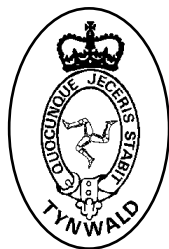


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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
21st June 2005
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -
Have you had the private papers removed from your office by the Cheshire Constabulary, returned to you?

2. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -
Did you specifically authorise the Chief Secretary to hand over to the Cheshire Constabulary the private papers entrusted to you by Mr J Houghton MHK?

3. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -
 - (1) Are you aware who released the information regarding the private papers, entrusted to you by Mr J Houghton MHK, either personally or through a third party to the Isle of Man Constabulary and/or the Cheshire Constabulary;
 - (2) if the information was released by a Minister who had contravened the Council of Ministers Act section 6(2) and broken Council of Ministers' confidentiality, what action are you taking;
 - (3) if the information was disclosed by a civil servant in your office or the Chief Secretary's office, what action are you taking; and
 - (4) did you yourself release the information to the Police?

4. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Lowey, to ask the Chief Minister -
 - (1) How many meetings of the MEA (or its companies) has the former Chief Executive (Mr Proffitt) attended since his retirement in January 2005;
 - (2) is he a consultant to the MEA or its companies, and, if so, do you approve of this arrangement;
 - (3) what fees or financial arrangements, if any, has he received; and
 - (4) is it a common or regular practice for former Chief Executives to attend meetings at their former employment?

5. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask HM Attorney General -
 - (1) What were the reasons for the length of time it took to bring about the prosecution of the owner of the Solway Harvester;
 - (2) who took the decision to prosecute; and
 - (3) who advised that a prosecution could succeed if our legislation is deficient in this area?

6. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask HM Attorney General -
 - (1) Does your Chambers give oral advice;
 - (2) if so, is that advice documented and then followed up in writing; and
 - (3) if not, why not?

7. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask HM Attorney General -
 - (1) May any person other than a Traffic Warden and a Constable (in uniform) issue fixed penalty notices in respect of vehicles which may be parked contrary to road traffic regulations; and
 - (2) has an offence been disclosed under any part of the Road Traffic Act, if persons other than Constables (in uniform) and Traffic Wardens -
 - (a) find a vehicle unlawfully parked; or
 - (b) cause a moving vehicle to stop and interview its driver?

8. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask HM Attorney General -

- (1) Did the Chief Secretary seek your advice prior to the release of a sealed envelope of documents given to the Chief Minister in confidence, to Officers of the Cheshire Constabulary; and, if so
- (2) what advice did you provide?

9. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Lowey, to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

- (1) Will you now make public the minutes of the meetings of the MEA and Treasury for 2004;
- (2) have you records of the MEA and the banking/finance companies for the same year, and will these be made public now;
- (3) what steps have been taken since November 2004, by the Treasury, to ensure that they have had notification of any planned substantial expenditure by the MEA, notwithstanding the PFK Inquiry; and
- (4) is Treasury completely satisfied that the MEA has rid itself of its "secret and unaccountable" regime as actively practiced over the past few years?

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

Will you continue to pursue all outstanding unpaid fines issued by those persons not lawfully authorised to issue fixed penalty notices in those years up to 25th March 2005?

11. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for the Treasury-

What is the future outlook for the Manx Cable Company and other subsidiary companies of the Manx Electricity Authority?

12. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (1) Are you in a position to explain how much money will need to be spent from the "public purse" to bail out the Manx Electricity Authority's financial deficit;
 - (2) if not, can you confirm that Tynwald will be informed before the summer recess of any proposed Treasury financial rescue package for the Manx Electricity Authority;
 - (3) do you appreciate the growing concern felt by the public and Members of Tynwald with regard to the continuing delay in bringing forward information on the scale of the Manx Electricity Authority's problems; and
 - (4) do you appreciate the growing concern felt by the public and Members of Tynwald with regard to the continuing delay in Government producing a fully considered plan to deal with the problem?
13. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (1) Do you know how much it will cost for the demolition of the redundant chimney at the new power station;
 - (2) will the Manx Electricity Authority consumers be paying directly through their electricity bills for this demolition or will the taxpayer ultimately be footing the bill; and
 - (3) what were the pressing operational reasons for the demolition at a time when the Manx Electricity Authority's financial security is far from certain?
14. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gawne) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (1) How much is the Manx Electricity Authority currently spending on advertising and promotion;
 - (2) what other sources of electricity do the Manx public have available to them;
 - (3) is it appropriate for a financially insecure public authority to be spending "public" money to promote its electrical goods showrooms in direct competition with the private sector; and
 - (4) do the current Manx Electricity Authority showrooms' promotional campaigns - "buy now pay later" and "interest-free credit" - tell us anything about other aspects of the Manx Electricity Authority's financial operation?

15. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Singer, to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

What credence do you give to the ability of the British Nuclear Group to run Sellafield safely in view of the recent highly radioactive leak at the THORP Plant?

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

Are there any extra costs regarding the Incinerator, and, if so, where is that finance to be sourced?

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

Will you continue with legislation for a new 4 plus 1 local authority structure if you only narrowly win support of Keys Members for this divisive policy?

18. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Singer, to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

- (1) What was the deficit in the public bus service during the last financial year;
- (2) what were the income and expenditure figures;
- (3) do you find these figures acceptable; and, if not
- (4) what steps are you taking to ensure the service becomes more efficient and attracts a larger number of passengers?

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

How do visitor numbers compare for this year's TT period compared to previous years?

20. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Singer, to ask the Minister for Transport -

What percentage of passenger flights arriving to and departing from the Isle of Man have been on time for the last three months for the following airlines -

- (a) British Airways City Express;
- (b) Euromanx; and
- (c) Emerald Airways?

21. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Transport -
What is the latest update on the IRIS Scheme?
22. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Singer, to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -
- (1) Are you aware of the World Health Organisation warnings about the dangers of the intake of Mercury by the human body and the warnings about the dangers caused by Mercury amalgam fillings;
 - (2) if so, is your Department aware of Mercury levels in the bodies of children and adults in the Isle of Man; and
 - (3) what steps is your Department taking to reduce Mercury levels and give advice to the public?
23. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -
In view of the "Coughlan" case in the United Kingdom -
- (a) what moves have been made by your Department over my motion on the funding of nursing and residential homes costs; and
 - (b) allowing for my motion of April 2004, what suitable schemes are to be introduced to resolve the issue for future generations?
24. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
As Minister responsible for the Police, do you have any knowledge or suspicion who informed the Isle of Man Constabulary and/or the Cheshire Constabulary of the private papers in the possession of the Chief Minister?
25. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
Are you satisfied that you, your Department, the Cheshire Constabulary and the IOM Constabulary have acted in an open, honest and orthodox manner in connection with recent enquiries into complaints of a disciplinary nature against Manx Police Officers?

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

Why has your Department refused to refund fixed penalty fines issued unlawfully by persons other than Traffic Wardens and Police Officers during the years up to 25th March 2005?

27. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

- (1) What was the legal advice provided to you with regard to the decision not to refund parking fines believed to have been issued illegally;
- (2) who provided this advice; and
- (3) how many applications for refunds were received?

28. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading -

Does the cost differ for delivery of gas to the Manx consumer compared to delivery of gas to the Irish consumer, and, if so, why?

29. The Hon Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Standards and Members' Interests (Mr Speaker) -

Will your Committee consider and report on the question whether, and if so in what circumstances, it is a breach of privilege or a contempt of Tynwald for correspondence between Members concerning a constituent's affairs to be disclosed without the express or implied consent of the writer?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

30. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask Mr President -

What inclement weather arrangements are in place for the Tynwald Garden Party to be held at the Nunnery?

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

Will you disclose the relevant minutes of meetings of the Council of Ministers whereby the Officer under investigation by Cheshire Constabulary was discussed?

32. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Chief Minister -
- (1) What reason was given by Cheshire Police for the need to secure possession of documents held in your safe;
 - (2) what documents were taken; and
 - (3) was a receipt issued upon possession of documents by Cheshire Police Officers?
33. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask HM Attorney General -
- (1) What is the definition of “legal privilege”; and
 - (2) do you consider that “parliamentary privilege” compares with “legal privilege” when a Member of Tynwald or an advocate holds confidential information in relation to a person he is representing?
34. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask HM Attorney General -
- (1) Have you advised anyone in connection with any disciplinary inquiry undertaken by Cheshire Constabulary over the last two years; and
 - (2) if so, who, and what advice was given?
35. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask HM Attorney General -
- With regard to the action of Cheshire Constabulary -
- (a) were you made aware at any time during the lead up to the visitation to the Chief Secretary’s Office of their intention to seize papers from that Office;
 - (b) should they have obtained a warrant or court order; and
 - (c) what advice have you given to the Cheshire Constabulary in connection with this inquiry?

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

Has the Department of Home Affairs consulted with you on any matter in connection with any investigation by the Cheshire Constabulary, if so -

- (a) on which matters; and
- (b) what advice did you give?

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

Has the Isle of Man Chief Constable, or any other Officer, sought advice on any matter regarding the inquiry being undertaken by the Cheshire Constabulary, if so -

- (a) on how many occasions; and
- (b) what advice did you give?

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

Will you provide the following information in relation to all the Public Sector Units within the Island, relevant as at 31st March 2005 -

- (a) what is the total number of Public Sector Units;
- (b) what is the estimated total capital value;
- (c) what is the total annual subsidy (deficiency) provided by Government;
- (d) what is the average total annual subsidy (deficiency) per Unit;
- (e) what is the annual total amount of rent income received;
- (f) as a percentage of the total capital value of the Units, what is the annual total amount of expenditure actually expended on the maintenance and refurbishment of all Public Sector Units?

39. The Hon Member for Ayre (Mr Teare) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

- (1) What was the annual rent roll of your Department's Public Sector Housing as at 31st March 2005; and
- (2) as at the same date, how much was outstanding in rent arrears?

40. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mrs Craine) to ask the Chairman of Manx National Heritage (Mr Speaker) -

What are the numbers of paying visitors and the total entrance receipts for the financial year 5th April 2004 to 5th April 2005 for the following attractions -

- (a) Castle Rushen;
- (b) Cregneash Village Folk Museum;
- (c) Laxey Wheel;
- (d) House of Manannan;
- (e) Nautical Museum;
- (f) Old Grammar School;
- (g) Old House of Keys;
- (h) Peel Castle; and
- (i) Rushen Abbey?