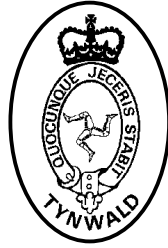


# **TYNWALD**

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# **QUESTION PAPER**

## **Pabyr Feyshtyn**

**DOUGLAS**  
10<sup>th</sup> July 2001  
at 10.30 am

### **FOR ORAL ANSWER**

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

Will your Government consider giving pension parity for the Island's ambulance staff with other emergency services staff, and others who qualify for special officer status who can retire earlier than the normal retirement age of 65 years?

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

- (1) Have you received the report on the severe delays and escalating costs on the introduction of the Land Registry which was promised in a House of Keys' written answer in April 2001;

- (2) if not, why not; and

- (3) if so, will it be circulated to Members?

3. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Chief Minister -

Will the Isle of Man people have an opportunity to vote on whether or not the Isle of Man adopts the Euro, and if not, why not?

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

In December 2000 you promised to hold a further opinion poll on quality of life before the next General Election:

- (1) what has been done since that date, and
- (2) when is the opinion poll to be held, bearing in mind the election is due in five months' time?

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

Do you plan to include in your new taxation strategy an option for co-habiting couples to be able to transfer their personal allowances between each other?

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

- (1) Has anyone other than the Isle of Man the power to remove the link between the Manx currency and sterling, particularly in the event of the United Kingdom joining the European Monetary Union; and
- (2) would the removal of such linkage be damaging to the Island's economy?

7. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

What progress has your Department made towards the unanimously agreed Tynwald resolution of March 2001 on the subject of the Housing Progress Report?

8. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Cannell) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

What is the current position regarding your noise abatement officer's recommendation that a prosecution be taken against Molly's Kitchen and Tavern in Harbour Road, Onchan?

9. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

In the light of the recent work undertaken to the temporary car park on Mount Havelock adjacent to the rear of Government Buildings, is it intended that this should be a permanent facility for use by civil servants?

10. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Lowey) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

(1) How many local authority houses have been allocated to key workers or to Departments of Government in the last 12 months; and

(2) is any priority given to Manx qualified residents evicted by Court Order?

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

Has your Department any proposals to deal with the increasing practice of “gazumping” taking place in the current property market in the Island?

12. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

Does your Department provide advice and training to local authorities on planning, public health and other areas of dual responsibility?

13. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

(1) Is it usual for planning conditions, such as wheel washers being in place, not to be enforced prior to developments commencing; and

(2) why does the Planning Committee not set conditions governing site working and Sunday workings?

14. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

(1) Following flooding and egress of sewerage into yards and properties, can householders expect any assistance from any local authority or Government department especially when this has happened two or three times recently; and

(2) who would be responsible under the Public Health Act to abate such a nuisance?

15. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Shimmin) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

When do you intend to bring forward the Report relating to the Petition for Redress of Grievance of Jean Noreen Thompson, which you did not move at the Tynwald sitting of October 2000?

16. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

Have you, as yet, made a decision whether or not to exempt full-time students from prescription charges?

17. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

(1) Does your Department promote breastfeeding in its anti-natal training classes and support mothers who are breast feeding in hospital and in the community; and

(2) do you have a dedicated midwife/nurse to give advice and support?

18. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

Has your Department formed a policy on visual aids for children having dyslexia problems?

19. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

Will your Department produce explicit sex health literature aimed at gay, lesbian, homosexual, bi-sexual and transgender persons as part of its long overdue health promotion programme?

20. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Transport -

What stage have you reached in your joint investigation with Manx National Heritage to produce the report to Tynwald in October with regard to the refurbishment of the Queen's Pier in Ramsey?

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

Why does your Department take no action to remove derelict and abandoned boats from its harbours?

22. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

- (1) What is your Department's future strategy for ensuring sustainable growth in the tourism industry in the medium to long term; and
- (2) how do you propose to stabilise the industry in the short term bearing in mind the effects on this industry from the Foot and Mouth precautions?

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

Will your Department consider grant support towards the cost of the installation of CCTV for the Island's newsagents in a bid to help the Police combat crime?

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

- (1) What progress has your Department made in preparing a two-phase development of the proposed Onchan secondary school, with the first phase being the sports facility; and
- (2) when is such facility likely to be available?

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

Is the Manx language offered as an option in all Island schools, and if not, why not?

26. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Chairman of the Select Committee on the Petition for Redress of Grievance of Jill Dugdale -

When does the Select Committee expect to report?

### **FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

27. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask HM Attorney General -

What were your reasons for not requesting a review of the six-year, nine-month sentence recently given to a sex offender described as a serial abuser?

28. The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Quine) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

- (1) How much did your Department spend in organising the two open-air concerts held at the Villa Marina during TT 2001 (the TT 2001 concerts) in respect of:
  - (a) artists' expenses - including fees, travel on and off Island, accommodation, artists' catering and other expenses;
  - (b) staff expenses - including third party promoter's fees, fees for recruiting security staff and stewards, fees (including overtime and bonuses) for other on-Island staff, emergency services staff hire, fees for other off-Island staff, staff travel expenses (on and off Island) and staff accommodation expenses;
  - (c) site and technical expenses - including stage hire and construction, PA system hire, installation and operation, lighting and special effects hire, installation and operation, backline (musical instruments etc) hire, equipment transportation on and off Island, power generation (and ancillary fuel), on-site communications (eg walkie-talkie hire), toilet hire, security fencing, rubbish management and disposal (including skip hire), and other staff and technical;
  - (d) marketing expenses - including on-Island marketing, and miscellaneous marketing expenses;
  - (e) professional expenses - including legal, insurance (eg audit), and miscellaneous professional expenses;
  - (f) administration expenses - including ticket printing, commission to third party ticket sellers, postage, telephone bills, and miscellaneous administration expenses;
  - (g) other expenses incurred in putting on the concerts which are not included in (a) to (f);
- (2) what were the receipts from the two open-air concerts in question including -
  - (a) ticket sales;
  - (b) advertising;
  - (c) sponsorship; and
  - (d) other receipts;

- (3) in determining the permitted capacity, was the location subject to a risk assessment, if so by whom, and was the "Pop Code" applied in determining standards;
- (4) did your Department invite tenders for the organisation of the aforementioned concerts -
  - (a) if so, who was the successful tenderer; and
  - (b) if not, why not?

29. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -

With regard to the Civil Service staff employed at the General Registry -

- (1) will you circulate a chart which describes the positions in order of seniority together with grades of all posts; and
- (2) has a restructure of staffing posts been undertaken in the last two years;
- (3) and, if so, what was the previous structure, and why has it been changed;
- (4) how many permanent positions are vacant;
- (5) how many permanent positions have been filled recently;
- (6) have the job descriptions of any of these posts been amended;
- (7) if so, what is the reason in respect of each changed job description;
- (8) do any revised job descriptions prevent current staff from applying for a management position for which they would have been previously eligible to apply; and
- (9) if so, what effect will this have in respect of career progression opportunities and staff morale?