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**Claare Obbyr**

**Douglas**  
**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2004**  
**10.00 am**

**1. QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

- 1. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -**

Following the extensive and expensive refurbishment of the Villa Marina complex can you confirm that this is a suitable (ie fine and inclement weather) venue for official functions such as the annual Tynwald garden party?

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

(1) Will you confirm that the findings of the Pannell Kerr Forster investigation into Port St Mary Commissioners' finances will be made public prior to the forthcoming Commissioners' elections;

(2) what date will they be published; and

(3) will the full report be made public?

- 3. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask a Member for Health and Social Security -**

How many persons are on the waiting list for hip replacement operations and other orthopaedic surgery?

4. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -

Can you investigate if Manx Gas is doing all it can to absorb gas price hikes?

5. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -

Will your Office consult with the UK Office of Fair Trading in respect of -

- (1) the natural gas prices and the UK natural gas market for UK natural gas to assess if there are fair and equitable pricing structures and that overpricing is not taking place; and
- (2) a comparison of Manx pricing and UK pricing?

6. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -

Will your Office investigate and publish in a short report the profit figures for the Manx Electricity Authority, Manx Gas locally and its parent Channel Island company for the last five years?

7. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -

Will your Office investigate if there is any correlation between recent gas price hikes to our homes and the gas conversion to our homes, and if so, why?

8. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -

Will your Office investigate if there is any correlation between recent gas conversion to our homes with appliances and the amount of faults now being reported by consumers following that conversion?

9. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -

Given that Manx Gas have made a £10M investment in converting our homes to natural gas, at their expense, can your Office investigate why in a radio interview on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2004 the Director of Manx Gas clearly stated that some of the recent gas price hikes will be due to cover the costs of conversion, when the impression given was that the costs were being borne by Manx Gas as an investment?

10. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading
- (1) Are you satisfied that Manx Telecom's "use it or lose it" practice in relation to mobile phone charges is lawful or an abuse of Manx Telecom's market position; and
  - (2) do you believe this practice represents the best interests of consumers and promotes competition?

## 2. QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chief Minister -
- (1) In relation to donations to charitable trusts, you have stated that there are many thousands of pounds held in such trusts and that "with donations, particularly cash donations, there is generally no supporting evidence against which amounts can be checked"; can you confirm that -
    - (a) it is a Departments' policy for any cash donations to be quantified by a receipt; and
    - (b) given that you have also revealed that "an audit is generally unable to verify that income from voluntary cash donations is complete" etc, why can't these donations be referenced with issued receipts; and
  - (2) if not, why has the receipting policy failed in this instance?
  - (3)
2. The Hon Member for Glenfaba (Mr Anderson) to ask a Member of Local Government and the Environment -
- Can you provide the tonnage of commercial waste to Government landfill sites on a monthly basis between January 2003 and March 2004?
3. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask a Member for the Department of Local Government and the Environment -
- (1) In the selection process for the accountant for the Port St Mary audit, did it go out to tender; and
  - (2) who are the partners and directors of the entity under the Pannell Kerr Forster umbrella?

4. **The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask a Member for the Department of Local Government and the Environment -**
  - (1) **Who owns the Southern Civic Amenity Site;**
  - (2) **what is the rent on the Site since it started; and**
  - (3) **what is the breakdown, for each local authority, of who pays the rent and the costs for the running the site?**
  
5. **The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask a Member for Health and Social Security -**
  - (1) **During the past six months have in-patients at Noble's Hospital contacted TB; and**
  - (2) **during the past six months how many persons have been notified to the Department as having TB?**
  
6. **The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -**

**Will your Officers instigate an assessment of the apparent volatility of natural gas prices which is being used as an excuse for continual gas price hikes and report back on the matter to ensure the consumers are being fairly charged?**
  
7. **The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -**

**Will your Officers consult with the Manx Electricity Authority and assess what wholesale pricing structure is being used in selling on natural gas to Manx Gas and if some of the recent price hikes can be absorbed at source before selling on to the customer/distributor?**
  
8. **The Hon Member for Glenfaba (Mr Anderson) to ask a Member of Manx National Heritage -**
  - (1) **Will any of the £192,665 realised from the sale of the property left to Manx National Heritage in Dalby be used for the restoration of the thatched cottage at Niarbyl;**
  - (2) **if so, how much; and**
  - (3) **are Manx National Heritage's properties that are habitable let to tenants on the expectation that they are occupied for the majority of the year?**

9. **The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Chairman of the Communications Commission -**

**With regard to the Manx Telecom disconnecting people who fail to top up their mobile phones on a six monthly basis -**

- (1) **can you confirm that this is as a result of a pressure on the Commission to adequately manage a dwindling supply of available phone numbers; and**
- (2) **will you encourage Manx Telecom to look into ways by which elderly and vulnerable people can retain their mobile phones for emergency purposes without having to pay £10 top up charges every six months?**

**3. STATEMENT BY MR RODAN RE SELECT COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE ON THE CONSTITUTION (LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL) BILL**

**4. REPORT**

**The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to move -**

**That the Second Report of the Management and Members' Standards Committee for the Session 2003-2004 be received and that its recommendations be approved.**

**5. BILL FOR SECOND READING**

1. **Constitution Bill**

**Mr Rodan**

**6. BILL FOR THIRD READING**

1. **Constitution (Amendment) Bill**

**Mr Quayle**

*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**