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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

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at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask Mr President -
 - (1) For what reason, and on what basis, have you sought, as President, to limit the number of questions to be taken by the Chief Minister at the head of the Tynwald Question Paper to only three; and
 - (2) why did you not undertake the widest and most open consultation before seeking to introduce such a draconian proposal to decimate the Chief Minister's monthly accountability to Tynwald?

2. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chief Minister -

What progress has your Government made in the last six months regarding a protocol between Government Departments and housing authorities to deal with tenants in arrears?

3. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -
- (1) What is the basis of the present package of support provided to persons coming to the Island to take up employment with the Government -
 - (a) who have never lived on the Island previously; and
 - (b) to former Isle of Man residents;
 - (2) are you satisfied that in relation to this package of support that the ongoing discrimination by your Government against former Manx residents who are offered employment within the Government and wish to return to the Island to live is justified;
 - (3) if so, can you explain how you justify this present policy; and
 - (4) will you, as a matter of urgency, review this policy with a view to ending the discrimination against former Isle of Man residents and report to Tynwald?

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

At the December 2002 sitting of Tynwald Court it was resolved:

“Further, that the Council of Ministers report on the issues raised in para 5.2a of the Select Committee Report by the July 2003 sitting of Tynwald Court.”, such issues having been raised by the Report of the Select Committee on the Petition for Redress of Grievance of Helen Margaret Hyde; are you ready to report?

5. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Speaker) to ask HM Attorney General -

- (1) Are you satisfied that it is an acceptable practice that persons interviewed and questioned by officers of the Health and Safety Inspectorate under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1977 in connection with any incident, whose evidence is then available for use in criminal proceedings, are doing so without being offered the opportunity to have any Legal and Union representation present at such interviews?
- (2) If you are satisfied that this is not an acceptable practice, will you advise the Department of Local Government and the Environment and the Health and Safety Inspectorate of this fact along with appropriate guidance, with a recommendation that any individual to be interviewed in relation to an incident should be notified of their rights prior to interview and, if they are requested or required to make a statement, that they are advised in written form by the Inspectorate, of their rights prior to making such a statement?

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

Have you received any files for consideration in respect of possible legal action from officers of the Cheshire Constabulary who are investigating matters relating to the conduct of Officers of the Isle of Man Constabulary?

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

- (1) Will you confirm that in your letter to Hon Members of 11th July 2003 with regard to the Mount Murray Report you stated that:

“A description of how the concept would work was included in a document produced by the developer titled ‘Notes of Presentation’. This document was presented to the Department of Tourism as his initial proposal and formed the basis for our (and, in particular, my own) understanding of the scheme as it progressed.”?

- (2) Will you state the date of the initial meeting on the proposal, where the meeting was held, who was present at it, whether minutes of this Government Department meeting were kept, and where they can now be found?

8. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

Is it Treasury’s view that increasing housing costs in the Isle of Man are a significant factor in increasing employment costs (wages and salaries) and does Treasury have any plans to introduce fiscal or legislative measures to control spiraling housing costs?

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

- (1) Has the introduction of the new charges for waste disposal resulted in a reduction in amounts being landfilled at the Government’s landfill site; and

- (2) can you provide figures showing the amounts deposited at the Government’s landfill site for the months of July, August and September 2003 and for the same months for the previous two years?

10. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- (1) What was the annual cost to Douglas ratepayers of maintaining Douglas Library in the years 2001, 2002 and 2003;
 - (2) how many paid-up members are there at present;
 - (3) how many of those members are Douglas residents;
 - (4) what was the cost of the refurbishment of the premises rented by Douglas Corporation for a Library in Victoria Street;
 - (5) what is the annual rent for those premises;
 - (6) what is the length of the lease; and
 - (7) what is the reason given for moving from the present Library?
11. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- Are you aware that a ratepayer of Douglas cannot see a copy of the Standing Orders that govern the meetings of Douglas Corporation or purchase a copy without first applying in writing to the Policy and Resources Committee of the Council?
12. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- (1) Have all monies due to the staff who were formerly employed by Douglas Corporation at the Villa Marina and who were subsequently transferred to Government employment at the time, been paid;
 - (2) what was the reason given for not paying these employees at the time of the transfer of ownership;
 - (3) at what date did they become Government employees;
 - (4) on whose advice was the decision taken not to pay the staff their dues;
 - (5) what has been the cost to date and estimated total cost to the Douglas Corporation of the legal and administration work in defending their decision not to pay their former staff their dues;
 - (6) if the settlement has been paid, was interest earned on the money before it was paid to the former staff as compensation; and
 - (7) as it has not been claimed by Douglas Corporation that their staff were not entitled to their dues, has compensation been offered with an apology for distress caused over this period?

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

(1) Why has your Department not implemented the 1993 Water Pollution Act; and

(2) what powers will implementation of the Act bring to your Department?

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

Can you confirm your policy on the collection of cardboard, paper, glass and metals from commercial premises for recycling?

15. The Hon Member for Glenfaba (Mr Anderson) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

What are your Department's plans for the storage of bottom ash between the energy from waste incinerator coming into operation and the construction of the proposed engineered landfill facility at Archallagan Plantation?

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

(1) What arrangements are in place, if any, for the disposal of any leachate arising from the proposed landfill facility at Archallagan, and will you indicate what discussions have taken place with the Department of Transport for the disposal off site of any leachate, and any agreement reached; and

(2) are you satisfied that the proposed facility represents the most cost effective arrangements and value for money to the Manx taxpayers?

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

To promote open democratic debate and with a view to ensuring value for money for ratepayers -

(a) will you provide to Tynwald average figures for waste collection services in areas outside of the Isle of Man which have similar population sizes and/or similar geographical spread; and

(b) will you explain to Tynwald what, if any, legislative process will be required for your Department to take over control of waste collection services in the Isle of Man?

18. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

(1) Do you accept the conclusion of the Commission of Inquiry into Mount Murray, on page 272 of its Part One Report, that the weaknesses and failures by Government in handling Mount Murray “continue in significant degree”; and

(2) that opinions that there was little wrong with the systems of Government, and that there was simply negligence or misconduct by some limited number of individuals, are “seriously misconceived”?

19. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

Since the Commission of Inquiry into Mount Murray’s part One Report has exposed the very serious deficiencies of the planning system, and has made detailed recommendations, why have you not made implementing these recommendations urgently, and in full, your top personal and political priority?

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

Will you bring all future applications for road closures (during business hours) of main arterial roads for sporting purposes, to this Court for approval?

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

Why did your Department allow the TT Course to be closed on two consecutive days for cycle racing?

22. The Hon Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Minister for Transport -

Since last making a statement to Tynwald, will you summarise the situation and events, relating to the Iris Project, along the Old Castletown Road between White Hoe and Oakhill, and give an indication as to when all of the problems may be overcome and the matter concluded?

23. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry -

When is your Forestry Division going to implement instructions and requests to have the lower part of the South Barrule Plantation, near Foxdale, which has been clear felled and has been in a disgraceful mess for two to three years, in an area of high landscape value, greened up and planted with wild flowers?

24. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry -

As your Department is the largest landowner in the Isle of Man, what effect has the non-implementation of the 1993 Water Pollution Act had on your support of the aims of the Manx Rivers Improvement Association and the recommendations of the Ballaskella Report?

25. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Earnshaw) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

Will you confirm that both your Department and also the organisers of the TT/MGP Races continue to be satisfied with the standard of marshalling at these events?

26. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

- (1) Are you aware of the present frequency of public transport servicing the new hospital;
- (2) are you aware of the public dissatisfaction with such frequency;
- (3) what do you propose to do to address such dissatisfaction; and
- (4) when will your Department be providing a bus shelter at the new hospital?

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

Are you satisfied with the current services offered by the Island's Prosthetics Clinic at the new hospital?

28. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security –
- What is the remit of the Board of Visitors responsible for external supervision of the Secure Unit?
29. The Hon Member of the Council (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security –
- What regulations are in force to ensure that –
- (a) staff employed by private nursing homes are sufficiently qualified to administer the medical treatment required by the patients; and
 - (b) the correct equipment is available and in sufficient quantities to correctly treat the patients in a private nursing home?
30. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –
- Is your Police Department closing Willaston Police Station?
31. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- (1) How many interviews were undertaken for the post of Chief Fire Officer;
 - (2) how many candidates were from off-Island;
 - (3) how many were from the Island; and
 - (4) of those interviewed, how many candidates hold positions within the Isle of Man Fire Service?
32. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -
- Given that –
- (1) on 3rd July 2003, the Council of Ministers declared its current position on the recommendations of the Commission of Inquiry into Mount Murray's Part One Report; but then
 - (2) on 15th July 2003, Tynwald, by Resolution, required the Council of Ministers to accept the need for change –
- why does the Council of Ministers' current paper fail meaningfully to change Council's position from that declared on 3rd July 2003, and does this failure not place the Council of Ministers fairly and squarely in breach of the Tynwald Resolution?

33. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -

Why will the Council of Ministers not implement Recommendation 22 of the Part One of the Commission of Inquiry into Mount Murray (to establish an Audit Commission)?

34. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -

Since companies can accrue cash rather than paying a larger dividend, which is taxable, and then buy back their own shares leaving the shareholder with a non-taxable capital gain on their shares, do you think that the ability for a company to buy back its own shares using accrued cash reserves should continue to be made exempt?

35. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -

I know of one case of a semi retired person whose £90,000 mortgage endowment is falling short by approximately £14,000 and the first inkling he had was seven months before maturity -

- (1) are you aware of the level of hardship in the Isle of Man being caused by the failure of endowment mortgages to repay fully; and
- (2) should there not be an obligation on the agents for these endowment companies in the Isle of Man to repay a large proportion of the commissions they received in these circumstances?

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

- (1) How many Chief Executives of Authorities, Commissions and Boards are on the Government pay roll;
- (2) in what areas is each employed;
- (3) in each instance, what is the current salary; and
- (4) what is the main rôle and functions of each post including any support to political Department members, and functions to interpret political policies down to actions on the ground?

37. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Captain Douglas) to ask the Chief Minister -

Would you please confirm that when a new Chief Constable is sworn in on taking up his appointment, who it is that he (the Chief Constable) swears his allegiance to?

38. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -

In each financial year since the year 1998/1999 to-date -

- (1) how many Government Capital works contracts have been awarded;
- (2) how many Government Capital works contracts have been awarded to Manx Construction Companies;
- (3) which Construction Companies have been awarded the above contracts;
- (4) what has been the total financial value of the contracts awarded;
- (5) have all such contracts been awarded to the lowest tenderer and, if not why not?

39. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -

Will you introduce at an early date a Bill to amend the Civil Service Act 1990 to provide that the Chief Minister is the Political Head of the Civil Service with the provision that the Chief Minister shall appoint a Member of Tynwald to be the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission, with the Chairman and the Civil Service Commission being directly answerable to the Chief Minister?

40. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -

- (1) Can you confirm what regular pro-active action is being taken by Government to ensure that persons residing in the Island who are required by law to have an Immigration Permit have such Permits;
- (2) can you confirm how many officers are actively and regularly working in the community to ensure compliance with the Immigration legislation; and
- (3) can you confirm how many persons have been identified in the last twelve months who have been residing in the Island without an Immigration Permit and what action was taken?

41. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Speaker) to ask HM Attorney General -

- (1) Can you confirm what, if any, statutory requirements and/or written guidance is issued by the Home Office to the United Kingdom Fire Authorities, or is applied by the Fire Authorities, in relation to the requirement for the fitting of automatic closures on all internal doors within individual flats within Elderly Persons Complexes and can you confirm that the same applies within the Island;
- (2) if such requirements apply within the Island can you advise under what statutory provisions they are applied; and
- (3) if automatic closures are required by the Fire Authority to be fitted on all internal doors within individual flats in such Complexes, can you confirm that this also applies to WCs and bathrooms, and is there a procedure for making exemptions where doors fitted with automatic closures are potentially a danger to an elderly person living within the flat and, if so, what is it and can an exemption be applied covering all the flats affected?

42. The Hon Member for Castletown, (Mr Speaker) to ask HM Attorney General -

- (1) Can you confirm that the use of the name by the Isle of Man Post Office of 'Isle of Man Post' as its trading name is fully compliant with the requirements of the Isle of Man Post Office Act 1993; and
- (2) can you confirm that the use of the trading name 'Isle of Man Post' by the Isle of Man Post Office is legal and can be used in all legal documents?

43. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Earnshaw) to ask HM Attorney General -

Would you explain the reasons for the postponements/delays in the trial of the defendant accused of the "Leece Lodge" murders and detail the costs the public purse will have to bear for these delays?

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

- (1) What were the book values and market values respectively as at - 30th April 2002; 30th September 2002; and 30th September 2003 of the following reserve funds -
 - (a) Manx National Insurance Account,
 - (b) Reserve Fund,
 - (c) Hospital Estate Development Fund,
 - (d) Manx Currency Account,
 - (e) Public Service Employees Pension Reserve,
 - (f) General Development Reserve;
- (2) what was the investment income received on each of the above accounts during the financial year 2001-2002 and financial year 2002-2003; and
- (3) for what purpose was the investment income on each of the above accounts in each of the financial years used?

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

- (1) Can you confirm that BMG Research of Birmingham have been engaged to carry out a survey of the current use and proposed use of E-Commerce within the Isle of Man business sector and, if so -
 - (a) what is the cost of using BMG Research; and
 - (b) were BMG Research chosen by tender and, if so, were any Isle of Man companies on the tender list and, if not, why not?
- (2) Have the Treasury carried out a survey of the current use and proposed use of E-Commerce within Government and if not, why not?
- (3) Will the Treasury publish the results of the survey both in the business sector and within Government?

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

In each financial year since 1998 to-date, what has been the total direct grant assistance that has been provided by your Department to -

- (a) 'Douglas 2000'; and
- (b) the 'Douglas Development Partnership'?

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

Will your Department initiate discussions with each Town and Village Local Authority and Local Traders Organisations outside of Douglas with a view to introducing a scheme to enable your Department to provide direct financial grant support to benefit each individual Town and Village centre, on a similar basis as is provided annually by your Department to the Douglas Development Partnership, with the aim of implementing such a scheme in the financial year 2004/2005?

48. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Earnshaw) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

What impact have the recent increase in charges had on -

- (a) waste arising at -
 - (i) the Government's landfill sites at Bride,
 - (ii) the Island's four civic amenity sites,
 - (iii) waste recycling points (bottle banks etc) located around the Island; and
- (b) recorded fly tipping?

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

- (1) In the financial years 2000/2001, 2001/2002 and 2002/2003 to date, what has been the total expenditure by your Department in relation to grant assistance given to individual owners of properties located in the conservation areas within -
 - (a) Douglas (North Quay);
 - (b) Douglas (Promenades);
 - (c) Ramsey;
 - (d) Peel;
 - (e) Castletown;
 - (f) Onchan;
 - (g) Laxey;
 - (h) Maughold;
 - (i) Colby; and
 - (j) Silverdale;
- (2) Can you advise what direct action your Department takes to promote, encourage and assist the owners of properties located within the conservation areas to undertake works to improve their properties;
- (3) what is the normal maximum grant assistance available both in financial and percentage terms, to property owners under the grants scheme for properties within conservation areas;
- (4) can you confirm that there is provision within the scheme to enable the Minister to increase the grant assistance above that specified as the norm within the scheme; and, if so
- (5) what is the maximum total grant, both in financial and percentage terms, that the Minister can authorise?

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

- (1) (a) What was the total amount of rent outstanding for each housing authority, including the Department of Local Government and the Environment, as at 6th October 2003; and
- (b) what were the rent arrears as a percentage of the total weekly rent income of the housing authorities and the Department of Local Government and the Environment as at 6th October 2003?
- (2) Will you confirm the number of tenants who owe more than £100.00, £200.00, £300.00, £400.00 and then the specific amounts for unnamed tenants, in excess of these amounts, in relation to each housing authority and the Department of Local Government and the Environment?

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

What is the current revised total overall cost for Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4 for the proposed landfill facility at Archallagan, including restoration of the area, taking into account, recommendations and implications following on from the Inquiry and the Inspector's Report?

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

Earlier this summer you explained through the press that Government has identified £80M over five years to help alleviate the Manx housing crisis. With a view to clarifying the Government's undoubted commitment in this area –

- (a) will you explain to Tynwald how much of this money was spent in the last financial year and how much will be spent in this financial year;
- (b) will you confirm that your Department remains committed to a substantial new build of public sector housing; and
- (c) can you confirm how many Department of Local Government and the Environment assisted new build first time buyer and public sector homes were completed in the last financial year, and are expected to be completed in this financial year?

53. The Hon Member for Glenfaba (Mr Anderson) to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry -

- (1) How many animals have been imported under licence since the lifting of the Foot and Mouth restrictions and in what categories;
- (2) how many importation licences did this involve;
- (3) how many were met at the point of arrival; and
- (4) can you supply a breakdown in monthly figures of (1)?

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

What have you done to address the concerns raised in the July Tynwald in relation to the disclosures made by Mr Henderson that a contractor, who is to be used by your Department to manage the new Summerland project (Henry Boot), sold its property section off, which had to have several new houses demolished because of poor workmanship, and are you satisfied with their supervisory capability?

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

When will your Department be providing adequate car parking space at the new Noble's Hospital for visiting and attending members of the public?

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

What provision is in place at the new Noble's Hospital to accommodate parking for the disabled, pick-up/drop-off areas for the disabled outside the main entrance, and if there are any disabled car parking spaces, how far away in metres are they from the main entrance to the hospital?

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

How many private nursing homes are there in the Isle of Man? Please list them and indicate how many -

- (a) announced; and
- (b) unannounced visits were made to each of these premises in the last three years to August 2003?

58. The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Quine) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

- (1) How many persons received dental treatment under the Island's National Health Service during the years 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 (January to June inclusive) and what was the cost to –
 - (a) Government; and
 - (b) patientsfor each period;
- (2) in respect of these persons, what were the numbers treated by –
 - (a) hospital based dental specialists;
 - (b) school dentists;
 - (c) dentists based in regional clinics directly employed by your Department; and
 - (d) dentists under the National Health Service contract; and
- (3) what adjustments were made to dentists' remuneration levels for each of the four categories at (2) during 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 (January to June inclusive)?

59. The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Quine) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

- (1) Can you confirm that an inquiry into the School Dental Service was carried out by a Chief Dental Officer from Northern Ireland in 1997/1998;
- (2) can you confirm that 14 recommendations were made by this officer;
- (3) if any of the recommendations made were not accepted, which were they and for what reason were they not accepted;
- (4) in respect of those recommendations accepted by your Department, what action has been taken;
- (5) has an Isle of Man Oral Health Strategy, including specification of the School Dental Service, been formulated and published; and
- (6) if it has, when was it published and is the document available to the public?

60. The Hon Member for Douglas South (Mr Duggan) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security –

- (1) What steps does your Department take to ensure that staff and patients are checked for MRSA;
- (2) how many cases have there been to date over the last twelve months; and
- (3) has any case been reported in the new Noble's Hospital?

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

With regard to an investigation into the conduct of Police Officers by Officers of the Cheshire Constabulary –

- (1) Please specify purpose of visitations, ie matters under investigation;
- (2) please specify frequency of visits detailing the number of Officers and their respective ranks;
- (3) what were the costs of air travel, hotel accommodation and charges for their respective professional services;
- (4) what venue was used as an appropriate base on the Island and its cost (if any);
- (5) have the costs been budgeted for and, if so, from what budget;
- (6) has a cost benefit estimate been drawn up with regard to the cost in relation to transparency weighted in relation to severity of alleged disciplinary offence(s);
- (7) how many separate cases are under investigation; and
- (8) who authorized this investigation and were you satisfied that sufficient *prima facie* evidence existed to warrant such an inquiry?

62. The Hon Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

- (1) How many members are there of the Isle of Man Constabulary in 2003 compared to 1983;

- (2) how does the current day figure relate as a percentage of the population when compared to England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Jersey and Guernsey; and
 - (3) when do you envisage employing extra support staff to assist the Isle of Man Constabulary?
63. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -
- Since the financial year 1998/1999 to-date –
- (a) how many apprentices have been employed by Manx Construction Companies;
 - (b) which Companies have employed apprentices;
 - (c) what has been the direct total Government financial assistance to such Companies in relation to the employment of apprentices; and
 - (d) what direct financial assistance is available to Manx Construction Companies who employ an apprentice?
64. The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Quine) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -
- (1) What is the estimated net cost to Government to date of legislative, regulatory and other measures taken to establish online gambling on the Island;
 - (2) what is the estimated net cost of maintaining such legislative, regulatory and other measures over each of the next three financial years;
 - (3) do you agree with the view that to address the current lack of interest in online gambling, as evidenced by the departure of all five Island-based operatives, regulatory standards will need to be relaxed including elements of the anti-money laundering code;
 - (4) has your Department appointed an “e-gaming ambassador”, and, if so,
 - (a) what is his brief; and
 - (b) what is the cost of this officer to your Department?

65. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

- (1) Can you confirm what regular pro-active action is being taken by your Department to ensure that persons residing in the Island and who are working full-time or part-time and who are required by law to have a Work Permit have such Permits;
- (2) can you confirm how many officers of your Department are actively and regularly working in the community to ensure compliance with the Work Permit legislation; and
- (3) can you confirm how many persons have been identified in the last twelve months who have been working without a Work Permit and what action was taken?

66. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -

What was the annual salary of the following Chief Officers on 1st October 2000; 1st October 2001; 1st October 2002; 1st October 2003 –

- (a) Chief Secretary;
- (b) Chief Financial Officer, the Treasury;
- (c) Chief Executive, Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry;
- (d) Chief Executive, Department of Health and Social Security;
- (e) Director of Education;
- (f) Chief Executive, Department of Home Affairs;
- (g) Chief Executive, Department of Local Government and the Environment;
- (h) Chief Executive, Department of Tourism and Leisure;
- (i) Chief Executive, Department of Trade and Industry;
- (j) Chief Executive, Department of Transport; and
- (k) Secretary, Civil Service Commission and Whitley Council?

67. The Hon Member for Douglas South (Mr Duggan) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office -

What is the average amount of missing post each year -

- (1) letters;
- (2) parcels; and
- (3) what steps are taken to investigate lost mail?