mr Shimmins has voted for Mr Cannan; Mr Skelly has voted for Mr Quayle; Mr Thomas has voted for Mr Cannan; and Mr Speaker has voted for Mr Quayle.

490 The results therefore are that Mrs Beecroft has 3 votes, Mr Cannan has 9 votes, and Mr Quayle has 12 votes. There are no invalid votes.

The President: Hon. Members, I now invite the Legislative Council to vote.

495 **Mrs Beecroft:** Mr President, could I have a point of clarification: would I be in order to withdraw my name from the ballot at this stage?

The President: No, Hon. Member. The vote has taken place.

A ballot of the Members of the Legislative Council took place.

500 **The President:** Hon. Members, now that the Council has voted I shall ask the Clerk to read out the names of those who have voted and the way they have voted, including which votes, if any, were spoiled.

In the Council –

	Mrs Beecroft	Mr Cannan	Mr Quayle	Invalid vote
The Lord Bishop			X	
Mr Anderson			X	
Mr Coleman			X	
Mr Corkish			X	
Mr Cretney			X	
Mr Crookall			X	
Mr Henderson			X	
Mr Turner			X	
Mr Wild			X	
TOTAL	0	0	9	0

The Clerk: Mr President, it may be simpler if I say that there were no spoiled votes and that there were 9 votes in the Council for one candidate, namely Mr Quayle.

505 Therefore, the results are 3 votes in the composite ballot for Mrs Beecroft, 9 votes for Mr Cannan, and 21 votes for Mr Quayle.

In Tynwald –

	Mrs Beecroft	Mr Cannan	Mr Quayle	Invalid vote
TOTAL	3	9	21	0

The President: Hon. Members, the result of the ballot, then, is as follows. There were 33 voting papers cast, of which 3 were in favour of Mrs Beecroft, 9 were in favour of Mr Cannan, and 21 were in favour of Mr Quayle.

510 Hon. Members, I declare that Mr Quayle has been elected in the ballot. Accordingly, I put forward his name for approval by Hon. Members. The question is that Mr Quayle be nominated as Chief Minister. As many as are of that opinion, say aye; those against, no. The ayes have it.

A division was called for and electronic voting resulted as follows:

In the Keys – Ayes 15, Noes 8

FOR

Mr Ashford
Mr Baker
Mr Boot
Mrs Caine
Mr Callister
Mrs Corlett
Mr Cregeen
Dr Allinson
Mr Harmer

AGAINST

Mrs Beecroft
Mr Cannan
Mr Hooper
Ms Edge
Mr Peake
Mr Robertshaw
Mr Shimmins
Mr Thomas

Mr Malarkey
Miss Bettison
Mr Perkins
Mr Quayle
Mr Skelly
Mr Speaker

In the Council – Ayes 9, Noes 0

FOR

Mr Anderson
Mr Coleman
Mr Corkish
Mr Cretney
Mr Crookall
Mr Henderson
The Lord Bishop
Mr Turner
Mr Wild

AGAINST

None

The President: I shall ask the Clerk to read out the result.

515 **The Clerk:** In the House of Keys, 15 for and 8 against. In the Legislative Council, 9 for and none against. Therefore, the composite vote of Tynwald is 24 in favour and 8 against.

520 **The President:** The result of the Tynwald ballot is that 24 votes were cast for Mr Quayle and 8 against. I therefore declare Mr Quayle elected as Chief Minister and I congratulate the Hon. Member for Middle, Mr Quayle.

Several Members: Hear, hear. *(Applause)*

525 **The President:** Hon. Members, that concludes the business on the Order Paper this morning. The Council will now withdraw and leave the House of Keys to transact such business as Mr Speaker may place before it.

The Council withdrew.

House of Keys

The Speaker: Hon. Members, I would like to join with the President in congratulating Mr Quayle as Tynwald's nominee for Chief Minister.

The House is now adjourned until Tuesday, 18th October in this Chamber for the transaction of Tynwald business. Thank you.

The House adjourned at 11.32 a.m.