

TYNWALD

Tinvaal



QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
16th January 2001
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Lowey) to ask the Chief Minister -
 - (1) Does your Government approve of contracts of employment which specifically provide that an employee is not entitled to be paid for Bank Holidays; and
 - (2) will the Council of Ministers urgently seek a report on the manner in which the appropriate legislation may be strengthened in this respect?

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

Will the Council of Ministers consider declaring, by order, 2nd January, the anniversary of the death of Illiam Dhone, to be a public holiday?

3. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chief Minister -
 - (1) What is the policy of your Government with respect to civil servants and other public sector employees who seek to retire prematurely on grounds of ill-health;
 - (2) how is the policy implemented by line managers; and
 - (3) has the policy altered in the last two years?

4. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Chief Minister -
When do you expect to introduce equal opportunities legislation into the Branches?

5. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chief Minister -
 - (1) When will the Office of Fair Trading gas price inquiry report be made available to Members of Tynwald;
 - (2) are you aware that there was a 30% increase in gas prices in the year 2000;
 - (3) what action does your Government propose to take to address the situation; and
 - (4) could such action include nationalising the Island gas supply industry?

6. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
 - (1) How much Government money is being invested in the Global Challenge yacht race; and
 - (2) what tangible returns have been seen or are expected by the Government?

7. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Transport -
On what grounds does the Douglas Harbour Master oppose Isle of Man Transport buses providing a full service to the travelling public by entering the area immediately adjacent to the Douglas Sea Terminal?

8. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Transport -
What plans has your Department to upgrade or repair the present pathways in the Strand Street, Duke Street and Castle Street areas of Douglas?

9. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Transport -
Is your Department responsible for the pavements adjacent to the shops in Anagh Coar, Douglas?

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

- (1) How many Health and Safety Inspectors does your Department employ; and
- (2) in each of the years 1999 and 2000 -
 - (a) how many site visits were made by the inspectors; and
 - (b) how many prosecutions did your Department institute as a consequence of these visits?

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

Will your Department be liaising with all the local authorities who have public sector housing stock to ensure that they provide the Department of Health and Social Security with relevant information on 2001 increases in the rental of the stock, in sufficient time to enable that Department to take account of such increases in proposing relevant benefit levels?

12. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

What policy does your Department have to support privately run residential and nursing homes on the Island?

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

- (1) How many established posts for speech therapists are there in your Department;
- (2) how many of the posts are vacant;
- (3) how long has each of these posts been vacant; and
- (4) what are you doing to fill them?

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

Are you aware of the concern being expressed by the Manx Diabetic Group over the apparent lack of a dedicated facility for diabetics in the medical out-patient department at the new hospital?

15. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Chairman of the Value for Money Committee (Mr Radcliffe) -

What is your Committee's response to the answers given by all the Departments of Government to your motor mileage questionnaire?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

16. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Speaker) to ask HM Attorney General -

- (1) Under what provision of the Town and Country Planning Acts is there a requirement for a mobile catering facility to obtain planning permission to trade part-time, for one or two days a week, on land either owned by the mobile catering facility's proprietor, or rented to the facility's proprietor, or from a public place; and
- (2) under what authority is the Minister for Local Government and the Environment empowered to order a mobile catering facility to cease such part-time trading on land owned by the facility's proprietor?

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

- (1) What are the annual income and expenditure figures of the House of Manannan for each complete financial year since it opened; and
- (2) are its annual depreciation and capital costs fully reflected in its accounts?

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

- (1) What is the total sum for committed and non-committed projects in the capital programme;
- (2) how does Treasury safeguard the interests of the taxpayer in getting value for money on projects in the capital programme; and
- (3) do you think a further capital programme audit review is needed?

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

- (1) What is your Department's policy on re-employing local trained and untrained nursing and health care staff, who have left such employment but wish be considered for vacant posts; and
- (2) in particular, are such persons, who are suitably qualified or experienced, given preference when filling vacancies?

20. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Chairman of the Insurance and Pensions Authority (Mr Radcliffe) -
- (1) How many staff are employed by the Insurance and Pensions Authority;
 - (2) what is the annual expenditure of the Authority in respect of -
 - (a) salaries, and
 - (b) office accommodation;
 - (3) how many licences were issued by the Insurance and Pensions Authority in 2000;
 - (4) how many complaints were registered with the Insurance and Pensions Authority in 2000; and
 - (5) how were such complaints processed?