



HOUSE OF KEYS
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Douglas
Tuesday 10th February 2004
10.00 am

1. QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (1) Are you concerned at the increasing shift in taxation from systems which take into account ability to pay to systems which do not; and, if so
 - (2) what legislative changes do you intend to introduce to alleviate the pressures on vulnerable members of society caused by this shift?

2. QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Transport
- (1) Could you please confirm or otherwise if it is still the intention of the UK Government/private contractor to fire missiles into Manx Territorial Waters which form part of the Eskmeals firing range; and, if so,
 - (2) will you give an undertaking to inform this House at a suitable time what it is that is being fired into our waters –
 - (a) by size and weight;
 - (b) live/practice;
 - (c) depleted Uranium;
 - (d) other; and
 - (3) of the projectiles used, how many will be fired?

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

- (1) **What is the policy of your Department in relation to the closure of the Mountain Road in the event of snow;**
- (2) **in view of the heavy pressure of traffic on alternative routes when the Mountain Road is closed and the additional time necessitated in ambulance services reaching Noble's Hospital from Ramsey, will your Department adopt a pro-active approach in prompt snow clearance and re-opening of this highway; and**
- (3) **is there a policy of not using the snow-plough on the Mountain Road so that the road surface does not become damaged?**

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

What is the maximum period to backdate benefit claims in each of the benefit categories allowed to eligible local people, and list out by name of benefits and period for maximum backdate?

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

- (1) **How many convictions has your Department successfully concluded with regard to drivers caught driving without tax or insurance, or both, in each of the last five years;**
- (2) **will you consider a way forward on this, as the Post Office used to monitor payment of TV licences using a complete database of every postal address in the Isle of Man and sending out notice to any addresses not checked as having a licence or provide proof; and**
- (3) **could this same method be used for all car owners/commercial vehicle owners who could be noticed via the vehicle registration centre of the Treasury on a twelve monthly basis - all registered vehicle owners to provide evidence of tax and insurance?**

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

Will you give a direction to the relevant section of the Isle of Man Police Force to instigate, when resources allow, the specific targeting of the now commonplace occurrence of motorists using mobile phones whilst driving?

3. BILL FOR CONSIDERATION OF COUNCIL AMENDMENTS

1. Fireworks Bill

Deputation to the Conference to report.

Mr Downie

4. BILL FOR SECOND READING

1. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill

Mr Bell

5. BILL FOR THIRD READING

1. Criminal Justice (Arrestable Offences) Bill

Mr Braidwood

6. MOTION

1. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to move -

That the Management and Members Standards Committee investigate whether it is desirable that section 6 of the Representation of the People Act 1995 should be amended to provide a simple and honourable method by which an Honourable Member may resign his or her seat, and to report.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE OF AMENDMENTS APPROVED BY THE CONFERENCE

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Line 29: for sub-clause (1) substitute -

- “4. (1) No person shall let off a firework in any place unless he has in accordance with subsection (2) -
- (a) given a notice to the Department of Home Affairs (“the Department”) specifying the time and place where the firework will be let off; and
 - (b) caused a like notice to be given in a newspaper published and circulating in the Island.”

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Line 1: for sub-clause (2) substitute -

- “(2) A notice under subsection (1) shall be -
- (a) in a prescribed form;
 - (b) in the case of a notice under subsection (1)(a), delivered, or sent by the recorded delivery service, to the principal office of the Department not later than 10 days before the firework is to be let off;
 - (c) in the case of a notice under subsection (1)(b), given in a newspaper published and circulating in the Island not later than 10 days before the firework is to be let off.
- (3) As soon as practicable after receiving a notice under subsection (1)(a) the Department shall send by post to the person by whom it was given a receipt in the prescribed form.”

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Line 3: Renumber sub-clauses (3), (4), (5) and (6) as (4), (5) (6) and (7).

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Line 27: After sub-clause (7) insert -

- “(8) The Department shall by regulations prescribe the forms of notice and receipt under subsections (1) and (3); and in this section “prescribed” means prescribed by regulations.

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Line 30: For sub-clause (2) substitute -

- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) applies to the letting off of a firework display -
 - (a) put on by -
 - (i) a public authority, or
 - (ii) any of the naval, military or air forces of the Crown,
 - (b) of which notice has been given under section 4(1)(b), or
 - (c) put on during a period specified in section 4(4).

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Line 17: For "section 3(3)" substitute "section 3(4)".

Page 8 - Omit Schedule 2.