

PAG 2015 Douglas South Byelection Questionnaire

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Standing:

Kurt Buchholz (Ind)
Amy Burns (Ind)
Keith Fitton (Libvan)
Bill Malarkey (Ind)

Summary

I think the most interesting areas for voters are where candidates opinions differed considerably, so these have been included within the summary. Full details are provided as an attachment.

GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE

All except Bill agreed that the number of Departmental Members ought to be reduced.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Only Bill felt that the forthcoming Fol Act will enable government transparency. Kurt, Keith and Amy did not.

PINEWOOD STUDIOS

Only Bill felt that Pinewood was a reasonable government investment. Kurt, Keith and Amy did not.

GOVERNMENT PENSIONS

Only Kurt felt that the government should continue with a final salary pension scheme.

BENEFITS

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Bill feels that Benefits are too generous, Kurt, Amy and Keith do not. Similarly Bill would also support introduction of a UK-style Benefits Cap, the other candidates not.

TOILET TAX

Amy, Keith and Kurt strongly disagreed with the statement that the 'Toilet Tax' is fair and does not require reform or removal. Bill was neutral.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Keith and Bill feel that the Island is well set to take advantage of emerging economic and technological developments. Amy and Kurt do not.

SELF-SUFFICIENCY

Amy felt the Island should be self sufficient in food, Keith disagreed, Kurt didn't know, and Bill was neutral.

WORK PERMITS

Kurt does not think that the government need to 'tighten up' on Work permits, the other candidates do.

UK RELATIONS

When asked whether we should be more independent of the UK, all candidates except Keith agreed. Keith was neutral.

HEALTH

Kurt does not feel the GP service is adequate, Bill believes it is. Amy and Keith were neutral. All agree that the government Dentistry service is inadequate and that Nobles is not performing as well as we should expect.

SOCIAL CARE

Amy and Bill feel that social care is not adequate or fit for purpose, Keith and Kurt were neutral.

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HOUSING

All agree that we do not have enough housing stock and all but Amy are against the sale of stock - Amy was neutral. They all agree that any 'Landlord and Tenant' Act should apply equally to the private and public sector.

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