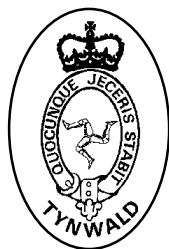


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# QUESTION PAPER

## Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS  
21<sup>st</sup> May 2002  
at 10.30 am

### FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Chief Minister -  
  
Within your Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco Strategy, what funds have been allocated to pursue each of the three sections during the current financial year?
  
2. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -  
  
Are you completely satisfied by the standard and quality of medical care provided to the residents of the Isle of Man by the National Health Service and, in particular, the standard and quality of primary health care?
  
3. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Lowey) to ask the Chief Minister -
  - (1) Are you aware that the Isle of Man International Business School is planning developments for the estate of the Nunnery;
  - (2) has the Council of Ministers discussed this matter;
  - (3) will you or the Council submit views to the School; and/or
  - (4) do you agree that silence represents "a nil return"?

4. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (1) Does your Department intend to abolish the weekly issuing of green cheque payments to Government employees which currently permits the option of encashment at a Post Office counter; and
  - (2) if so, why?
5. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (1) What Government systems are now in place which will provide for the introduction of the Euro into the Island;
  - (2) how many banks are presently offering Euro Accounts;
  - (3) what discussions have taken place with the business sector with regard to the impact of the Euro;
  - (4) under what terms and conditions will the Island join the Euro;
  - (5) what information and education does the Government intend to make available to the public prior to the introduction of the Euro;
  - (6) will the Island be producing its own Euro notes and coinage for use on the Island;
  - (7) what will be the lead-in time for acceptance of the Euro; and
  - (8) what effect will the resulting inability of the United Kingdom to control its own interest rate have on the Island?
6. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -
- In the light of the UK national minimum wage increase will you be -
- (1) reviewing the Manx situation; and
  - (2) looking at ways of phasing in, over a period of time, a £5.00 per hour Isle of Man minimum wage?
7. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -
- Will you provide a lorry park on the land that it is in your ownership off Mill Road, Peel?

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

Does your Department intend to continue the payment of retirement pensions, allowances and benefits by weekly order at Post Office counters?

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

(1) Does your Department intend to abolish the issuing of pink cheque payments to social security beneficiaries in the future; and

(2) if so, why?

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

Has your Department formulated a Diabetes National Service Framework? If so, when is it to be introduced?

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

(1) Will you make a statement in relation to the cancellation of all local Isle of Man non-urgent admissions encompassing all elective admissions, day patient appointments and any other areas that may be cancelled, to the Island's General Hospital for the 2002 Isle of Man TT fortnight from 24<sup>th</sup> May to 8<sup>th</sup> June; and

(2) can you confirm or otherwise that this was mainly done for "the perception and added attention and publicity" as stated by your Hospitals Manager in the Isle of Man press on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2002?

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

What is the impact of cancelled operations for two weeks during the TT fortnight likely to be in terms of waiting list management and, importantly, for those people who have been waiting some considerable time and who may be suffering severe pain and discomfort?

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

What plans has your Health Division put in place to clear what could be a very substantial backlog of elective admissions and appointments to the Island's General Hospital as a result of the press announcement in the Manx Independent that all such appointments will be cancelled for the 2002 Isle of Man TT fortnight and to ensure that patient waiting lists do not become even longer as a result?

14. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Lowey) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

- (1) How much has been spent for each of the last three years on counselling for people before and after a termination of pregnancy;
- (2) how many individuals have been counselled;
- (3) does your Department deliver this service direct or does it "farm out" these services and, if so, to whom; and
- (4) are you satisfied with the services provided?

15. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

In the interest of public health, when do you intend to introduce legislation banning smoking in enclosed public places?

16. The Hon Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

- (1) What is the current timetable for implementation of the All-Island Strategic Plan and the Braddan Local Plan;
- (2) what is your Department's definition of 'Affordable Homes' and 'Local', particularly in relation to the Planning context, and what criteria have been considered; and
- (3) will your Department support those Local Authorities who wish to purchase land to provide adequate Public Sector Housing to meet the needs of their areas?

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

As part of your policy on waste is to reduce its production, will you propose a tax on plastic bottles as well as plastic bags?

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

Why has the resolution of June 2001 relating to air quality standards in Sections 89 and 90 of the Public Health Act 1990 not been complied with?

19. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- (1) When do you intend to inform the public of your preferred landfill site option for the bottom ash expected from the newly proposed incinerator; and
  - (2) what contingency do you hold should this site fail during the planning process?
20. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- Have you identified a safe disposal route for the fly ash expected from the newly proposed incinerator?
21. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- Do you intend to introduce a pilot 'kerb-side collection' of waste for recycling and/or composting?
22. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- Will your Department undertake to work with energy conservationists, light engineers, and the public to limit the amount of wasted light causing light pollution from unshielded lamp-posts, advertising hoardings and other public illumination?
23. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- (1) Has your Department developed an environmental package for the reinstatement of Peel Hill footpath; and
  - (2) if not, why not?
24. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- In the Court for Summary Prosecutions -
- (a) during the past year, how many cases have been dismissed on a technicality;

- (b) how many cases were wrongly dropped without any analysis of the reason for the decision;
  - (c) how much has been paid in court costs because the cases have been thrown out; and
  - (d) are you satisfied that the decision whether to prosecute or not and whether the evidence justifies a prosecution should be left to the police, or should it be left to lawyers who are entirely divorced from the evidence-gathering process?
25. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- (1) When will the Skerresdale/Ballaquine Bridge on the A4 be repaired; and
  - (2) what is the reason for the temporary weight restrictions not being renewed after 1<sup>st</sup> March 2002?
26. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- Are you aware of the considerable concern being expressed within the finance sector at the failure of British Airways to provide an adequate daily return service from the Isle of Man to Dublin?
27. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -
- In respect of your Department's foot and mouth prevention strategies -
- (a) have you completed the survey and costings of providing a public access corridor within the rural area of the TT Course; and
  - (b) if so, what is the cost and when will the scheme begin?
28. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -
- Why do you not have a future strategy for Summerland?
29. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -
- Are you proposing to hold a Mad Sunday Street Party as part of the TT Races Festival; and, if so -
- (a) where will this be held;

- (b) has consultation taken place with residents and hoteliers who may be affected by such; and
- (c) what was their view?
30. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -
- (1) Are the anticipated passenger arrivals for this year's TT Races favourable; and
- (2) if so, how do they compare with the years 2000 and 1999?
31. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -
- At what level does a candidate with a university degree enter the Civil Service?

### FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

32. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -
- Will the Government consider the early introduction of legislation to make it illegal for fax polling companies to "fax poll" within the Isle of Man?
33. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chief Minister -
- (1) What is your Government's current policy on fixing the general State retirement age for citizens to receive State retirement benefits;
- (2) what is this age; and
- (3) why?
34. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chief Minister -
- Is your Government in receipt of any hard factual evidence which would indicate that there will be an extraordinary increase above other years of visitor arrivals for the 2002 Isle of Man TT fortnight?

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

What current Government employment policies are in place, throughout all Government Departments and Statutory Boards and promoted in the private sector, which ensure the development and succession training of junior staff to enable them to progress their careers, keep updated and well-motivated, and have reasonable promotional aspirations?

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

- (1) Can you state the average approximate amount of time it takes for the granting of a work permit from application to permission, if appropriate, when that person receives a letter from the Work Permit Committee; and
- (2) can they, or their prospective employer, telephone the Secretary of the Committee for verbal information?

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

- (1) Have there been any times during the last 24 months where the Work Permits Committee has been unable to process applications for work permits; and
- (2) if so, how many times has that occurred in that period?

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

- (1) Can you explain briefly what the general process of applying for a work permit entails; and
- (2) does the Committee itself process every work permit, or are there circumstances where this can be done at an administrative level?

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

- (1) Can you indicate how the Isle of Man work permit system currently discriminates against some local staff as stated by you on a Manx Radio interview on the morning of 13<sup>th</sup> May 2002; and
- (2) how many times are you aware of this happening?

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

- (1) How many Isle of Man residents are currently on all planned elective admissions to the Island's General Hospital for all surgical and medical areas;
- (2) how many different waiting lists are there; and
- (3) into what medical and surgical categories do they break down?

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

Will all outpatient clinics be cancelled for the 2002 Isle of Man TT fortnight?

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

- (1) Can you confirm that your Department has completed its waiting list audit of Isle of Man residents waiting for a cardiac angiogram, or heart surgery, or related operations at the Cardio Thoracic Centre, Broad Green, and is this the only cardiac centre used by the Isle of Man Department of Health and Social Security; and
- (2) can you also confirm that it is a relatively simple exercise and say why it has taken your Department months since this issue was first raised to count a few names on a waiting list?

43. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

Are there any indicators from booking figures that your Department has access to, which indicate that there will be an extraordinary increase above other years in visitor arrivals for the 2002 Isle of Man TT fortnight?