

POSITIVE ACTION GROUP

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P A G encourages 'blank vote'

Positive Action Group has written to each M H K urging them to return a blank voting paper in Tuesday's (30th January 2007) vote to elect 2 new members to the Legislative Council.

Roger Tomlinson of P A G said 'We are pleased that there was a unanimous vote by Keys members to allow leave for David Cannan (Michael MHK) to introduce a Bill for all Members of Tynwald to be elected by the people. This accords with one of the principles in our P A G Charter and signifies a resolve in the new House to abolish the outmoded system of electing LegCo'.

'A further indication would be for MHKs to abstain when they vote on Tuesday as it will send a clear message to the nation that they are determined to carry through the necessary legislation. Such a block vote would mean that no LegCo candidate would receive the requisite 13 votes to be elected'.

'It is clear from manifestos and answers to our pre Election questionnaire that at least 20 out of 24 Keys members favour reform'.

A copy of the letter sent to MHKs can be seen on the P A G website www.positiveactiongroup.org together with more information about the political lobby group.

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