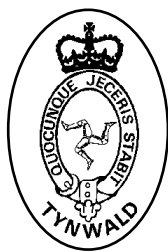


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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
20th March 2001
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Cannell) to ask the Chief Minister -

Has agreement been reached on the sum to be paid by the Government to Douglas Corporation in respect of the transfer of ownership of the Villa Marina?
2. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask the Chief Minister -

Given that the Data Protection Act 1986 has been in operation for 15 years and that significant changes have taken place in electronic communication, will you initiate a full review of the Act and the extent of its appropriateness to the Isle of Man?
3. The Hon Member for the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Chief Minister -

Will Government monitor the price of Manx meat to Isle of Man consumers to ensure that profiteering does not become prevalent during the Foot and Mouth crisis, bearing in mind that there has only been limited compulsory slaughter of Manx livestock to date?

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

Has your Government introduced more flexible pension arrangements for its employees, as recommended in the Select Committee Report on the Equalisation of the Pension Age and Future Pension Policy of the Isle of Man (approved by Tynwald Court in October 1999) and, if not, why not?

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

Have you considered introducing new savings schemes and incentives to encourage and assist Isle of Man residents to save towards their retirement, as recommended by the Select Committee Report on the Equalisation of the Pension Age and Future Pension Policy of the Isle of Man (approved by Tynwald Court in October 1999) and, if not, will you now give the matter consideration?

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

In relation to the answer delivered on 6th March 2001 in the House of Keys by your Department regarding an indicated review of assistance for diabetics who through their illness require optical aids, when is this review likely to take place?

7. The Hon Member for the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

Is Bovis under any obligation to inform you why major local contractors have not been invited to tender for the fitting out of the new hospital?

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

Is the Manx Pension Supplement paid to those pensioners who reside in private or state-run residential or nursing care homes and, if not, why not?

9. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

How does your Department intend to allow single people under 40 years of age to be accommodated in public housing, when they will not qualify for any housing list?

10. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Braidwood) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

Following consultation with HM Attorney General and the Treasury Minister, has your Department identified any precedent for awarding *ex-gratia* payments to injured parties in order to compensate the Thompsons in respect of the issues raised in the Petition for Redress of Grievance of Jean Noreen Thompson?

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

(1) Will you carry out an enquiry into ongoing problems affecting the houses at Rheart Aalin, Ramsey Road, Peel; and

(2) has your Department purchased any other houses built by the same developers and, if so, have they suffered the same problems?

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

Will your Department be evaluating the recent experimental open circuit television security system involving wireless surveillance cameras, with a view to introduction of such systems where practical?

13. The Hon Member for the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

Will you invite Members of Tynwald to a seminar to discuss the regulations establishing the minimum wage, prior to their introduction?

14. The Hon Member for the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

In your Department's information letter, dated 5th March 2001, re the Minimum Wage Bill, are the quoted minimum wage rates of £3.55 per hour in Eire and £4.00 per hour in France based on the current exchange rates?

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

What decision was reached at the meeting on 5th March 2001 between your Officers and the Chief Officer of Isle of Man Transport on the provision of a bus service into the Sea Terminal?

16. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Braidwood) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -

How many temporary staff in Government Departments have been employed through the recruitment agency with which the Personnel Office has a contract?

17. The Hon Member for the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -

Has a final figure been agreed for the extra payment to Chief Executives?

18. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of the Tynwald Management Committee -

(1) Will the Tynwald Management Committee report on that portion of the Resolution of Tynwald, approved at its February 2001 sitting which stated - "This Hon Court records its dissatisfaction with the manner in which the Tynwald Management Committee has carried out the recruitment exercise for this post and expresses regret at any embarrassment caused to Mrs Cullen as a consequence"; and

(2) if so, when?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

19. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask the Chief Minister -

(1) Do you agree with the working principle of the UK Parliamentary Ombudsman that "a person who has suffered injustice through maladministration should as far as possible be put in the position he or she would have been in had the maladministration not occurred"; and

(2) does this principle apply to citizens of the Isle of Man?

20. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Chief Minister -
In respect of the Land Registry -

(1) Does it enjoy the continuous employment of a legal officer;

(2) has it commenced its primary function to register -

(a) land in public ownership; and

(b) land in private ownership; and

(3) if so, how much land has been registered in each category or, if not, why not?

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

Will your Department be assessing the UK initiative for nicotine replacement therapy for smokers who wish to give up by supplying NRT products on prescription from General Practitioners and for hospital patients?

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

What measures has your Department introduced “to alleviate the effects of the loss of pension income in respect of those women who are already disadvantaged, and who are unable to claim benefits sufficient to make up the shortfall”, as recommended by the Select Committee on the Equalisation of the Pension Age and Future Pension Policy of the Isle of Man (approved by Tynwald Court in October 1999)?

23. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Chairman of the Isle of Man Water Authority -

How many persons employed by the Water Authority are paid less than £5.00 per hour gross?