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Douglas
Tuesday 10th May 2005
10.00 am

1. QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

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

- (1) How many days did the Customs and Excise vessel the *Panther* spend at sea in 2004;**
- (2) what were the costs associated with this vessel, and, in particular -**
 - (a) the direct costs of running and maintaining the vessel;**
 - (b) the man hours spent in maintenance and on patrol;**
 - (c) the cost of these hours; and**
 - (d) the proportion of these hours that were worked as overtime?**

2. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

Will you give consideration to introducing legislation similar to that introduced in Ireland, to make an inquest mandatory following the death of a resident of a residential or nursing home?

3. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Earnshaw) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

When do you intend introducing a call/recall appointment service for breast screening at Noble's Hospital?

4. **The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -**
 - (1) **Has your Department's policy in relation to the closure of Sellafield changed in any way since you have been in office;**
 - (2) **is your Department concerned at proposals to ship low-level radioactive waste from Dounreay to Wrigg in Cumbria; and, if so -**
 - (3) **what action has your Department taken?**

2. QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

1. **The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -**
 - (1) **Did you, during your period of office December 1989 - November 1996, as Minister for the Treasury together with the political Members of the Treasury and the Chief Financial Officer, meet senior management of the Manx Electricity Authority on a yearly or twice yearly basis at formal meetings of the Treasury in order to discuss the business of the Electricity Authority; and**
 - (2) **was this practice of meeting the senior management of the Manx Electricity Authority continued by your successors as Minister for the Treasury?**
2. **The Hon Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Chief Minister -**
 - (1) **Will you give an explanation as to why so little legislation is being brought before the House from the various Departments of Government; and**
 - (2) **consider any improvements to the current procedures which may improve the current situation?**
3. **The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -**
 - (1) **Will you provide a breakdown of the capital expenditure of the MEA for each of the last five years showing -**
 - (a) **the purposes for which the loan of £185M has been used, and the amounts involved;**
 - (b) **the purposes for which the loan of £120M has been used, and the amounts involved;**

- (c) the purposes for which the expected further loan of £50M are to be used, and the amounts involved;
 - (2) will you provide a breakdown of the MEA's revenue account income and expenditure for each of the last five years; and
 - (3) can you state when the accounts for the year 2003 - 2004, either audited or un-audited, will be published with whatever qualifications the Auditors wish to include?
4. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- (1) Will the Planning Division of your Department incorporate into its policy, the "United Kingdom Planning Policy Guidance Note 21 Tourism" and, if not, how long will it be before this type of policy is adopted and will your Department consult with the Department of Tourism and Leisure in relation to these matters;
 - (2) in terms of property lettings, what is the definition, measured in weeks, used by planners, of "long lets" and "short lets";
 - (3) has the Planning Division of your Department issued a public definition of what is meant by tourism/holiday/visitor accommodation;
 - (4) will your Department initiate discussions with the Department of Tourism and Leisure regarding the integration of the planning processes regarding tourist accommodation, with that of the registration of tourist premises process, in an attempt to demonstrate that "joined up Government" can happen; and
 - (5) what is the definition of -
 - (a) "bona fide tourist; and
 - (b) "holiday maker"?
5. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -
- (1) Does your Department require landlords, who intend to let residential properties for periods of two to five days to tourists/visitors who are on business within the Island, to register their properties under the legal requirements of the tourist premises registration legislation;

- (2) does your Department work to a publicly declared definition of what constitutes a “*bona fide* tourist” and is your Department aware of the United Nations definition of tourism which is “Tourism comprises the activities of persons travelling to and staying in places outside their usual environment for not more than one consecutive year for leisure, business and other purposes not related to the exercise of an activity remunerated from within the place visited. The “activity of persons” refers to the pursuits of those individuals who qualify as “visitors””;
- (3) does your Department differentiate between visitors, holiday makers, tourists, business visitors, film and TV personnel, leisure arrivals and sporting competitors, people visiting friends and family etc in terms of which tourist accommodation these people may stay in;
- (4) for how many weeks of the year are registered self-catering establishments required to be open as part of the registration requirements;
- (5) has your Department’s investment into the provision of tourist accommodation been successful and does your Department consider self-catering holiday/tourist accommodation to be a sustainable all year round business or are short winter lets a necessary part of the overall viability of such business, thereby ensuring the continued availability of that type of accommodation; and
- (6) has your Department had any discussion with the Planning Directorate of the Department of Local Government and the Environment in relation to any of the above matters and what consultation with the Directorate occurred regarding the most recent Tourism strategy document?

3. BILL FOR SECOND READING

1. Regulation of Surveillance Bill

Mr Braidwood

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