

# **TYNWALD**

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# **QUESTION PAPER**

## **Pabyr Feyshtyn**

DOUGLAS  
12<sup>th</sup> December 2000  
at 10.30 am

### **FOR ORAL ANSWER**

1. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Chief Minister -
  - (1) Are you aware of
    - (i) the redundancies of skilled workers employed by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company; and
    - (ii) mechanical and maintenance work being switched from the Island to the United Kingdom by the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company; and
  - (2) if so, what representations has your Government made to prevent this loss of jobs and further reductions in the Company's operation in the Isle of Man?
  
2. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Chief Minister -
  - (1) Have you discussed the failure to bring section 22(2) and (3) of the Licensing Act 1995 into operation with the Drug and Alcohol Strategy Forum; and
  - (2) has the Forum expressed concern over:
    - (a) this failure; and
    - (b) the dangers to young and old of the aggressive marketing of alcohol in off-licensed premises?

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

Do you intend to conduct a further opinion poll on the Island's quality of life prior to the next General Election, as was proposed in the Quality of Life Report of June 1991 and endorsed by the Council of Ministers?

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

What policies are your Government implementing to promote Manx Gaelic in 2001, the European Year of Languages?

5. The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Quine) to ask HM Attorney General -

Are you satisfied that the recently-published Health Services complaints procedure is fully compatible with the European Convention on Human Rights?

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

What criteria are applied by your Department in issuing parking permits to Island residents?

7. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

Does your Department support the Football Association ban on girls playing in football teams in the under 12 leagues?

8. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

(1) How much of the commission from the sale of National Lottery tickets has the Sports Council received from the Treasury; and

(2) how has this sum been distributed between clubs and organisations registered with the Sports Council?

9. The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Quine) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

In order to satisfy paragraph 22.3 of the recently-introduced Health Services complaints procedure, to which source of independent advice is the Chairman of the Independent Appeals Tribunal to refer a complaint?

10. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

What has your Department learned from -

(1) the McManus Report; and

(2) the Leslie Report?

11. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

How does your Department intend to address the discrimination against men over 45 years of age following the removal of the Widowed Fathers Allowance?

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

Has the Chief Constable abandoned his policy of officers undertaking high visibility foot patrols?

13. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs-

(1) How many times has CS gas been used by the Isle of Man Constabulary;

(2) does it have any long-term side effects for the public or police officers; and

(3) if it does, are there any alternatives to its use?

14. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask the Minister for Education -

At what stage are the professional teaching staff in the Department of Education schools consulted, prior to their introduction, on new educational initiatives?

## FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

15. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -
- In respect of each diesel set employed by the Manx Electricity Authority -
- (1) what were the total hours operated and the total electrical output (in Megawatt hours) in 1999;
  - (2) what are the life time operating hours to date; and
  - (3) what is the nominal life expectancy (in operating hours)?
16. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- (1) Will you give a reasoned explanation why, for over two years, your Department has been unable to resolve the constant flooding of the main highway in front of Hunter's Croft, Ballaugh; and
  - (2) what are your detailed proposals to address the matter?
17. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- (1) Is a survey of the stability of the "Horses' Leap" section of Marine Drive based on six core samples sufficient to establish whether the section satisfies public safety requirements;
  - (2) has your Department received the results of such a survey;
  - (3) if so, what are they; and
  - (4) do they meet the insurance and legal standards placed on your Department?
18. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- (1) Why is it necessary to open Marine Drive temporarily and undertake remedial works on this road in order to do so;
  - (2) have you conducted an appropriate survey prior to undertaking the remedial works; and
  - (3) if so, how was the data for the survey collected, and how was it evaluated?

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

Will an ecological survey be undertaken, and the results laid before Tynwald, before a decision is taken by your Department to open Marine Drive temporarily to traffic?

20. The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Quine) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

With regard to the recently introduced Health Services complaints procedure -

- (1) who has been appointed as the chairman, and who have been appointed as the members, of the "Independent Appeals Tribunal";
- (2) what are the qualifications and experience of each appointee which are relevant to their appointment to the "Independent Appeals Tribunal";
- (3) were Members of Tynwald and of local authorities invited by your Department to nominate persons who might be considered as the chairman or as a member of the "Independent Appeals Tribunal"; and
- (4) in the event that such nominations were invited, how many persons were appointed to the Tribunal who were the subject of nominations made by Members of Tynwald (other than those serving in your Department) and of local authorities?

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

- (1) What contribution conditions must be satisfied in order to be entitled to a full state pension; and
- (2) can additional contribution years be purchased in order to qualify for such a pension?

22. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask the Minister for Education -

In respect of the salaries and salary-related initiatives within the contracts of employment of teachers employed in Department of Education schools -

- (1) what elements are mandatory by virtue of agreements with the UK; and
- (2) what are the advantages and disadvantages of adopting the recent UK initiatives on "thresholds" and "performance targets"?

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

- (1) When was the closed circuit video link installed in the Old Court House, Athol Street, Douglas;
- (2) how much did the equipment and installation cost;
- (3) how often was it used;
- (4) did the company which installed it provide a warranty on, or offer a maintenance agreement in respect of, the equipment;
- (5) if so, for what period;
- (6) was the equipment insured;
- (7) for what period after it opened was there no such video link in the New Court House; and
- (8) what was the cost of the equipment and its installation when a video link was installed in the New Court House?