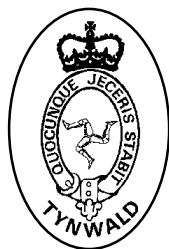


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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
21st January 2003
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Chief Minister -

Do you agree with the statement made in the Manx Independent of Friday, 13th December 2002 that "at the moment the legal framework does not allow for enforcement action against employers who knowingly employ illegal immigrants"?

2. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Chief Minister -

What is the number of entry visas issued by the British Government to students to attend educational courses in the Isle of Man during the following periods -

- (a) January 2000 to January 2001; and
- (b) January 2001 to January 2002?

3. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -

Is the Council of Ministers serious in the policy for the construction of a new prison; and, if so -

- (a) can you confirm that the Council of Ministers have instructed a Committee of the Chief Officers Working Group to investigate the current plans, site layout and costs of the new prison; and, if so -
 - (b) who are the members of this Committee and what are their professional qualifications that enable them to investigate the professionally prepared plans, site layout and costs of the new prison; and
 - (c) what is the rationale for this procedure when Tynwald has already approved the expenditure of £1,695,000 in respect of design fees etc for professionally qualified persons?
4. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Chief Minister -
What is Government policy on the local purchasing of agricultural products?
5. The Hon Member for Douglas South (Mr Duggan) to ask the Chief Minister -
- (1) How many cases of homeless persons have been reported each year since 1998; and
 - (2) what steps are being taken to assist those unfortunate people?
6. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Chief Minister -
What is the present outstanding monies due in fines raised by the various Departments of Government?
7. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Chief Minister -
What discretion has been used by Government Ministers to write off irrecoverable debts?
8. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Chief Minister -
Are Government Ministers aware of their prerogative for writing off outstanding debts?
9. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Chief Minister -
When utilities, such as electricity and gas, are cut off, what safeguards are in place to ensure that children under 16 are not suffering as a consequence?

10. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Chief Minister -
Who takes responsibility for children under 16 when evictions take place?
11. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask HM Attorney General -
Is there any legislation in place which prevents an advocate offering a client a “no win - no pay” method of payment?
12. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask HM Attorney General -
How many cases of infringement of the Work Permit regulations have been reported to your Chambers for possible prosecution?
13. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask HM Attorney General -
Can you confirm that the revised sentencing policy in respect of individuals convicted in the UK courts for burglary **will not** be imposed on those convicted for burglary in the Isle of Man?
14. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Lowey) to ask HM Attorney General -
 - (1) Is there an established table or tariff for disqualification for drivers of motor vehicles who are impaired by alcohol or drugs; and
 - (2) if so, is the table/tariff applicable in all courts, ie Magistrates, High Bailiff etc?
15. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
What initiatives can be offered by Government to assist private businesses and companies who are subject to spiralling increases in public liability and employers liability insurance premiums?
16. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -
 - (1) How many dentists (full-time equivalents) are employed by the Department of Health and Social Security at the NHS dental facility in Douglas;
 - (2) how many sessions are available weekly;
 - (3) how many different patients are seen (on average) each week; and
 - (4) what is the current waiting time for an appointment for non-urgent dental care?

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

What is the proposed increase in benefits to cover the higher charges for gas, waste disposal rates etc and to take into account the current inflation rate of 4%?

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

Are Manx people/Island residents who move away from the Island to work and then wish to return to the Public Services, especially nurses, eligible for relocation and removal expenses; and is there a minimum period of time before they qualify for these payments?

19. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

What is the intention of allocation with regard to the proposed building of 18 flats on land situated in Westmoreland Road, Douglas -

- (a) are they for purchase by first time buyers;
- (b) are they for lease or rent;
- (c) are a proportion intended for key-worker accommodation;
- (d) if (b) is intended in part or whole, who will decide the allocation; or
- (e) if (c) is intended, who or which Department will be accommodated?

20. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

- (1) Has your Department undertaken meaningful discussions with the Chamber of Commerce and other business representative groups with regard to the proposed £100 per ton waste disposal charge planned for introduction from 1st April 2003;
- (2) if so, when did such discussions take place;
- (3) how many meetings have been held; and
- (4) what was the business sector's response to such proposed charges?

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

Will your Department be taking legal action against those responsible for the recent oil pollution in Douglas Harbour?

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

As the proposed refuse disposal site may lead to an increase in 'fly tipping' and unauthorised tipping of materials upon land for which planning approval has not been granted -

- (a) what existing measures are in place within your Department to control such activities and do you consider them to be appropriate and effective; and
- (b) what additional resources will be deployed within your Department to ensure adequate enforcement of the relevant measures contained within existing legislation?

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

What is the estimated percentage increase in cost for disposing of waste from an average size household skip when the new rate of charges is introduced?

24. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Captain Douglas) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

- (1) When will the development plans for Malew and Santon be published; and
- (2) what will be the proposed time-scale for the implementation of the Malew and Santon Plan?

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

In respect of the IRIS Scheme -

- (a) what was the original completion date for the final phase of this scheme; and
- (b) has this date been revised?

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

What is your police force doing about the weekend nights when hundreds of youths are gathering in Noble's Park often resulting in violence and acts of vandalism?

27. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Earnshaw) to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry -

In the Isle of Man in the last three months -

- (a) what evidence has arisen of problems caused by foxes;
- (b) how many foxes have been sighted by the marksman employed; and
- (c) if any have been sighted, how many have been shot?

28. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry -

- (1) What financial support is available from your Department to farmers for the production of fruit and vegetables; and
- (2) what support is proposed for organic food production?

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

What proportion of school meals are sourced from locally produced foods?

30. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Gelling) to ask the Lord Bishop -

Are the latest directions of the Church of England Synod practised in all Church of England Churches in this Island in respect of -

- (a) marriage; and
- (b) baptism?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

31. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

What was the book value and market value respectively as at 31st December 2002 of the following reserve funds -

- (1) Manx National Insurance Account;
- (2) Reserve Fund;
- (3) Hospital Estate Development Fund;
- (4) Manx Currency Account;
- (5) Public Service Employees Pension Reserve; and
- (6) General Development Reserve?

32. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

Will the Treasury present a statement showing the book value respectively as at 31st December, 31st March, 30th June and 30th September of the following reserve funds -

- (1) Manx National Insurance Account;
- (2) Reserve Fund;
- (3) Hospital Estate Development Fund;
- (4) Manx Currency Account;
- (5) Public Service Employees Pension Reserve; and
- (6) General Development Reserve

to each January, April, July and October sittings of Tynwald?

33. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

What was the cost of the equities purchased by the Fund Managers of -

- (a) Manx National Insurance Account;
- (b) Reserve Fund;
- (c) Public Service Employees' Pension Reserve during the following months -

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| (1) April 2002 | (4) July 2002 | (7) October 2002 |
| (2) May 2002 | (5) August 2002 | (8) November 2002 |
| (3) June 2002 | (6) September 2002 | (9) December 2002? |

34. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

Will you confirm that in the Department's budget estimate for 2003/04 financial provision has been made for a Doctors' surgery at Kirk Michael to provide primary health care for Kirk Michael and the surrounding area?

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

During the last ten years how many local authority commissioners/ councillors have served a continuous term of -

- (a) 5+ years;
- (b) 4 to 5 years;
- (c) 3 to 4 years; and
- (d) less than 3 years?

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

Can you confirm that your Department is negotiating to purchase Ballakinnish Rose Nurseries and, if so -

- (a) for what purpose and at what price;
- (b) will you make a condition of the purchase price/relocation grant, that relocation is on Government owned land adjacent to the Jurby Industrial Estate; and
- (c) will you advise the proprietors of Ballakinnish Rose Nurseries that Jurby is in need of employment opportunities and that easy and speedy access to sea and air services (Douglas 35 minutes, Ronaldsway 40 minutes) for the export of roses in bulk cannot be considered a restricting factor?

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

- (1) Who are the current non-Tynwald members of the Planning Committee;
- (2) will you provide the following information in respect of the non-Tynwald members -
 - (a) date of appointment,
 - (b) date and place of birth,
 - (c) length of time resident in the Isle of Man,
 - (d) professional qualifications,
 - (e) current employment status; and
- (3) how were the above persons selected and do you intend to make further appointments to the Planning Committee during the next 12 months?

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

Is your Department serious about resolving the housing crisis and, if so -

- (a) will you immediately increase the provision of serviced plots at the former campsite at Jurby from the present ten plots to meet demand (25 applications);
- (b) when constructing the ten serviced plots will you simultaneously construct the three elderly persons bungalows instead of leaving the plots marked on the plan 'for future development'; and
- (c) will you make land available on the Jurby campsite to private developers in order to meet the demand of the first time buyers who paid deposits for housing at The Kella, Sulby, which you have stopped by refusing planning permission?

39. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

- (1) What arrangements are being made by the Manx Electricity Authority for a natural gas pipeline to branch from Glen Mooar, Kirk Michael to serve the north of the Island; and
- (2) how will the construction of this gas pipeline be funded?

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

- (1) What mechanism is available under the Redundancy Pay Act 1990 to calculate redundancy payments for employees and is there a minimum payment set, and, if so, what is it;
- (2) if there is, how many times has this figure been reviewed since the Act commenced and is it subject to yearly reviews; and
- (3) if there is a minimum payment set, is there any difference between this and the Isle of Man national average wage, and if so, what is the difference - more or less - and by how much?

41. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Captain Douglas) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

- (1) Is it common practice for the Manx Police Force to be privately hired by corporate bodies, local authorities or individuals; and
- (2) if so, on how many occasions has it happened in the year February 2002 to January 2003?

42. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry -

- (1) What level of financial support have farmers received from your Department over the last three years in each of the areas supported;
- (2) what was the average pay-out to farmers in each of the areas supported and what was the highest pay-out to farmers in each of the areas supported over the last three years; and
- (3) what size farms received most support?

43. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Waft) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -

How many clients is the Office of Fair Trading dealing with regarding their debt counselling services?