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With the announcement that 3 existing MHKs will not be standing in the IOM General Election a picture is beginning to emerge about the status of serving politicians.

- Not standing - Karran, SHIMMIN, Hall
- Will they stand? - BELL, Rodan, Singer, TEARE
- Likely to Stand - QUAYLE, Cannan, Boot, Harmer, RONAN, Quirk, Joughin, Peake, Houghton, Cregeen, Malarkey, WATTERSON, SKELLY, GAWNE
- Already Declared - Robertshaw, Beecroft, Thomas

On 22nd September candidates will be contesting 2 seats in each of 12 constituencies. With Hall and, especially, Karran, not standing the Onchan contest will be wide open.

Rushen was the other constituency to have 3 representatives. Now there's only 2 places to fight for there which one of the 3 Ministers will be deposed? Or will Castletown get a defector?

Other existing single seat constituencies to be affected by the changes are Peel, Glen Faba, Malew & Santon, The Ayres, Garff, Michael and Middle.

Once elected the new intake of MHKs will, alongside their LegCo colleagues, have to elect a Chief Minister. You as a voter will not have any say as to whom that might be. Having placed your 2 crosses on the ballot paper you relinquish any power you have until 2021.

The current President of Tynwald Clare Christian ends her 5 year term of office in July 2016. An election for President will have to take place. Again the decision is in the hands of all Tynwald Members. Should Mrs Christian decide to retire it is highly likely that Steve Rodan will be the leading candidate to take over. That would create an opportunity for the voters of Garff to elect 2 new Members. It has also been suggested that John Shimmin could also be nominated for President.

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