



HOUSE OF KEYS
Y Chiare as Feed
ORDER PAPER
Claare Obbyr

Douglas
Tuesday 27th January 2004
10.00 am

1. QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mrs Craine) to ask the Chief Minister ☐

In line with recent recognition of English, Scottish and Welsh as ethnic groups to be identified separately in formal documentation issued under guidelines of the Office of National Statistics in the UK, will your Office pursue the inclusion of Manx as an identifiable ethnic group on documentation both in the UK and here in the Isle of Man?

2. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

Are existing legislative and fiscal measures adequate to reduce the gap between average earnings of males and females and, if not, what measures will you introduce to address this imbalance?

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

What complaints procedures exist which may address any formal actions brought by Police Officers or members of the public against Cheshire Constabulary Officers whilst they undertake their duties on the Island?

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

- (1) What is the projected timescale for Cheshire Constabulary Officers to complete their engagement; and
- (2) bearing in mind none of these Officers hold rank on the Isle of Man, what are the contractual arrangements for their employment and the employment of their imported civilian secretary with regard to the Control of Employment Act?

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

What stage is your Department at with the introduction of digital hearing aids on the NHS for people with hearing difficulties on the Isle of Man?

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

Will you give an assurance that the frequent recourse to retrospective planning permission currently employed by the Planning Committee will be significantly reduced under any new legislation to be introduced by your Department?

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

- (1) Has your Department arranged a visitation by tall ships to Douglas Bay during the TT period;
- (2) if so, does your Department intend to subsidise this arrangement; and, if so,
- (3) what is the cost?

2. QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

- (1) when did the legislation to make it an offence to use a mobile phone when driving come into force;
- (2) how many convictions have there been to date, and what were the penalties;

- (3) are you aware that currently drivers using mobile phones are a common every day occurrence observed by many members of our community; and
 - (4) will you direct our police force – although hard-working with many large publicised cases – to undertake when they can on an appropriate set of days on an ongoing basis to post a team of designated officers in unmarked cars etc to police specifically for the illegal use of mobile phones?
2. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry -
- (1) Will you confirm that the whole of the Island's barley crop placed in the Department's Intervention Store has been sold to two or three pig producers; and, if so
 - (2) (a) why was this decision taken without reference to, or consideration for, other Island farmers who normally buy feed barley from the Intervention Store;
 - (b) at what price was the barley purchased from the producers and at what price was the barley sold to the pig producers;
 - (3) are you aware that the Island farmers who normally purchase barley from the Intervention Store are now seriously financially disadvantaged by having to find alternative sources of supply in the open market at a price which has now greatly increased;
 - (4) will your Department arrange to import barley to meet the requirements of Island farmers and sell at the same price as the barley sold to the pig producers; and
 - (5) will you give an absolute assurance that in future barley taken into the Intervention Store will not be wholly sold to the pig producers?
3. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of Isle of Man Post (Mr Quine) –
- (1) Are you aware of the current situation where benefit cheques, issued by the Social Security Division of the Department of Health and Social Security who send them to your organisation for posting out to members of our community, have been going astray; and
 - (2) what is the extent of this problem and will you initiate an internal investigation as to how this is happening and where the cheques are actually disappearing?

3. BILLS FOR FIRST READING

1. Income Tax (Amendment) Bill

Mr Bell

2. Criminal Justice (Arrestable Offences) Bill

Mr Braidwood

4. REPORT

1. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Rodan) to move -

That the Report of the Select Committee of the House of Keys on the Constitution (Legislative Council) Bill be received and its recommendations approved.

5. MOTION

1. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to move –

Constitution (Amendment) Bill

That the long title of the Bill be amended to the following –

“A Bill to provide for the election by universal suffrage of the President of Tynwald, for the Governor to cease to preside at sittings of Tynwald at St John’s, and for connected purposes.”

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**