

# **TYNWALD**

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# **QUESTION PAPER**

## **Pabyr Feyshtyn**

**DOUGLAS**  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2001  
at 10.30 am

*Under Standing Orders 2.2(4) and (5), the Question Paper will be taken at the conclusion of Agenda No 2. No question shall be taken orally after the conclusion of 2 1/2 hours from that time.*

### **FOR ORAL ANSWER**

1. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Chief Minister -  
  
Will the complete report into gas prices in the Isle of Man be made available to Members of Tynwald?
  
2. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chief Minister -
  - (1) What priority does your Government give to bringing natural gas to the Island; and
  - (2) will you consider appointing a committee of the Council of Ministers to facilitate this objective?
  
3. The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Quine) to ask the Chief Minister -  
  
Will your Government introduce legislation to provide for Tynwald to approve the appointment of Members to ministerial office and, if so, when?

4. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Chief Minister -
  - (1) Has Manx Telecom indicated that it is prepared to publish its accounts; and
  - (2) if so, will you arrange for them to be circulated to Members?
  
5. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -
  - (1) Will your Government investigate why the Department of Local Government and the Environment has been less than transparent over the concerns expressed on the suitability of the land at Richmond Hill for the construction of an incinerator with a chimney of significant proportions; and
  - (2) are you aware that this consideration together with a failure by the Department to budget for other costs associated with the development is likely to increase the development and construction costs of the incinerator by some £10 million?
  
6. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask HM Attorney General -

As a result of last year's police anti-drugs initiative "Operation Safe" -

  - (a) how many arrests were made for the possession of class A drugs;
  - (b) how many of those arrested were charged;
  - (c) how many of those charged were convicted;
  - (d) how many of those charged were acquitted; and
  - (e) how many outstanding prosecutions are still to be brought before the courts?
  
7. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

With reference to the Isle of Man Earnings Survey 2001 -

  - (a) What were the average earnings of the 25% of full-time employees who earned less than £255 per week; and
  - (b) what were the average earnings of the 25% of full-time employees who earned in excess of £467 per week?

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

In the 2001 Census, in respect of which matters is it intended to require particulars under paragraph 6 of the Schedule to the Census Act 1929?

9. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Cannell) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

What progress is being made towards including the Isle of Man in schemes to raise interim equity from personal residences?

10. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Cannell) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

Do you deem it satisfactory that applicants for finance sector job vacancies frequently fail to receive notice of the outcome?

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

Are you prepared to reduce the duty on fuel for heavy goods vehicles to assist operators in the Isle of Man who have not enjoyed the same reduction in the cost of the road fund licence as their United Kingdom counterparts?

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

(1) What are the current cost projections for the new acute general hospital;

(2) do you expect the hospital to be built on time; and

(3) will the project be within budget?

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

What procedures are presently in place in the Island's hospitals for preventing the spread of infection among patients, staff and those visiting patients?

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

- (1) Is the professional performance of doctors practising in the Isle of Man monitored and evaluated and, if so, how; and
- (2) were any clinical audits of medical specialities in the Isle of Man undertaken in the year 2000 and, if so, how many and of what specialities?

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

Will your Department compile and publish the information which it already holds on Manx hospitals in the same form and categorisation as the Sunday Times Good Hospital Guide Assessment for Health Service performance, in particular doctor/nurse patient ratios and mortality rates?

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

Where any medical practitioner employed by your Department, including a practitioner employed as a locum, consistently falls below accepted professional standards, or has grossly failed to meet such standards -

- (1) what internal procedures apply within the Isle of Man; and
- (2) does your Department as a matter of practice immediately notify the General Medical Council?

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

- (1) What categories of current qualifications on the registration of a medical practitioner appear on the General Medical Council website; and
- (2) does the website also contain spent qualifications on registration?

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

When considering appointing a locum medical practitioner to work in the Isle of Man, does your Department -

- (a) check the validity of the professional qualifications of the practitioner and, if so, how is this done;
- (b) check the experience and performance of the practitioner and, if so, how is this done;
- (c) check the General Medical Council website to establish whether the registration of the practitioner is qualified;
- (d) check the professional performance of the practitioner with the practitioner's immediate past employers; and
- (e) evaluate such employers by reference to relevant national performance league tables?

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

Is continuing professional development required of medical practitioners practising in the Isle of Man in order to maintain their registration on the Medical Register?

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

Why do people suffering from fibromyalgia not qualify for disability living allowance?

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

- (1) Are you satisfied that cliff erosion at Ballure presents no danger to the Manx Electric Railway line;
- (2) if not, has any work been undertaken to remove the danger; and
- (3) if so, when was the work undertaken and has it been completed?

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

Will you give every encouragement to the Manx Electricity Authority retail division to utilise their existing showrooms for the delivery of energy advice to the general public?

23. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

- (1) Has Hamilton House, Peel Road, Douglas been leased by, or for the use of, your Department; and
- (2) if so,
  - (a) when was the lease signed;
  - (b) what is the period of lease;
  - (c) what is the rental under the lease; and
  - (d) for what purpose does your Department intend to use these premises?

24. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

Can you give an assurance that the demolition of the old Pulrose Power Station will not preclude, on either practical or economic grounds, the importation to the Island of a single source of natural gas to facilitate a gas supply for both electricity generation and domestic usage?

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

Will your Department give serious consideration to the adoption, as a planning principle, of the BRECSU Information Report No 27 (Energy Efficiency - Best Practice Programme) entitled "Passive Solar Estate Layout"?

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

Has your Department discussed with Douglas Corporation the possible allocation of funds to repair the many homes boarded up on the Lower Pulrose Estate to allow them to be re-let to families on the waiting list?

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

On what date are your officers and the Chief Officer of the Isle of Man Transport meeting to discuss the provision of a bus service into the Sea Terminal?

28. 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?

29. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Chairman of the Isle of Man Water Authority -

- (1) How many reservoirs will be unavailable to anglers this year as a consequence of high levels of acidity; and
- (2) do you plan to drain the Clypse and Kerroodhoo Reservoirs again and, if so, when and for what reason?

30. The Hon Member for Douglas South (Mr Duggan) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -

How do the salaries of Isle of Man civil servants compare with those who hold similar grades and job descriptions in the United Kingdom?

### **FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

- (1) What is the number of qualifying people with Manx resident status living off the Island who would be eligible to receive the Manx pension supplement; and
- (2) what percentage of these people in theory would receive 75% of the Manx supplement?

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

In respect of each of the last five calendar years -

- (a) how many surgical operations were undertaken in the main theatre at Noble's Hospital;
- (b) what percentage of operations were undertaken by locum surgeons; and
- (c) how many complaints were recorded against locum surgeons?

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

- (1) How many notices of obstructed footpaths has your Department received during the last twelve months;
- (2) how many of the obstructions have been satisfactorily cleared by the Department; and
- (3) what action has the Department taken where it has not been possible to persuade the landowner to clear an illegal obstruction?

34. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

- (1) In respect of the recent all-Island power cut -
  - (a) how long was it before power was restored;
  - (b) was it restored at different times in different areas of the Island and, if so, what was the reason for this;
  - (c) were any of the on-Island diesel sets operating as a 'spinning reserve' at the time of the power failure; and
  - (d) is there an operational policy to address the possible failure, for whatever reason, of the UK/Isle of Man Inter-connector and, if so, what is it;
- (2) (a) how many critical sections of cable exist on the Island which, when compromised, can trigger a major or complete network failure; and
  - (b) what plans exist to duplicate such critical sections to secure the integrity of the distribution network;

- (3) in the event of a major on-Island generation failure, what are the protocols for utilising the UK/Isle of Man Inter-connector for securing electricity supply; and
- (4) in the event of a failure (of any nature) and when electricity demand cannot be met fully by supply, does the Manx Electricity Authority have any load-shedding protocols?