

TYNWALD

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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
17th October 2000
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

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

What is your view of the relative authority of (a) the Minister of a Department (b) a Member of Tynwald serving as a Member of the Department and acting within delegated authority and (c) the Chief Executive of the Department?

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

Are Manx residents legally permitted to import uncooked meat for their own consumption?

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

Have you yet established whether it will be possible for the Treasury to provide a tax structure which would allow a reduction in the price of petrol?

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

(1) What progress has the Treasury made in its review of investment products which may be used as a means of saving for old age or to provide for an unforeseen event such as long term illness, and which might attract relief on contributions and taxation of benefits arising from them; and

(2) would you agree that pension schemes which are largely based on the purchase of an annuity may not be as satisfactory as schemes which use other forms of investment product?

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

Will you be prepared to amend the road traffic regulations to allow provisional licences to be issued to persons before they have passed the theory test?

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

Why did your Department embark on concurrent road works and traffic light replacement programmes at Rosemount, St Ninian's, the Quarterbridge/Castletown Road and Peveril Square and thus exacerbate traffic congestion and delay?

7. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Cannell) to ask the Minister for Transport -

How does your Department intend to resolve the increasingly unacceptable traffic delays every working day at Governor's Bridge?

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

Will your Department introduce mandatory agreed haulage routes as part of planning permission for major housing and commercial business developments and re-developments?

9. The Hon Member for Douglas South (Mr Duggan) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

On how many occasions have environmental and safety at work officers visited the demolition site at Lower Pulrose?

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

Does your Department intend -

(a) to raise the maximum student grant from £3,418 to £4,020 for the next academic year; and

(b) to introduce a student loan scheme to run in parallel to the grant scheme?

11. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Education -

(1) What authority does your Department have to pay £2,000 per annum as “threshold standards” to eligible teachers; and

(2) would you have made these payments if they had not been held unlawful by a UK court?

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

When will you next review the mobility allowance element in social security benefits?

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

Since the introduction of self-certification prescription forms in February 1999, what has been the percentage increase in the number of patients paying for their prescriptions in the year April 1999 to March 2000 compared with the two previous years?

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

Has there been any significant increase in the percentage of generic drugs being prescribed by doctors in the year April 1999 to March 2000 compared with the two previous years?

15. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Braidwood) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

Are you satisfied with the working facilities at the new bus maintenance depot at Banks Circus?

16. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask the Minister for Transport -

In the forthcoming report on integrated transport, do you intend to address the feasibility and costs of -

- (a) utilising the Douglas to Port Erin railway, with modern trains and refurbished track, for commuter traffic; and
- (b) utilising the Manx Electric Railway, with an extension along the promenade, for the same purpose?

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

- (1) What procedure does your Department follow when a vehicle has been reported, either by the police or a member of the public, as parked on a public highway without a road tax disc; and
- (2) what is the average time taken to identify the owner and remove the vehicle?

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

- (1) Does your Department intend to undertake a structural survey of Marine Drive;
- (2) if so, (a) when, (b) for what purpose and (c) at what cost?

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

In respect of the new hospital -

- (1) what is the anticipated final cost of the development;
- (2) when will the development be completed; and

(3) what are the anticipated increases in cost following the delays in construction?

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

Has your Department given any further consideration to the re-opening of Marine Drive?