

#74 – 25th November 2018

Attendance: HIM Emperor Adam I, Lord Sir Alexander Helliker, Lord Sir Sam Maude, Lady Madam Anna Worthington, Lady Madam Hermione Peace

Welcome, agenda reading:

The agenda was not amended.

Act 52 – Government Ministries Act 2018 (Lady Peace):

Lady Peace (Minister of National Development, DNK) introduced the Act. Lord Helliker (Leader of the Opposition, LMP) asked whether the new Ministry of Memes would produce memes relating to the Star Wars Prequel Trilogy, stating that these were his favourite genre of memes. Lady Peace confirmed that memes would be produced in this genre, and that they would be combined with grape surgery memes. The Emperor (Chair, LMP) asked how the Ministry of Memes would relate to the private meme industry. Lady Peace stated that the Ministry of Memes would act in a similar capacity to the BBC, and that whilst she supported the free market, she did not believe that truly free markets could exist without some regulation, and that as such the Ministry would introduce some regulations, such as banning racist memes. The Emperor asked whether, since Internet memes are an element of culture and that culture is part of the remit of the Ministry of National Development, it would be more convenient administratively to create a government agency or a government-owned company under the control of the Ministry of National Development. Lady Peace stated that memes transcend culture, and that they deserved their own dedicated ministry.

The Council divided:

AYES: 4 (Lord Maude, Lady Worthington, Lady Peace, Sir Juliano Saunders (post-meeting))

NOES: 3 (Emperor Adam I, Lord Helliker, Lady Thornton (post-meeting))

ABSTENTIONS: 1 (Sir Alexander Hasioszyn (post-meeting))

The ayes had it, and the Act was passed.

Misc. debate – Questions to the Deputy Prime Minister (Emperor Adam I):

Lord Maude (Deputy Prime Minister, LAB) stood in for the Prime Minister, who was not present.

Lord Helliker: How will the so-called statue to Colonel Sir Asher Bond be funded and constructed, given that it has not been budget for?

Lord Maude: The statue was merely a suggestion by the Prime Minister and there is not yet a Cabinet decision on this matter. The government will consult thoroughly before any decisions are made.

Lord Helliker: Has the territorial expansion to Selly Park been conducted yet?

Lord Maude: That is work in progress.

The Emperor: Point of information – No legislation has yet been put into effect but an Imperial Decree will be issued in the near future.

Lord Helliker: What is the status of the investigation into the so-called wrongdoings of the previous government?

Lord Maude: There is not yet a Cabinet decision on this matter. When there is, it will be presented to the Ruling Council in a transparent way.

Lord Helliker: Have you considered my concerns that the pressure group known as the Adammic Dawn may pose a threat to the sanctity of Adammic democracy?

Lord Maude: The government does not believe that the Adammic Dawn is a threat. The Labour Party would, however, urge Colonel Bond to change the name of the group, as Adammic Dawn does sound threatening. There is no evidence currently that the Adammic Dawn poses any threat to democracy in Adammia. You refer to Adammic democracy as integral but your government

destroyed many pillars of democracy which the current government is now trying to rebuild. We believe that this is a diversionary tactic to distract from your own corruption, but nonetheless we will continue to monitor the Adammic Dawn.

Lord Helliker: I would ask you to substantiate your claims that my government did anything to threaten the integrity of Adammic democracy.

Lord Maude: Your government ignored the fact that we do not have a fully fair and proportional electoral system. Citizens abroad and in the colonies are marginalised. Furthermore there is potential evidence of cider and biscuit corruption, which will be thoroughly investigated.

Lady Peace: What is your favourite food?

Lord Maude: This is clearly the most important question of the day. Personally I love Greek food.

Lady Worthington: Will the Deputy Prime Minister be wearing that hat to future meetings?

Lord Maude: Potentially.

Any Other Business:

There was no other business.