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Mr Will Greenhow  
Cabinet Office  
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Dear Chief Secretary,

Last week, the Manx TaxPayers' Alliance wrote<sup>1</sup> to the Office of Human Resources raising concern about the then-plans of the Director of Public Health (DPH) to be a keynote speaker at a party-political conference on Sunday, 20 November 2021.

Despite such concerns being raised proactively ahead of the conference, the DPH appears to have gone ahead and participated in the party conference anyway, speaking publicly in front of the Isle of Man Greens Party banner.

The DPH's attendance at the Greens Party Conference is now being used by a political candidate standing for local elections in online political advertising here: <https://www.facebook.com/LamaraCraineRTC/posts/411469420683197>

It is difficult to imagine a senior public servant speaking at a public party-political conference in other Westminster-derived jurisdictions. In the United Kingdom, the civil service is expected to ensure that objectivity and political impartiality are maintained in all relationships to demonstrate integrity. Do such expectations not apply to the Manx civil service?

Further, it is extraordinary that amidst a global pandemic, at a time when public trust is especially important to our public health bureaucracy, you have allowed a senior public servant to participate in a party-political event of this nature, and allow her name, image and identity be used to promote a political party brand.

Can you please advise whether you endorse senior public servants supporting party-political events on the Isle of Man in such a public manner? Can you please take appropriate steps to fully investigate this situation, and advise of the outcome?

Yours sincerely,

**MICHAEL JOSEM**

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<sup>1</sup> Letter dated 17 November, hand-delivered 18 November, copy enclosed

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