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FAQ

“I’ve now been canvassing for a couple of weeks, I thought I would update my manifesto with a few FAQs.”

Q Do I support the decriminalisation of cannabis?

A I would like to see the use of cannabis regulated, I also see little merit in pursuing individuals through the courts for possession of small amounts for their own use.

Q Why does it take so long to deal with failing coastal structures and walls?

A The committee for the Environment & Infrastructure do not hold a budget for significant repairs, the committee places a bid for Capitol Expenditure, that internal process can be laborious and add significant time to, what are, urgent projects.

Q Do I support a runway extension?

A The airline industry is currently in a precarious state, we should not progress such a significant project with so much uncertainty in the market at this time.

Q What one thing would I do to help vulnerable children and improve life outcomes?

A I would urge many more people to consider fostering and adoption, a solid grounding with a caring family really can change lives.

Q Do I support the introduction of GST? Yes or no.

A No, I do not support the introduction of GST, however we must address the broader issue of taxation, the next assembly will be presented with a review by P&R that ‘paper’ is long overdue.

Q Should we stop our overseas aid contributions?

A No, Guernsey benefitted from overseas aid (Red Cross Parcels) during the occupation, we must never forget that, many communities are facing the same challenges today.

Q Economic growth means population growth, doesn’t it?

A Not necessarily, investment in sustainable ‘green’ projects can have a very light footprint.

Q Have we allowed the tourism industry to decline?

A There must be a greater focus on what was once our main industry, the population management regime may not be an enabler for that sector. We also need to promote the Victor Hugo connection, it's been a well kept secret, let's shout about it.

Q Do I acknowledge the need for electrification of on island transport?

A Yes! It will be the key in delivering our carbon reduction targets.

Q Do you support the nurses in their demands for a pay rise and or equal pay?

A Declaration, my wife is a nurse. The role of caregivers generally has been overlooked, at times we take for granted their contribution, that's all carers, whether in a home setting or in a professional environment. Government will have to address this issue as a matter of urgency, in the knowledge that, it will cost, it makes the review of taxation all the more urgent.

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