



Press Release

SELECT COMMITTEE OF TYNWALD ON GP OUT OF HOURS SERVICES

At the June sitting of Tynwald Court, a Select Committee was established to investigate the provision of GP out of hours services, that is those provided between the hours of 6pm and 8am Mondays to Fridays and at week-ends and bank holidays. The Committee remit is “to investigate the matter of the General Practitioners ‘Out of Hours Services’ being provided throughout the Island, with power to take written and oral evidence pursuant to sections 3 and 4 of the Tynwald Proceedings Act 1876 and report by October 2003.”

The Committee consists of The Hon A Brown SHK (Chairman), Mr D Gelling MLC, Mr Q Gill MHK, Mr L Singer MLC and Mr G Waft MLC.

The Committee is very keen to gather as much evidence as possible concerning the views of the public, health care professionals and any other interested parties on the provision of these facilities. The Committee is embarking on an extended programme of gathering initially written and later oral evidence, after which the evidence will be evaluated and the Committee will then report to Tynwald. Mr Speaker Brown said: “The remit of this Committee is something that will be of interest to the whole community. We realise that it is a vital need for all of us to have adequate access to GP’s out of normal working hours, and our task is to examine whether the present system meets that need or not.”

The Committee would be pleased to receive written evidence from the public by Friday 12th September 2003. It should be sent to the under mentioned.

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