



HOUSE OF KEYS
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ORDER PAPER
Claare Obbyr

Douglas
Tuesday 4th May 2004
10.00 am

1. QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

**1. The Hon Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Chief Minister -
With reference to the Commission of Inquiry into Mount Murray -**

- (1) Will you give detailed breakdown of payments made to date for each member of the Commission, to show -**
 - (a) remuneration;**
 - (b) travelling;**
 - (c) hotel accommodation;**
 - (d) subsistence; and**
 - (e) any other relevant payments;**
- (2) which of the amounts paid to the individuals were taxable and due to the Isle of Man Government, and will you explain why any payments made were not subject to tax due to the Isle of Man Government;**
- (3) did the Commission exceed its terms of reference and consequently add to the overall financial costs of the Inquiry, and, if so, what remedy, if any, is available to the Isle of Man Government to recoup any costs paid over and beyond what was necessary;**

- (4) what measures are in place to establish that the legal costs of the Commission including the fees paid to the Chairman, are subject to the same type of review as in the case of legal costs incurred in ordinary litigation;
- (5) what have been the overall costs paid to the Borough of Douglas for any costs incurred in the holding of the Inquiry at the Strathallan Suite; and
- (6) what lessons, if any, have been learnt in order to obtain value for money for the Manx taxpayer should any future inquiry require to be held?

2. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mrs Craine) to ask the Chief Minister -

Do you intend to take action in respect of a statement by Michael Grade upon his appointment as the new BBC Chairman where he pledged that the Corporation would - "serve the licence-paying public right across the UK"?

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

Do you propose to provide a personal accident insurance cover for Government employees?

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

Why have the complaints lodged with your Department into the activities of the Chief Constable not been progressed?

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

- (1) How much has the investigation by Cheshire Constabulary cost in respect of clearing seven minor complaints; and

- (2) will you arrange for the exoneration of those officers concerned?

6. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask a Member for Local Government and the Environment -

In relation to the housing development at Ballacubbon, Colby, proposed by your Department -

- (a) how many contractors tendered for the work;
- (b) how far over DoLGE's estimated price were each of the contractors;
- (c) how many prospective first time buyers are currently registered as wishing to buy a first time buyer property in the south; and
- (d) how many first time buyer properties does your Department envisage being completed in the south this year?

7. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask a Member for Local Government and the Environment -

Will your Department revoke its appointment of Mr J F Kissack OBE to conduct the proposed public inquiry into Port St Mary Commissioners and appoint instead an appropriately qualified and independent person (or persons)?

8. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask a Member for Local Government and the Environment -

- (1) Has the CORGI Inspectorate removed Primeshade Contracts Limited from its register;
- (2) if so, why;
- (3) what effect will this have on the gas consumers; and
- (4) what steps are you taking to protect gas consumer safety and allay cost concerns?

9. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mrs Craine) to ask the Minister for Education -

Will you please explain why the Adult Leisure and Recreational Programme of the Isle of Man College is to have its 18 week courses reduced to 13 weeks and 9 week courses reduced to 6 weeks in the academic year 2004/05?

10. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask a Member for Health and Social Security -

What steps does your Department take to monitor the pay and conditions of staff employed in private sector nursing homes on the Island?

2. QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

In the light of the following statement of yours in a letter of 29th February 2004 to Onchan District Commissioners: "...my wife and I purchased the property and ingoing of Ballacain Country Guest House about six years ago... All along we have had a business plan to invest in this existing holiday destination" -

- (a) what steps (if any) have you taken to declare this interest in subsequent parliamentary questions and/or debates and/or Government decisions concerning tourism development;
- (b) specifically, did you declare this interest when, in your 2000 Budget, you proposed the establishment of a new tourism development fund scheme (and if not, why not);
- (c) did you also declare this interest when Tynwald voted (i) to approve the Tourism Development Fund Scheme 2000 and, subsequently, (ii) to amend it (and if not, why not)?

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

With regard to the Register of Members' Interests Rules 2003, which came into force on 1st February 2004 -

- (a) why did you initially register, under "positions in business", "None";
- (b) why did you fail to notify your interest in "Ballacain Holiday Self Catering Cottages" until 8th April 2004; and
- (c) was this decision to notify, on 8th April 2004, a result of my letter of 2nd April 2004 to the Registrar, asking whether this constituted a 'relevant interest' under the Rules?

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

Since the application on 8th May 2002 by yourself and Mrs Corkill to the Department of Tourism and Leisure for financial assistance under the Tourism Development Fund Scheme 2000 (as amended), and the Department's payment to you and Mrs Corkill of a grant of £43,850.33 on 24th July 2003, what steps have you taken (if any) to declare this interest in parliamentary questions and/or debates and/or Government decisions concerning tourism development?

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

What is the detailed breakdown of expenses paid to date to individuals and/or companies in preparatory works for the proposed secondary school project in Onchan?

5. **The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask a Member for Local Government and the Environment -**

In relation to your Department's ongoing investigation with local authorities of waste collection services will you explain -

- (a) **what is the membership and remit of the Waste Services Advisory Group;**
- (b) **has the Group made any provisional reports to your Department and when does it propose to make its final report to your Department;**
- (c) **has the Group been using figures based specifically on costs of waste collection for each authority, and if so will these figures and an explanation of how they were calculated be made available to Members of Tynwald; and**
- (d) **in making its recommendations will the Group be allowed to consider the status quo as an option, and what value will be given to the social and community aspects of existing waste collection services?**

6. **The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Minister for Education -**

- (a) **how many students attend the Isle of Man Business School;**
- (b) **are these part time or full time;**
- (c) **how much financial assistance did the Government provide to the Isle of Man Business School in the past year; and**
- (d) **how much financial assistance is the Government committed to providing to the Isle of Man Business School this year?**

7. **The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask a Member for Health and Social Security -**

Bearing in mind that a major employment consideration in the pay and conditions package for public sector staff is a sound pension scheme funded by both employer (Government) and the public sector employee -

- (a) **do the private sector employers, such as nursing/residential homes, fund similar pension schemes; and, if not**
- (b) **are you aware of any shortfall reflected in the pay of staff so that employees can, if they wish, take out private pension provision?**

8. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask a Member for Health and Social Security -

(1) Does the Department hold any information on the comparison between rates of pay and terms and conditions for staff employed in Government care homes and those employed in the private sector; and

(2) are there any differences and, if so, what is the average difference between unqualified staff and qualified staff including any grading differences?

9. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask a Member for Health and Social Security -

In relation to private care home staff employed from overseas, does the Department provide any specialist information to ensure that such staff fully understand the terms and conditions (contractual) requirements and their employment rights vis-à-vis Manx employment law?

10. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

What steps (if any) did you take, as a Minister in Mr Corkill's Council of Ministers, to remove yourself from involvement in your Department's -

(a) approval of the application by Mr and Mrs Corkill (of 8th May 2002) for financial assistance under the Tourism Development Fund Scheme 2000 (as amended); and

(b) decision to pay a grant of £43,850.33 to Mr and Mrs Corkill on 24th July 2003?

3. BILL FOR FIRST READING

1. National Health Service (Amendment) Bill

Mr Anderson

4. BILL FOR SECOND READING

1. Housing (Multi-Occupation) Bill

Mr Houghton

5. BILL FOR CONSIDERATION OF CLAUSES

1. Constitution Bill

Mr Rodan

Tabled Amendments

Clause 1 (Mrs Hannan)

The House may be asked to suspend Standing Orders to take further stages of the above Bill.

Unless the House otherwise determines, the above business will be considered in the order shown.

**Malachy Cornwell-Kelly
Secretary of the House**

IN THE KEYS

CONSTITUTION BILL 2004

Amendments to be moved by Mrs Hannan

CLAUSE 1

Page 1, lines 4, 7 and 11, for "3 months" in each case substitute "6 months";

Page 1, line 13, and page 2, line 4, for "agenda" in each case substitute "order paper";

Page 2, lines 2, 5 and 6, for "16 members" in each case substitute "17 members";

Page 2, after line 12, add -

"(6) In subsection (1), a Bill shall be deemed not to be passed by the Council within 6 months if it is not passed by the Council either without amendment or with such amendments only as may be agreed to, after a conference between the Council and the Keys or otherwise, by both the Council and the Keys within that time."