At its meeting on 21 February, the Committee took oral evidence (by videoconference) from Stephen Carse (Government Economic Adviser, Economic Affairs Division of the Treasury, Isle of Man Government). Mr Carse has now written with the following clarification of part of his evidence.

“In column 191 of the draft report on proceedings there is recorded my statement on the manpower resourcing of our electoral registration office:

“To help me to do that, I have within my division, which is part of the Government Treasury, four professionals and seven support staff, who help the professionals in their everyday duties. They are mainly responsible for the compilation and administration of the electoral register.”

“I feel I ought to point out that the staff in the division are not employed exclusively on registration matters. Of the four professional staff, all of whom are economists, only I am at all concerned with registration matters. Further, of the seven support staff, as a rule of thumb I estimate that something like two-thirds of their time is spent assisting the professionals on non-electoral matters. Over the full course of election year this ratio becomes something more like half and half.

“I thought if left unclarified your Committee might be left with an inaccurate perspective on the resourcing requirements for electoral registration here.”

Clerk to the Committee
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