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QUESTION PAPER

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FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Skelly) to ask the Chief Minister -

If he will make a statement on the Deputy Chief Minister of Jersey's call to be ready for independence; and what if any action the Government has already taken to identify the potential benefits of independence?

2. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -

Pending the introduction of Freedom of Information legislation, what action he has taken to strengthen the existing Code of Practice on Access to Government Information?

3. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -

- (a) By what process the Minister was appointed by the Department to carry out the due diligence assessment of the Pinewood deal;
- (b) whether the Minister was professionally qualified and insured to carry out the due diligence test;
- (c) whether the Treasury has a comprehensive report on file in relation to the due diligence which was carried out;
- (d) whether the Treasury Minister registered a conflict of interest in carrying out due diligence on a matter his Department was involved in;
- (e) whether the Treasury has professional indemnity cover if the due diligence has been defective; and

- (f) considering the whole exposure is £49 million whether a professional third party should have been employed to carry out due diligence inquiries?
4. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -
- What the projected income of Government is in each of the next three years; and what action the Council of Ministers will take to protect the long-term interests of the nation in the light of the shortfall in income?
5. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -
- If he will instruct the Treasury Minister to carry out an impact assessment before apportionment of reductions for each Department in next year's budget?
6. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- Whether the Treasury Minister has authorised the purchase of shares in Pinewood Shepperton plc and, if so,
- (a) what the price was;
 - (b) how many shares were acquired; and
 - (c) on what date the purchase was made?
7. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- If individuals working in the Isle of Man are liable for Isle of Man Income Tax and National Insurance under section 2 of the Income Tax Act 1970, whether they are resident in the Isle of Man or not; if he is satisfied such charges have been consistently collected in respect of locum medical staff; and what steps have been taken in the last 12 months to ensure that such staff pay their proper dues?
8. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- What assessment was made of the impact that the £100m refurbishment of Warner Bros studios in Leavesden, Hertfordshire would have on Pinewood Shepperton plc?

9. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

Whether Pinewood Shepperton when acting as fund managers for the Media Development Fund will be conducting regulated activity and will be required to be licensed by the FSA?

10. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

Whether the purchase of the Pinewood Shepperton shares has taken place?

11. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

If he will publish the final draft version of the Oxford Economics Report to show what corrections were made before the final Report was published?

12. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

Whether he was responsible for approving the due diligence carried out in respect of the Pinewood Shepperton deal; and whether there was a compliance officer involved with this procedure?

13. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

Whether normal due diligence procedures were carried out in respect of the Pinewood Shepperton deal; if not, what the deviations from normal procedure were; and what the reasons for the deviations were?

14. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

What percentage of Pinewood Shepperton films are to be made on the Isle of Man when the Media Development Fund is managed by Pinewood Shepperton?

15. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Turner) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

How many people are affected by the change in policy regarding the tax treatment of maintenance; and what impact assessment or consultation has been carried out with those people and the legal profession to judge if the change in policy will have a detrimental effect?

16. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

What Government funds were allocated to support

- (a) manufacturing and engineering;
- (b) financial services;
- (c) hospitality and tourism;
- (d) retail;
- (e) film; and
- (f) e-gaming;

in 2010-11 broken down by sector; and what the expected spend for 2011-12 is, broken down by sector?

17. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

When a new Head of E-Gaming Development will be appointed to his Department?

18. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

How many TT marshals were supplied with a free programme at this year's event; and what plans there are to restrict this supply in the future?

19. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

If he will estimate the economic benefit the Island is expected to have accrued from this year's TT meeting?

20. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

What his Department's policy is on funding of the Conservation Education Officer's post?

21. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

What his policy is on dyslexia training for teachers?

22. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture -

When his Department will next assess coastal erosion along the Kirk Michael and western coastline and the impact which it is having?

23. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture -

If he will make a statement on the Isle of Man becoming a signatory to the RIO Convention?

24. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

What consideration has been given to arranging for prisoners to meet their advocates at the custody suite in the Courts of Justice instead of advocates travelling to Jurby to see their clients at unnecessary expense to the public purse?

25. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

Following the removal of the school crossing patrol, if his Department will review safety measures outside Ballaugh School in consultation with parents?

26. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

What his Department's policy is in respect of rural lane maintenance and associated hedge and drainage clearance, particularly those lanes which are servicing agricultural land?

27. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

Further to his Written Answer in Tynwald Court on 19th June 2012 relating to the benefit to the Isle of Man Treasury of the proposed developments at Ballavartyn Equestrian Centre as stated by his Department to the Planning Committee -

- (a) what VAT is likely to be payable from the construction costs alone, stating the estimated project value to be chargeable to VAT by companies or persons registered for VAT in the Isle of Man at each of the following rates -

- (i) 0%
- (ii) 5%
- (iii) 20%

and therefore the total amount of VAT expected to be payable to the Isle of Man Treasury from the construction costs alone; and

- (b) from the total amount of VAT expected to be payable from part (a) if he will calculate how much of the VAT estimated to be payable will benefit the Isle of Man Treasury under the revenue sharing agreement with the UK?

28. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Turner) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

Whether all facilities at the Airport that aid aircraft approach and landing are in full working order?

29. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Quirk) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

- (a) How many retrospective planning applications there were in 2010, 2011 and 2012 to date;
- (b) if he will review the procedures for stop notices being issued when planning permission has not been obtained, with a view to their being more effective; and
- (c) how many planning enforcement notices were outstanding to conclusion and for how long, in each of the last three years?

30. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Chairman of the Manx Electricity Authority -

To what extent the Manx Electricity Authority encourages the installation of solar panels in domestic premises for environmental reasons; and how this is reflected in its policy on pricing tariffs?

31. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority -

How many (a) chartered engineers and (b) specialist engineers there are in the Water and Sewerage Authority; and why the Authority spends so much money on consultants; and whether the qualifications of the consultants are as good as those of the engineers in the Water and Sewerage Authority?

32. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority -

What safeguards are in place to protect water bond sinking funds from being applied to other purposes; and when sinking fund investments will pay the Water Board's bond liabilities?

33. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Manx Electricity Authority -

What action the Manx Electricity Authority Board intends to take to reduce the debt of the Manx Electricity Authority bond?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

34. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -

If he will provide in respect of each of the following bodies -

- (i) Airport Division;
- (ii) Arts Council;
- (iii) Attorney General's Chambers;
- (iv) Chief Secretary's Office;
- (v) Communications Commission;
- (vi) Community, Culture and Leisure;
- (vii) Companies Registry;
- (viii) Council of Ministers;
- (ix) Economic Development;
- (x) Education and Children;
- (xi) Environment, Food and Agriculture;
- (xii) Financial Supervision Commission;
- (xiii) Freedom to Flourish;
- (xiv) Gambling Supervision Commission;
- (xv) General Registry;
- (xvi) Harbours;
- (xvii) Health;
- (xviii) Highways;

- (xix) Home Affairs; including Isle of Man Constabulary;
 - (xx) Infrastructure;
 - (xxi) Insurance and Pensions Authority;
 - (xxii) Information Systems Division;
 - (xxiii) Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading;
 - (xxiv) Isle of Man Post Office;
 - (xxv) Office of Data Protection Supervisor;
 - (xxvi) Social Care;
 - (xxvii) Safeguarding Children Board;
 - (xxviii) Manx Electricity Authority;
 - (xxix) Manx National Heritage;
 - (xxx) Office of Human Resources;
 - (xxxi) Treasury;
 - (xxxii) Water and Sewerage Authority;
- (a) a list, either by the company name or individual's name, of all employment contracts in place excluding those who either;
 - (1) meet the definition of consultant as taken from the National Audit Office's Report on the use of consultants; or
 - (2) are individuals who are directly employed under a contract of employment either by that body or the Civil Service Commission in a position that is included in the headcount of that body;
 - (b) the purpose of that contract;
 - (c) the duration of that contract and when it is due to expire;
 - (d) the number of persons employed by each contract identifying whether each employee's permanent place of residence is in the Island or not; and
 - (e) the total cost of each contract?

35. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chief Minister -

- (a) What the national strategy policy and budget for libraries is, and which Department of Government is responsible for library provision; and
- (b) whether any final agreement been reached about operation of the family and mobile libraries in respect of (i) who will run the library; (ii) the terms and conditions of staff; (iii) service level agreement; and (iv) use and conservation of Noble's Hall?

36. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

How many people are employed in -

- (a) manufacturing and engineering;
- (b) financial services (including CSPs);
- (c) hospitality and tourism;
- (d) retail;
- (e) film;
- (f) e-gaming; and

what contribution to GDP was made by each individual sector as listed above in 2009-10 and 2010-11?

37. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

What the estimated total individual contribution was to (i) direct and (ii) indirect revenue per annum in 2009-10 and 2010-11 from -

- (a) manufacturing and engineering;
- (b) financial services (including CSPs);
- (c) hospitality and tourism;
- (d) retail;
- (e) film;
- (f) e-gaming?

38. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

What the balance of the Reserve Fund was on 30th June 2012; what the balance will be following the purchase of shares in Pinewood, or, if not affected, which account or fund will pay for this purchase; and what the estimated balance of the Reserve Fund will be on 31st March 2013 and 31st March 2014?

39. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

If he will list the banks to which the Depositors' Compensation Regulations 2010 apply?

40. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

If he will list the earnings of Manx Radio staff broken down by salary scales of:

- (a) £110,000 or over;
- (b) £90,000 - £80,000;
- (c) £80,000 - £70,000;
- (d) £70,000 - £60,000;
- (e) £60,000 - £50,000
- (f) £50,000 - £40,000
- (g) £40,000 - £30,000
- (h) Less than £30,000?

41. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

In respect of Internal Audit reports made by Treasury,

- (a) if he will list in order of publication such reports on Departments and Statutory Boards which were made for 2010, 2011 and 2012;
- (b) to which individuals such Reports are made i) as full reports and ii) as executive summaries;
- (c) whether their findings are advisory, or binding; and
- (d) whether any subsequent checks are made on implementing recommendations thereafter, and, if so, by whom?

42. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

What the securities lending policy is with each external fund manager; what is the actual or estimated income for securities leading is; and whether it is reflected in any discount to fund management costs?

43. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

What proportion of Income Tax revenue was derived from (a) top one per cent (b) top five per cent (c) top ten per cent (d) top 25 per cent (e) lowest 50 per cent (f) lowest 25 per cent and (g) lowest ten per cent of earners in each of the past three financial years?

44. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –
- (a) What annual investment return has been achieved by the Media Development Fund external investment managers between their receipt of £50 million in August 2007 and the most recent fund valuation, taking into account all internal capital changes and generated income but disregarding additional cash transferred in or out of the fund;
 - (b) how this achieved annual return compares with the return achieved in the same period by other (i) professional managed external funds engaged by Isle of Man Government and (ii) specialist funds operating to provide funds to invest in larger budget film production; and
 - (c) whether it has been necessary to make an exemption to Government financial regulations covering procurement given the apparent absence of any competitive tendering process for the appointment of Pinewood Shepperton plc as investment managers for the Media Development Fund; and, if so, when, by whom, and on what basis this exemption was given?

45. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –
- (a) Whether the Treasury has purchased a shareholding in Pinewood Shepperton plc; and, if so, when and on what terms, and if not, when it expects to make the purchase; and
 - (b) when the approximately £8 million residual in the Media Development Fund left after appointment of external investment managers will be transferred to the Reserve Fund?

46. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Attorney General –

Why the Department of Education and Children’s centralised pupil data system has been allowed to operate in the Isle of Man without supporting legislation when the equivalent National Pupil Database in England and Wales requires specific primary and secondary legislation?

47. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Economic Development –

What the annual cost is of the Motor Sports Development Group’s TT rider recruitment campaign during the last 12 months –

- (a) how many riders the campaign has attracted to the Mountain Course for the first time (excluding those coming through the Manx Grand Prix);
- (b) how many prospective riders did not enter the TT this year; and
- (c) whether the Motor Sports Development Group has made any efforts to attract competitors to any other Isle of Man motor sport events, such as the Southern 100, Manx Grand Prix or car rallies?

48. The Hon. Member of the Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for Economic Development –

Following the news release of 16th January 2012 seeking expressions of interest in the creation of a 5 star hotel and casino complex, what progress has been made since that date and what the current plans are to take the scheme forward?

49. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Education and Children –

- (a) What review of the Education Council members' role and activity has been undertaken and whether any changes are expected;
- (b) why meetings are conducted in private, and why no agendas or minutes are published; and
- (c) whether minutes and reports of the Council since its formation will be published?

50. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health –

- (a) Whether hospital staff employed on contract as locum doctors are now liable to Manx Income Tax and National Insurance, regardless of their liability to tax or residence status in other jurisdictions;
- (b) when this policy came into effect, and why this was not in place before; and
- (c) what the total hospital locum doctor bill was for 2009-10, 2010-11, 2011-12 was, and if he will estimate the tax and National Insurance lost to the Island for those periods?

51. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health –

What Internal Audit reports were considered by his Department in (a) 2010, (b) 2011 and (c) 2012 and what action was taken?

52. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Health –

How many pharmacist near miss reports have been reported in the previous five financial years by (a) the private sector and (b) the public sector?

53. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –

Who owns the telecoms network on the Isle of Man and -

- (a) whether the Isle of Man Government ever owned the network; and
- (b) if it did whether it ever sold it?

54. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Social Care –

How many public sector houses were upgraded with silver bead cavity wall insulation in the previous five financial years; how many require or are expected to require unplanned corrective work; and whether the Department is funding the unplanned costs?

55. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Economic Development –

- (a) Whether officers monitor Annex VI MARPOL limits on ship exhausts and emissions;
- (b) if so, whether the expected 2014 changes will affect ships serving the Isle of Man, and whether this matter been discussed with (1) the Steam Packet Company and (2) other operators; and
- (c) what the expected impact is on the Island's i) freight prices; ii) passenger fares; and iii) price levels in general?