



HOUSE OF KEYS
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ORDER PAPER
Claare Obbyr

Douglas
Tuesday 1st March 2005
10.00 am

1. QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

- (1) Were you aware of the contents of your Department's Local Government Unit letters CS/LS and CCS/MC/235/11 dated 11th February 2005 before they were sent out;**
- (2) did you authorise their distribution, if so, why did you choose not to sign them in person;**
- (3) is it your Department's usual practice to deal with politically live and sensitive issues at officer level rather than Ministerial or delegated political Member level; and**
- (4) is it intended to introduce such a practice within your Department?**

2. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

Is a motion carried in Tynwald, which may be an amendment to a Department of Local Government and the Environment motion, regarded as binding and paramount by -

- (a) the Minister and political Members; and**
- (b) Department of Local Government and the Environment officers**

or not?

3. **The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -**

(1) **What does your Department really mean when they talk about “appropriate consultation”; and**

(2) **what “appropriate consultation” - if any - has your Department undertaken in drafting a new Local Government Bill?**

4. **The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -**

Do you accept that the Isle of Man is “comparable with those Police areas of England and Wales where the lowest figures of crime are currently recorded”?

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

Where is it stated in the Police Powers and Procedures Act 1998 that an agent of the Isle of Man Post Office Authority (based in the United Kingdom), can conduct a formal tape-recorded interview and the preparation of criminal charges against a detained person within the confines of a Police Station when that person is not in the presence of a Police Constable?

6. **The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -**

Will you consider introducing the UK Contempt of Court Act 1981?

7. **The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -**

Will you consider a witness intimidation law for the Island?

8. **The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -**

How do you reconcile the Order dated 9th September 1981, signed by former Chief Constable Frank Weedon, and headed “Use of Equipment in Police Surveillance Operations” with the finding in the Cheshire Constabulary’s recent report (as summarised by the current Chief Constable in a Departmental Briefing Paper dated 16th February 2005) that - “There was no clear, visible Force Policy authorising the use of covert aural surveillance”?

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

If the finding that "There was no clear, visible Force Policy authorising the use of covert aural surveillance" is flawed, does that not mean that the further finding that "the lack of any Force Policy has effectively removed any disciplinary liability officers may have had in using the device" is similarly flawed?

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

Since the public only has the benefit of the Chief Constable's six-page summary of the Cheshire Constabulary Report, and not the Report itself, will you now publish the Cheshire Constabulary Report in full?

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

Do not the serious findings of the Cheshire Constabulary Report (as summarised by the Chief Constable), and the apparently flawed reason for removing liability from any party, strike at the root of the administration of justice on the Isle of Man?

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

If the public is to be denied access to the full Cheshire Constabulary Report, what possible reason can there be not to hold an independent public inquiry?

13. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -

How many senior (ie SEO and above) civil servants have left the Civil Service to join the private sector in the last five years?

2. QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Capt Douglas) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

With the reference to the recent survey into bullying within the Isle of Man Constabulary can you inform this honourable House, how many allegations or complaints were levelled against each respective rank?

2. **The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Capt Douglas) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -**

- (1) **In the House on 8th February 2005, I requested you to inform me "on how many occasions since the Chief Constable took up his appointment he had been on training courses"; no answer to my question has been forthcoming so far, and I would now repeat my question to you in writing; and**
- (2) **would you inform this honourable House on how many occasions the Chief Constable has attended conferences off-Island -**
 - (a) **where were these held;**
 - (b) **what were the subjects;**
 - (c) **what was the duration of each conference; and**
 - (d) **can the costs of such conferences be given on an individual basis, and further broken down into -**
 - (i) **conference fee;**
 - (ii) **travel; and**
 - (iii) **accommodation?**

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

Who were the political members serving on the Police Board between 1978 - 1986?

4. **The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -**

- (1) **How much in percentage terms have the salaries of Chief Officers risen in the past -**
 - (a) **five years;**
 - (b) **ten years; and**
- (2) **what are the reasons for these increases?**

3. ELECTION OF FOUR PERSONS TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR A PERIOD EXPIRING ON 28TH FEBRUARY 2010.

Nominee	Proposer
Mr Dudley Michael William Butt	Mr Earnshaw
Mr Dominic Francis Kevin Delaney	Capt Douglas
Mr Alexander Frank Downie	Mr Shimmin
Mr Donald James Gelling	Mr Quayle
Mr Howard L G Parkin	Mr Gill
Mr George Henry Waft	Mr Braidwood

4. BILLS FOR SECOND READING

1. Mental Health (Amendment) Bill

Mr Rodan

2. Fertiliser and Feeding Stuffs (Amendment) Bill

Mr Henderson

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**