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QUESTION PAPER

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at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon. Member of Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Chief Minister -

If he will make a statement on how all the services currently undertaken by the staff of the family library will be continued into the future?
2. The Hon. Member of Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Chief Minister -

If he will make a statement on how all the services provided by the Mobile Library will be continued after 31st August 2012?
3. The Hon. Member of Council (Mr Butt) to ask the Chief Minister -

Whether the Government has an Early Years Strategy and, if so, what priority is given by the Government to early years strategy and intervention?
4. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chief Minister -

What the role of the Third Sector/Government Liaison Steering Group is which was set up in 2008 and how, if at all, its work plan for 2011-13 has been affected by this year's Budget and in particular the cuts in government funding for various third sector bodies?

5. The Hon. Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Chief Minister -

What the terms of reference are of the ministerial working party to consider pre-school education; how many times the working party has met to consider pre-school education and whether it is obliged to consult with:

- (a) teachers;
- (b) parents; and
- (c) private sector nursery providers;

and if not, why not; whether any recommendation (a) to make a charge to parents for pre-school education and (b) that this be operated by the private sector, will result in a public tender for the work; and when he expects the working party to report to the Council of Ministers and when he will report to Tynwald?

6. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

Who is responsible for testing fire extinguishers; and how often extinguishers located in public places are tested?

7. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

What action he has taken to prevent a mobile phone mast from being situated near the new secondary school off West Drive in Onchan?

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

What the total salary bill for airport baggage handlers is for (i) 2010-11 and (ii) 2011-12 and what proportion of this bill was overtime payments?

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

If he will make a statement on planning on the former site: 1-4 Mount Havelock, Douglas, Isle of Man, 10/00189/R, 09/00929/B and FR09/0006; how many spaces are on site; who uses this site; and whether the site is available for rent and at what cost?

10. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

Whether the Kirk Michael School land swap deal between Heritage Homes and the Department of Education and Children is no longer valid?

11. The Hon. Member of Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

When the new Mobile Library vehicle, registration number KMN 474R was ordered; on what date it was received by the Department; what the total cost of the vehicle was; on what date the final payment was made; and having decided that his Department will no longer provide Mobile Library services, what arrangements have been made for the future ownership of the vehicle?

12. The Hon. Member of Council (Mr Butt) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

How many employees will need to be redeployed or made redundant following the announcement of the closure of:

- (a) Department of Education and Children pre-school provision;
- (b) the post(s) of the Healthy Futures adviser for Schools;
- (c) the cessation of the Primary Modern Language service;
- (d) the closure of the Family Library and the Mobile Library;
- (e) the closure of the on-Island PGCE course; and
- (f) the cessation of grants to One World Centre, Manx Wildlife Fund and Young Carers; and

what the estimated cost would be to the Department of Education and Children of redundancy payments for those employees, should there be no redeployment of those staff?

13. The Hon. Member of Council (Mr Butt) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

Between his appointment as Minister for Education and Children in October 2011 and the announcement of his decision to close the Family Library and the Mobile Library on or around 17th February 2012, how many times did the Minister visit the Family Library in Westmoreland Road; and how many times since the announcement was made to close the Family Library and Mobile Library, has the Minister has visited those libraries?

14. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Quirk) to ask the Chairman of the Whitley Council -

What agreement allows airport baggage handlers to be stood down by the supervisor prior to the end of their shift?

15. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority -
- (a) What tonnage of dried sludge pellets was recovered at Meary Veg for each of the years 2006 to 2011;
 - (b) what the resident population is who had their sewage treated at Meary Veg in 2011; and
 - (c) how many people (population equivalent capita) had their sewage treated at Meary Veg in 2011?
16. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority -
- (a) What the resident population connected to St John's sewage treatment works is and whether this includes the population of Foxdale;
 - (b) how many private septic tanks are located in the southern catchment area; and
 - (c) which pumping stations received the four replacement pumps and what the cost was of their replacement?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

17. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (a) By what method a full rateable value revaluation was estimated to cost well over £1 million;
 - (b) which headcount resources would be involved; and
 - (c) what revenue benefits to local and national Government and authorities might accrue from a rigorous national rateable value assessment?
18. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (a) What the total value is of the debt or liability (contingent or otherwise) that the Isle of Man Government has either directly or indirectly through all guarantees, letters of comfort and the like;
 - (b) how the value of this total debt or liability has changed during the past decade; and
 - (c) when this debt or liability will become due, and what policies and plans are in place to repay, rollover or extinguish this debt and liability?

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

Which third sector bodies will have Government funding (a) reduced and (b) removed following the February 2012 Budget, and by how much; and what, if any, assessment of impact has been made by Treasury or the concerned Department in each case at (a) and (b) above, and how the efficiency and effectiveness of overall Government/third sector provision are expected to change after funding reductions to third sector bodies?

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

- (a) What percentage of Government land and property has been registered with Land Registry; and
- (b) when the Government will register the remainder of its land and property with Land Registry?

21. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

As the Network Planning Engineer's stated view on 7th October 2003 was that Oak Road formed part of Peel's Relief Road:

- (a) why Network Planning has attempted to progress Oak Road, which is 6.1 metres wide and has frontage access, as Peel's relief road since December 2000 when the Director of Highways stated on Manx Radio last week that "full relief road standards" required a 7.3m carriageway;
- (b) why Network Planning met with the developer's agent for PA 02/02106/B on 4th February 2002 to have a preliminary meeting to ascertain the Department of Transport guidelines on the link road, when the Department's proposed Peel Relief Road policy statement confirms that there was no policy under the Peel Local Plan 1989 that would allow Oak Road to become part of Peel's Relief Road;
- (c) why Network Planning approved the contents of drawing 235/21 on 27th August 2002 and drawing 235/30 submitted on 17th December 2002, both of which show Oak Road's re-alignment and hence, an unapproved road connection between McLeod's Field and the Ballawattleworth Estate outside the submitted and approved site boundary for PA 02/02106/B;
- (d) why the Department of Local Government and Environment exclude drawing 235/39 Rev A submitted on 20th December 2002 from planning condition 2, when no such request was made by the developer's agent throughout the entire planning process and this is the only drawing that clearly defines the approved site boundary as a continuous red line; and

- (e) based on the e-mail from the developer's agent dated 14th September 2011 why Network Planning need a confirmation that Oak Road's re-alignment formed part of PA 02/02106/B, when it was already known to the Department of Infrastructure that the proposed re-alignment of Oak Road fell outside the submitted and approved site boundary?

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

In respect of the Ballawattleworth Action Group's Type 1 planning enforcement complaints regarding McLeod's Field (PA 02/02106/B) issued on 3rd February 2012:

- (a) What retrospective enforcement action does the Department intend to take against the developer, who has made an unauthorised drainage connection between McLeod's Field and the Ballawattleworth Estate during this period of time;
- (b) given that the Ballawattleworth Action Group's written complaint sets out nine facts in chronological order about why the proposed re-alignment of Oak Road falls outside the submitted and approved site boundary for PA 02/02106/B, why is Planning Enforcement not performing its statutory obligations under the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 in a timely manner; and
- (c) whether Planning Enforcement has informed Time and Tide Developments Limited and Black Grace Cowley that the marketing literature for McLeod's Field shows three different versions of the unapproved road connection between McLeod's Field and the Ballawattleworth Estate?

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

If Tynwald approves the draft Economic Development Planning Policy Statement, whether his Department intends to use the approved planning policy statement to the detriment of Ballawattleworth's residents, by attempting to override the recommendation in paragraph 120 in the independent Inspector's report into PA 10/00544/B?

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

For the present housing financial assistance scheme and each legacy scheme with outstanding debtors:

- (a) how many properties have been purchased inside the scheme;
- (b) what the present interest rate is;
- (c) how many secured debts have been transferred to another property:
 - (i) with the same scheme; and
 - (ii) each subsequent scheme;
- (d) what the total loan value is to date including capital and accrued interest;
- (e) what the total grant value is to date;
- (f) what the total loan repayments are to date applied to each of capital and accrued interest;
- (g) what the total grant repayments are to date;
- (h) what the total value written off is to date broken down by periodic percentage grant write off and by other factors;
- (i) whether a provision to vary periodic percentage grant write off with due notice has been exercised or will be as part of the rebalancing strategy;
- (j) when loans will become due; and
- (k) what evidence the Department has that debtors to the schemes have adequate savings or investment plans in place to repay their debts when they become due?

25. The Hon. Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Social Care –

- (a) How many privately operated children's nurseries there are Island wide;
- (b) where they are;
- (c) what the maximum capacity of each nursery is, and whether there is any spare capacity in each one;
- (d) how many children they currently accommodate;
- (e) what the ratio is of adults to children;
- (f) what qualifications are required for nursery managers and support staff;
- (g) whether these nurseries are subject to regular inspection and how often they are inspected;
- (h) whether these nurseries operate early learning using the national curriculum, and if so who checks to ensure compliance;
- (i) what the average charge to parents is of one half day; and
- (j) how these nurseries are regulated?

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

Whether the Safeguarding Children Board has no legal basis, as stated in Written Answer 13 in February Tynwald; what the implications are for the existence of the Isle of Man's Child Protection Committee within a legal vacuum and for the legal status of child protection procedures; and how the operations of the Department of Social Care are affected if policy is imposed by an *ultra vires* committee?

27. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Education and Children –

What the annual administrative cost to the Department is of collecting data from schools as required by the Education Act 2001?

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

In reference to the Family Library/Mobile Library:

- (a) what he proposes to do with the book stock;
- (b) what he proposes to do with the building bearing in mind that it is a listed building with a Noble's Trust covenant on it; and
- (c) what he proposes to do with the three specialist library vehicles?

29. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Education and Children –

How many students commenced their first year of study in each of the last five years at a university in

- (a) the Isle of Man;
- (b) England;
- (c) Wales;
- (d) Scotland;
- (e) Northern Ireland;
- (f) elsewhere; and

of the above, how many were (i) three-year courses; and (ii) courses of four years or more; in respect of courses for four years or more, for each year and location, (A) what course title/subjects were being studied and by how many; (B) what the aggregate total number of students was studying architecture, dentistry, medicine, veterinary and other clinical degrees?

30. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Education and Children –

For each of the last five years, what total tuition fees were paid by the Department on behalf of Isle of Man students studying architecture, medicine, veterinary and other clinical degrees?

31. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Education and Children –

For each of the last five years, what the Island's rate of tuition fees charged by UK universities to students from the Isle of Man and Channel Islands was; and how this compares with the UK domestic student rate and overseas student rate in each year?