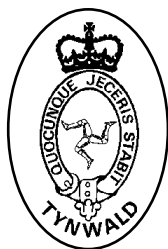


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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
20th October 1998
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

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

Will your Government amend the planning legislation to require that planning applications relating to property in each parliamentary constituency is circulated to the Members of the House of Keys representing the constituency, and to entitle such Members to appear, should they wish, when such applications are publicly considered by the Planning Committee?

2. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Downie) to ask the Chief Minister -

Are you satisfied with the performance to date of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co Ltd's new vessel, *Ben my Chree*, since its introduction earlier this year?

3. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Chief Minister -

Would you agree that the heartiest congratulations be conveyed to Manx National Heritage for their achievement in winning the British Isles Museum of the Year award for a unique second occasion?

4. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask HM Attorney General -

May an additional sanction be imposed on persons convicted of possession of drugs who refuse to divulge their source of supply to the police or to the courts?

5. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

(1) Are you convinced of the environmental advantages of vehicles which use LPG fuel; and

(2) if so, are you considering any incentives to encourage -

(a) the purchase of such vehicles, and

(b) the conversion of suitable vehicles to use such fuel?

6. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Downie) to ask a Member for Tourism and Leisure -

(1) Has your Department received complaints from the travelling public about the standard of accommodation and overall performance of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co Ltd's new vessel, *Ben my Chree*; and

(2) is the level of public criticism of the vessel likely to have a long-term effect on the image and reputation of the Manx tourist industry?

7. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Cannell) to ask a Member for Tourism and Leisure -

What consultation was there with staff to whom it would apply prior to the publication of Isle of Man Transport's Draft Drivers' Terms and Conditions of Employment Agreement?

8. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Rodan) to ask a Member for Tourism and Leisure -

(1) What assessment has your Department made of the Isle of Man's potential as an international tourist centre for observing basking sharks; and

(2) what financial assistance does your Department intend to make in support of the Isle of Man Basking Shark Project?

9. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Downie) to ask the Minister for Transport -

- (1) What discussions has your Department held with the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co Ltd on concerns expressed by the travelling public since the introduction of the new vessel, *Ben my Chree*;
 - (2) what arrangements are to be made by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co Ltd to provide back up vessels should the *Ben my Chree* require to be taken out of service; and
 - (3) will your Department be requesting structural alteration of the *Ben my Chree* to address the problems of its superstructure and its underweight hull?
10. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Cannell) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- When will your Department repair the footpaths in the Furman Road and Howstrake Drive area of Onchan?
11. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Rodan) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- Under the Linkspan User Agreement with the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co Ltd, what are the minimum standards of customer service and passenger comfort stipulated for vessels serving the Isle of Man?
12. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Kniveton) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- (1) How many unoccupied seats (excluding those for persons with leave of absence) were there on Tynwald Hill for the Tynwald Day Ceremonies in 1996, 1997 and 1998; and
 - (2) why were these seats unoccupied?
13. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Braidwood) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -
- Have you any plans to introduce “nursery units” in the Island, particularly in Douglas to support small businesses who want to move out of restricted premises?
14. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Braidwood) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -
- (1) Have you seen the recommendations of Dr Geoffrey Gill, the Royal College of Physicians Regional Adviser, Merseyside, and Consultant

Diabetologist, Liverpool, on the current status of diabetes services in the Island; and

(2) if so, what are your Department's comments?

15. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Braidwood) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

At what stage are your plans to implement the revised business plan of April 1998 submitted to your Department for the development of Noble's Hospital outpatient diabetic clinics?

16. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

(1) Have you received the report on discrimination with regard to the disabled within the community; and

(2) when will this report be available to the public?

17. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Shimmin) to ask the Minister for Education -

What training and resources were given to primary school teachers before the implementation of the "literacy hour"?

18. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Shimmin) to ask the Minister for Education -

When do you expect the pupil referral unit to be opened?

19. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Cannell) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -

What procedures has the Civil Service Commission to re-examine pension claims of former civil servants?

20. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Rodan) to ask the Chief Minister -

(1) Has the Isle of Man Government lodged a formal complaint to the Home Office over the leaking to the UK media of parts of a draft of the Edwards Report; and, if so

(2) when was it made, and what did it say?

21. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Rodan) to ask the Chief Minister -

When do you intend to announce a change in membership of the Council of Ministers?

22. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Rodan) to ask the Chief Minister -

What representations have you made to Mr Jim Sherwood, of Sea Containers Ltd, about passenger complaints over travelling conditions and standards of comfort on the *Ben my Chree*?

23. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Rodan) to ask a Member for Tourism and Leisure -

As you satisfied that the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co Ltd is capable of meeting the travel demands of the Student Sports Festival planned for Easter 1999?

24. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask a Member for Tourism and Leisure -

(1) Will the construction of the regional synthetic pitches be completed by the commencement of the Island Games in the year 2000;

(2) is it intended that all the new pitches will be fully used for the Island Games events;

(3) what is the projected use of the Ramsey synthetic pitch and by how many teams; and

(4) has the Department offered suitable and acceptable alternative track and field accommodation to the Northern Athletic Club?

25. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Transport -

(1) Were you aware of negotiations over newspapers being brought to the Island by ship;

(2) if so, what prompted these negotiations; and

(3) what is their outcome?

26. The Hon Member for Douglas South (Mr Duggan) to ask the Minister for Transport -

At the time of the infill of Circus Beach, why was no provision made to incorporate a subway between the Sea Terminal Building and King Edward Pier, to enable pedestrians to have access to and from both piers?

27. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Braidwood) to ask the Minister for Transport -

Subject to obtaining planning permission, does your Department plan to utilise its equipment at Stoney Mountain Quarry to recycle inert waste?

28. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chief Minister -

Given some of the recommendations in, and implications of, the leaked draft of the Edwards Report -

(a) do you accept that they may have served to undermine confidence in, and stimulated adverse media comment on, the Manx offshore finance industry; and

(b) if so, what action do you propose to rectify this?

29. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Crowe) to ask the Chief Minister -

Will you clarify the situation regarding the Data Protection Act as far as it concerns information being given to newspapers by the police?

30. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Chief Minister -

What consultations were undertaken by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co Ltd with the Government before the decision was taken to purchase the new *Ben my Chree* vessel?

31. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Minister for Transport -

In view of the protracted delay in the full implementation of the IRIS Scheme, what safeguards will your Department put in place in the short term to limit the continuing deleterious effect of raw sewage in the Douglas bay area?

32. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Chief Minister -

Are you satisfied that the Isle of Man Steam Packet Co Ltd is complying fully with the terms of the User Agreement?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

33. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Rodan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (1) How many persons resident outside the Isle of Man are in receipt of Government public sector pensions;
 - (2) are such pensions paid after deduction at source of Isle of Man income tax; and
 - (3) if so -
 - (a) at what rate is tax deducted,
 - (b) are income tax allowances applied before deduction, and
 - (c) what is the total tax revenue collected?
34. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Rodan) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -
- (1) What will be the effects of the European Union Recreational Craft Directive on Isle of Man boat owners who wish to re-sell their boats in the UK; and
 - (2) will the vessels be obliged to undergo inspections to ensure compliance with standardised safety requirements for design and construction?