

# TYNWALD

## Tinvaal



# QUESTION PAPER

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DOUGLAS  
21<sup>st</sup> February 2012  
at 10.30 am

### FOR ORAL ANSWER

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

If he will make a Statement following the British Irish Council Summit Meeting held at Dublin Castle on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012; and whether following future such Summit Meetings, a statement will automatically be made at the next sitting of Tynwald?

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

Why there are no Government Bills before the Branches at the present time?

3. The Hon. Member for Malew and Santon (Mr Cregeen) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

What savings have been achieved by central procurement for each Government Department; what the estimated saving to each Department was; and what the cost is of central procurement in staffing?

4. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

What the up-to-date costs of consultants are in relation to the proposed operator licensing regulations; and if his present proposals are approved what the total costs to Government will be (a) to put its employees through the certificate of professional competency course and (b) to employ the necessary extra staff for the Road Transport Licensing Committee?

5. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

Whether (a) a simplified version of the GB regulations for transport operator licensing suits the Island's needs as stated by the Director of Highways; and (b) the consultation procedure complies with the Government Code of Practice on consultations?

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

Whether Home Care Assistants are trained to bathe and feed clients?

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

How many Home Care Assistants there are at the present time; and what the caseload is of each assistant?

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

What action he takes when the finances are exhausted of those clients who reside in Residential Care Homes and who are self-financing?

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

Of those clients who do not receive Income Support and are self-funded, what the cost of the Department's Home Care Service to them is (a) on an hourly basis and (b) at weekends?

10. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Social Care –

Further to the decision of Tynwald of July 2008 in relation to long-stay admissions to residential homes, what action he intends to take to continue long-term admissions to residential homes; what resources he will provide for the care needs of elderly people; and whether this will attract extra funding?

11. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Community, Culture and Leisure –

What action he will take in response to public complaints about the introduction of the new bus timetable?

### FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

12. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister –

For each of the years ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, how many Isle of Man Government full-time equivalents were employed by each Department and Statutory Board, allocated as:

- (a) contract posts;
- (b) permanent posts; and
- (c) total posts?

13. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister –

Pursuant to his Written Answer to Tynwald Question 13 in January 2012 (consultancy contracts), whether the following bodies made nil Return for the use of consultants, as defined by the National Audit Office:

- (a) Arts Council;
- (b) Attorney General's Chambers;
- (c) Companies Registry;
- (d) Council of Ministers;
- (e) Financial Supervision Commission;
- (f) Freedom to Flourish;
- (g) Gambling Supervision Commission;
- (h) General Registry;
- (i) Insurance and Pensions Authority;
- (j) Information Systems Division;
- (k) Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading;
- (l) Safeguarding Children Board;
- (m) Office of Human Resources;

whether any of the above bodies have current contracts with individuals or companies as part of business as usual operations; and whether this is treated as providing staff substitution or outsourcing, rather than consultancy?

14. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister –

Pursuant to his Written Answer 13 in the January 2012 Tynwald, if he will provide in respect of each of the following bodies:

- (a) Airport Division;
  - (b) Arts Council;
  - (c) Attorney General's Chambers;
  - (d) Chief Secretary's Office;
  - (e) Communications Commission;
  - (f) Community, Culture and Leisure;
  - (g) Companies Registry;
  - (h) Council of Ministers;
  - (i) Economic Development;
  - (j) Education and Children;
  - (k) Environment, Food and Agriculture;
  - (l) Financial Supervision Commission;
  - (m) Freedom to Flourish;
  - (n) Gambling Supervision Commission;
  - (o) General Registry;
  - (p) Harbours;
  - (q) Health;
  - (r) Highways;
  - (s) Home Affairs; including Isle of Man Constabulary;
  - (t) Infrastructure;
  - (u) Insurance and Pensions Authority;
  - (v) Information Systems Division;
  - (w) Isle of Man Office of Fair Trading;
  - (x) Isle of Man Post Office;
  - (y) Office of the Data Protection Supervisor;
  - (z) Social Care;
  - (aa) Safeguarding Children Board;
  - (ab) Manx Electricity Authority;
  - (ac) Manx National Heritage;
  - (ad) Office of Human Resources;
  - (ae) Treasury;
  - (af) Water and Sewerage Authority;
- (i) a list, either by the company name or individual's name, of all contracts in place excluding those who meet the definition of consultant as taken from the National Audit Office's report on the use of consultants or 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 for that body;
  - (ii) the purpose of that contract;
  - (iii) the duration of that contract and when it is due to expire;

- (iv) the number of persons employed by each contract identifying whether each employee's permanent place of residence is in the Island or not; and
- (v) the total cost of each contract?

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

For each of the years 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011:

- (a) how many planning appeals were conducted;
- (b) how many appeal inspectors were involved;
- (c) what the total annual cost was; and
- (d) what the average annual cost per appeal was?

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

What the Government's legislative programme for the next five years is?

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

In respect of Government off-Island consultancy contracts and contracts for staff substitution or outsourcing of services, whether Manx Income Tax and National Insurance is deducted from all workers performing duties on the Island, regardless of their liability to tax or residence status in other jurisdictions; and, for each Department and Statutory Board how much Income Tax and NI was

- (a) payable; and
- (b) deducted during the financial year 2010-11, in respect of such contracts?

18. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

How many prisoner drug tests have been conducted in each of the past five years at the Isle of Man Prison; and how many prisoners tested positive under the testing programme?

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

What illicit drugs and in what amounts have been seized inside the Isle of Man Prison in (a) each of the past 12 months; and (b) each of the past 5 years, from:

- (i) inmates; and
- (ii) visitors?

20. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

What payments have been made by the Manx Electricity Authority and its associated entities for permission to lay and use pipes and cables in:

- (a) international waters in the Irish Sea;
- (b) English and Welsh territorial seas; and
- (c) the Isle of Man?

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

How much the proposed Transport Operators Operating Licence Scheme has cost over the past two years in:

- (a) consultancy fees;
- (b) salaries; and
- (c) any other costs?

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

- (a) what work has been undertaken by Network Planning to take forward the development of a district distributor road since 9<sup>th</sup> January 2004, given the contents of the Network Planning Engineer's submissions to PA 02/02106/B dated 4<sup>th</sup> August 2003; and if work has been undertaken by Network Planning in response to this, when the route and design specifications for this district distributor road will be made available for public consultation; and
- (b) whether Oak Road, in the absence of a district distributor road, is Peel's new principal traffic route between the A4 Ramsey Road and A20 Poortown Road?

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

In relation to planning approval for the existing Oak Road to be re-aligned within the Ballawattleworth Estate to create a new through road:

- (a) why planning approval was granted on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2004 when it was already known to the Department of Local Government and Environment that (i) no planning policy statements under the Peel Local Plan 1989 make any provision for the construction of a new through road; and (ii) the frontage access design for Oak Road was not consistent with the principles set out in the planning policy statement on frontage access within the Isle of Man Planning Scheme (Development Order) 1982 and best practice as per Design Bulletin 32 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition);
- (b) why the Department referred to Design Bulletin 32 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition) in its written submissions to the Southern Area Plan regarding the Ballasalla bypass when it has stated that it is an inappropriate document for modern estate roads throughout Peel;
- (c) why planning approval was granted on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2004 so that four dwellings under PA 02/02106/B have the same frontage access design issues as Oak Road, despite the Network Planning Engineer's submission dated 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2003; and what remedial action he proposes to take;
- (d) why the Department of Local Government and Environment approved the extension of the expiry date for the commencement of development under PA 02/02106/B on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2008, without any consideration of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan;
- (e) why the property and highway searches issued by the Isle of Man Government since 9<sup>th</sup> January 2004 to advocates working for Ballawattleworth residents, excluded any reference to PA 02/02106/B, given that the proposed re-alignment of Oak Road lies within the Ballawattleworth Estate; and
- (f) in respect of part (e) why the Isle of Man Government continued to issue property and highway searches that showed no planning approval for a through road despite the planning officer's memorandum for PA 02/02106/B dated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2007 that the information should have been provided?

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

In respect of the re-alignment of the existing Oak Road under PA 02/02106/B:

- (a) who owns the land adjacent to the west of Oak Road that is required to be developed in order to realign the existing Oak Road; and
- (b) at what date the developer for PA 02/02106/B obtained permission from the landowner to develop this land; and when the supporting evidence for this will be made available, as part of the registers for PA 02/02106/B?

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

Whether any planning application for the estate road under PA 02/02106/B to be re-aligned so that it joins with the end of the existing Oak Road would be opposed by the Department of Infrastructure in line with the independent inspector's recommendation in paragraph 120 of PA 10/00544/B Report?

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

Why Planning Enforcement has failed to respond to the Ballawattleworth Action Group's correspondence dated 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 that:

- (a) requests confirmation that approved drawing 235/91 under planning condition 3 of PA 02/02106/B makes no provision for a connection to the existing public sewer; and
- (b) clarifies that a new planning application is required to vary planning condition 3 under PA 02/02106/B?

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

If he will make a statement on the suitability of the planned through route in the Ballawattleworth estate, with special reference to the independent inspector's report and the safety of children?

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

- (a) when a consultant was engaged by the Department in relation to the drafting of proposed HGV regulations;
- (b) how much was paid to the consultant during each financial year to date;
- (c) what has been undertaken by the consultant so far; and
- (d) what the planned future cost is for the provision of the consultant?



29. The Hon. Member for Douglas West (Mr Corkish) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

When the last full survey was undertaken and by whom of:

- (a) Victoria Pier; and
- (b) King Edward Pier; and

what the maintenance costs have been of both piers over the past five years; what future maintenance work has been identified to be undertaken and at what likely cost; and whether his Department has a long-term strategy for Douglas Harbour?

30. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Social Care -

If he will make a statement on (a) the future care of current residents and their families in Glenside and whether the residents will be able to stay within the Douglas area; and (b) the future employment of the staff of Glenside, with special reference to the efforts he will make: (i) to redeploy the staff of Glenside when it closes; and (ii) to offer retraining to allow for redeployment, and his assessment of the likely vacancies over the next twenty four months which will allow redeployment; and whether his Department will work with the appropriate staff sides during this process?

31. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Social Care -

Whether the current Glenside site is Government owned; and, once the site is vacated, what his Department's intentions are for the site?

32. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Social Care -

Whether his Department will be looking at ways to identify with staff and staff side organisations the possibility of voluntary redundancies and early retirement packages; if there are to be any staff redundancies at Glenside owing to its closure?

33. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Social Care -

If he will identify those among the staff of Glenside who could be redeployed to (a) the two new care of the elderly units that will be opening towards the end of the year and (b) other appropriate redeployment opportunities?

34. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Social Care –

What additional resources will be required for the care in the community for older people to allow them to stay in their own homes, once Glenside has closed; and what plans and policies he has to identify the additional resources required?

35. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Attorney General –

What percentage of cases have been presented to the Attorney General's Chambers but have not proceeded to prosecution and why, in the last three years?

36. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Community, Culture and Leisure –

In respect of the recent railway redundancies made by his Department:

- (a) what the overall staff cost savings to his Department have been since the redundancies took place;
- (b) what the cost of outsourced work has been that would have been undertaken by the staff who have been made redundant and what the cost would have been to have undertaken that work in-house by the skilled workforce made redundant;
- (c) how many managerial and supervisory positions have been made redundant since the manual workers from the Railways were dismissed and whether the Public Transport Division has had any increase in the number of managers;
- (d) whether some of the work that would have been undertaken by his Department's skilled workforce has been outsourced to other Government Departments and, if so, what the value of this work is; and whether this is competitive with the private sector;
- (e) whether his Department negotiated with other Government Departments for a transfer of some of the redundant skilled workforce; and
- (f) whether there have been job advertisements for new staff to be taken on within his Department in the last 12 months and, if so, how many new staff have been taken on, and on what contractual basis; what these posts are and what the cost is to the Department; and what the rationale is behind each new appointment that has been made?

37. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

With regard to the Information Systems Division if he will provide:

- (a) a list of all current information technology projects subject to ICT governance as defined by paragraph 3 of Financial Directive 27;
- (b) the purpose of that project and when it is due for completion;
- (c) the cost of that project; and
- (d) who holds the executive responsibility for commissioning the project?

38. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Chairman of the Manx Electricity Authority -

In respect of the 59 people entitled to receive performance related pay, in the last five years:

- (a) how many received less than the maximum;
- (b) how many received these payments in each salary band and job type and how much were these payments; and
- (c) what these people have to achieve, over and above their normal duties and responsibilities, to be entitled to these payments?

39. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Chairman of Isle of Man Water and Sewerage Authority -

Whether the Authority has negotiated and encouraged the developer taking forward PA 02/02106/B to extend their sewerage and/or drainage works to encompass some or all of the Reayrt Aalin estate without seeking planning approval?