



**HOUSE OF KEYS**  
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**ORDER PAPER**  
**Claare Obbyr**

**Douglas**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2005**  
**10.00 am**

**1. QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

**Will you bring the UK National Audit Office in to do a value for money audit and technical audit on the money spent by the MEA over Bond issues?**

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

**(1) Why, in view of the fact that the MEA is a State monopoly, is money being spent on advertising, and how much has been spent in the last two years; and**

**(2) are you satisfied that MEA media advertising expenditure is not being used to discourage adverse coverage of MEA affairs?**

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

**Since the Members for Rushen met with your Department's Director of Public Transport on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2004, what progress has your Department made in meeting the needs of passengers from the South wishing to visit the hospital?**

- 4. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Education -**

**Is your Department cutting back on costs in order to pay for the added revenue implications of the International Business School?**

## **2. QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

- 1. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Chief Minister -**
  - (1) In Manx law, do fathers have the same rights and responsibilities as mothers in respect of their natural and/or adopted children; and**
  - (2) if not, what action is your Government taking to bring equality to this area?**
  
- 2. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Chief Minister -**
  - (1) Have you demanded the immediate return of papers seized by the Cheshire Constabulary, if not, why; and**
  - (2) what further action do you plan to take to secure their return?**
  
- 3. The Hon Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Chief Minister -**

**In relation to Sellafield and the alleged leak of thousands of litres of highly radioactive liquid which went unnoticed for up to 9 months -**

  - (a) when was the leak detected by British Nuclear Group and was this immediately communicated to the Manx Government, and if not, why not;**
  - (b) was this matter discussed at the recent Summit of the British-Irish Council held in the Isle of Man, and, if not, why not, and if so, what was the result of the discussions;**
  - (c) what appropriate measures will be brought forward to address any identified shortcomings in communications between the British Government and the Manx Government; and**
  - (d) has the Manx Government communicated to the British Government, its shock and profound dismay at the apparent leakage, and called for the immediate closure of the Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant (THORP)?**
  
- 4. The Hon Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Chief Minister -**

**In relation to the Government's proposals for domestic rates revaluation, before they come back to Tynwald for consideration -**

  - (a) will you arrange for Hon Members to be provided with comprehensive details on the various options that have been fully appraised and the reasons as to how the preferred option has been selected for recommendation;**

- (b) will you state the full anticipated costs including any computer costs of the rating revaluation;
  - (c) will you ensure that all local authorities are invited to submit their written views on the proposals and that these be communicated to Members of Tynwald prior to debate;
  - (d) do you agree that the rateable system is not based on an individual's ability to pay, and that those on low or fixed incomes and elderly single people or retired couples may have difficulties, and will you ensure that these matters are addressed before the proposals are finalised;
  - (e) will you ensure that members of the public are made aware of the implications so that any impact is known and may be assessed; and
  - (f) will you consider making available to the local authorities and Members of Tynwald, the trials conducted in Michael and Onchan, if necessary protecting the identities of individuals before publication?
5. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (1) How does the Treasury monitor the effects of monopolies on housing and land sales; and
  - (2) at its regular department meetings, how often in the past year has Treasury considered the effects of monopolies on housing and land sales, and what form did this consideration take?
6. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- Can you inform this Hon House if the £50 fine imposed for late receipt of tax returns will be applied to companies as well as individuals?
7. The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Teare) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -
- (1) Will you confirm that an exclusive radio contract has been issued for coverage of the 2005 TT motorcycle races, and, if so, are you satisfied that the contract represents good value for money and that the proper tendering process has been followed; and
  - (2) can you confirm that the arrangement is in the best interests of the Isle of Man as a whole?

8. **The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Teare) to ask the Minister for Education -**  
**Is preference given to Manx workers for teaching posts as is required under the terms of the Work Permit legislation?**
9. **The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Teare) to ask the Minister for Education -**
  - (1) **What percentage of applicants for teaching positions regarded as Manx workers were successful in their applications during the calendar year 2004; and**
  - (2) **what percentage of non-Manx applicants were successful?**
10. **The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Education -**
  - (1) **What is the budget cost for the Isle of Man College of Further Education for the last financial year and in this financial year;**
  - (2) **what is the budget cost for the International Business School in the last financial year and this financial year;**
  - (3) **what is the cost for a full-time student attending the College of Further Education; and**
  - (4) **what is the cost for a full-time student at the International Business School?**
11. **The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -**
  - (1) **Approximately, what percentage of zoned residential land is currently owned by the Island's primary developer;**
  - (2) **on what acreage of land does the Island's primary developer currently have "options to buy"; and**
  - (3) **if legislation was introduced requiring all "options to buy" land to be registered, how might your Department use the information obtained through these registrations to formulate improved policies in relation to housing?**
12. **The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -**
  - (1) **Has the Chief Constable of the Isle of Man liaised with your Department on any inquiries undertaken by the Cheshire Constabulary, if so, what was the purpose and outcome, if any; and**
  - (2) **have all such investigations been independent?**

13. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- (1) Who authorised the most recent inquiry to be launched against an officer by Cheshire Constabulary from which their enquiries led to the seizure of papers from the Chief Secretary's Office;
  - (2) precisely how did this come about;
  - (3) who was present when the envelope containing documents was handed over; and
  - (4) who opened the envelope?
14. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- With regard to the seizure of papers from the Chief Secretary's Office -
- (a) who handed the papers to the Police;
  - (b) were they authorised to open the sealed envelope, if so, by whom; and
  - (c) have the papers been returned to the Chief Minister, and if not, why not?
15. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- (1) Who made the arrangements for Cheshire Constabulary Officers to attend upon the Chief Secretary's Office and seize papers;
  - (2) when did this take place; and
  - (3) was the task fulfilled on that day?
16. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- Is someone tasked with briefing Cheshire Constabulary Officers before they interview witnesses who are not members of the Constabulary, if so, who?

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

**What are the costs to date of all disciplinary inquiries by the Cheshire Constabulary since they arrived on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2003 in respect of -**

- (a) hire of offices together with transport and accommodation;**
- (b) all legal costs borne by your Department in connection with their inquiries; and**
- (c) any other relevant costs?**

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

- (1) How many officers from the Cheshire Constabulary are regularly operating on the Island; and**
- (2) what ranks do they hold?**

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

**Why do you refuse to liaise on important matters with your Department Members?**

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

**In view of the recent input from the British Medical Association concerning the issue of inoculation for Hepatitis for babies, is your Department going to introduce this before the United Kingdom?**

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

**If the upper limit on National Insurance contributions were to be waived, could the increased revenue to the National Insurance Fund be used for non-pension purposes to the benefit of your Department's other expenditure?**

### 3. LEAVE TO INTRODUCE

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

**That leave be given to introduce a Bill to amend the Land Registration Act 1982 to provide for the establishment of a central register of options and similar rights affecting land of such categories as may be prescribed; to amend the Housing Act 1955 to provide for a prior statutory option to purchase to arise for a limited period in favour of the Department of Local Government and the Environment in respect of land zoned for residential development when any agreement for the sale of such land is made; to amend the Fair Trading Act 1996 to apply with modifications the provisions of that Act relating to anti-competitive practices to dealings affecting land; and for connected purposes.**

#### 2. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to move -

**That, notwithstanding Standing Order 150(2), the leave of the House given on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2003 *for the introduction of a Bill to enable a competent adult who is suffering as a result of a terminal or a serious and progressive physical illness to receive medical help to die at his own considered and persistent request, to make provision for a person suffering from such a condition to receive pain relief medication, and for connected purposes*, be extended to the Session 2005-06.**

### 4. BILL FOR FIRST READING

#### 1. Dogs (Amendment) Bill

Mr Rimington

### 5. BILL FOR SECOND READING

#### 1. Noise Bill

Mr Houghton

*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