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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
24th April 2001
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask HM Attorney General -

Does the Department of Health and Social Security carry any residual liability for standards of work, site management policies or defective workmanship under the contract for the construction of the new hospital?

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

With regard to the Decennial Test, will any allowance be made for a possible down turn in visitors to the Island as a result of the Foot and Mouth epidemic in the UK?

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

With regard to the forthcoming Decennial Test, how do you propose to account for purchases made by retail outlets in respect of tobacco and alcohol duties?

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

Will you make a statement on the Treasury's response to the news item indicating that banks and other financial institutions are furnishing information on Isle of Man accounts to the British Exchequer?

5. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

(1) How many of the companies awarded contracts at the new hospital site were asked, and provided satisfactory answers to the questions on the following -

- (a) health and safety procedures;
- (b) number of years the company had been established;
- (c) value of recently completed projects and whether such projects were completed to time;
- (d) number of employees both office and on-site and whether the contractor made use of self-employed sub-contractors;
- (e) turnover both on and off the Isle of Man;
- (f) planning systems used;
- (g) quality procedures adopted;
- (h) details of typical areas of work that would normally be sub-let;
- (i) details of associated companies;
- (j) information on bankers and professional advisors;
- (k) current working capital and liabilities; and

(2) how many companies which did not provide satisfactory answers were awarded contracts?

6. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

(1) How many pensioners qualify for the full increase in the Manx pension supplement; and

(2) how many of these pensioners are denied the full increase because being in receipt of supplementary benefit, the value of the benefit is fully or partly deducted from the pension supplement?

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

What would be the extra cost of excluding full-time students over 19 years of age from prescription charges?

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

(1) Are you aware that electricians are being recruited to undertake long-term contracts at the new hospital through advertisements placed in the United Kingdom requiring a "JIB" registration as an essential qualification; and

(2) can you confirm that all electricians employed at the new hospital have to be "JIB" registered?

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

Can you confirm that the management contract for the new hospital between the Department of Health and Social Security and Bovis contains -

(a) a contract specification;

(b) provisions relating to the working practices and industrial relations policy for the site and the role of the management contractor in enforcing such policy?

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

Do you agree with your Departmental Members' view that the Hyperbaric Chamber should be adequately funded to enable the provision of a qualified nurse?

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

Has your Department discussed with the 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?

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

How many persons are waiting for accommodation in sheltered housing throughout the Island, and in particular, for Waverley Court?

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

Would you make a statement on the incident that occurred at the Sea Terminal on the morning of 21st March 2001 involving Sharkey Construction Limited?

14. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Kniveton) to ask the Minister for Tourism & Leisure -

What is the future for the Wurlitzer Organ presently positioned in Summerland?

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

(1) Is your Department responsible for monitoring working arrangements throughout the Island's construction industry and in particular the terms and conditions on offer to all employees; and

(2) if so, has your Department considered such matters in relation to the new hospital project?

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

(1) Do persons employed in the Isle of Man have an automatic right to be a member of a trade union of their choice, especially following the publication of your Department's Code of Practice of Trade Union Recognition; and

- (2) would you expect employers to recognise trade unions which represent a significant proportion of workers in their employment?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

- (1) Do you propose to introduce a tax credit system to replace income tax allowances in the future; and, if so, when; and
- (2) how would such a system operate?

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

What is the average cost of answering a question in -

- (a) Tynwald Court; and
- (b) the House of Keys?

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

Are workers recruited to work on the new hospital site from outside the Isle of Man required to have work permits prior to commencing such employment?

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

- (1) What health and disease information is your Department currently obliged to collect and record; and
- (2) has your Department a central data collection facility to gather all information held by health professionals in the course of their duties, whether on an in-patient, out-patient or community basis, to enable the production of a dedicated and comprehensive epidemiological data base which can illustrate health trends to assist in the projection of the future health requirements of the community?

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

Can you confirm that any person employed in the Isle of Man, whether an Isle of Man worker or the holder of a work permit, if dismissed within 12 months of that employment commencing has no right of redress against the employer under current employment legislation?

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

Does your Department, arising from its responsibility for industrial relations, produce a Public Advice Booklet and publish regular press articles to advise the public on their employment rights?

23. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

- (1) (a) What specific progress has been made to date in the preparation of a Coastal Land and Rivers Bill;
- (b) will the Bill be ready for introduction into the House of Keys during the legislative year 2001/02 as resolved by Tynwald in October 2000;
- (2) is your Department expeditiously setting up a Coastal Management Working Group as resolved by Tynwald in October 2000; and
- (3) have additional resources been provided to your Department in the 2001/02 Budget to enable the above matters to be progressed efficiently and on time?

24. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask a Member of the Manx Museum and National Trust -

What are the paying visitor numbers for the last four years at -

- (a) Peel Castle,
- (b) House of Mannanan,
- (c) The Grove,
- (d) Castle Rushen,
- (e) Nautical Museum,
- (f) Castletown Grammar School,
- (g) Cregneash?