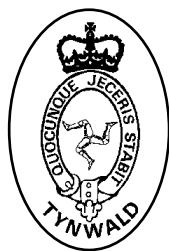


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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
17th January 2006
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -
Which Department or agency of Government is charged directly to investigate and report on the MEA saga, leading up to and including the reporting of the affairs publicly?

2. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Delaney) to ask the Chief Minister -
 - (1) In the last two calendar years 2004 and 2005, how many persons resided or remained in the Island without leave to enter;
 - (2) how many of these persons were working without work permits; and
 - (3) how many prosecutions were brought against the employers who employed them?

3. The Hon Member for Castletown (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -
As it is a requirement that all Members of Tynwald declare all their interests as set out in the Register of Members' Interests Rules 2003 and 2005, will you consider introducing at an early date enabling legislation to provide for the appointment of a Registrar and for the making of statutory regulations so as to require all appointed lay persons and elected persons (other than Members of Tynwald) who are appointed to Government Departments, Executive Government Committees, Statutory Boards, Statutory Committees, the Board of Education, Local Authorities and any other appropriate public bodies to register their interests in line with the criteria which apply to Members of Tynwald and provide for the Register to be publicly available for inspection free of charge during normal office hours?

4. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -
- (1) On what date and by whom was the Department of Constitutional Affairs informed of the Resolution of Tynwald that requested the title of Lieutenant Governor be changed to Crown Commissioner; and
 - (2) has a reply been received from the Department of Constitutional Affairs?

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

Given your answer to me in December 2005 Tynwald which suggested 330 people were being paid below the national minimum wage, what have you done to rectify the situation and have you informed the relevant authorities?

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

- (1) Is the Treasury aware of the Irish Government's legislation dealing with non-active bank accounts and will the Treasury investigate the introduction of such legislation into Manx law; and
- (2) what are the views of the Treasury regarding the legislation and can it be adapted to Manx law?

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

Will the Treasury investigate the possibility of introducing a levy on property which is not going to be used on an owner/occupier basis in order to increase resources, by introducing a levy on holiday homes, second homes and investment properties on the Island?

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

Has the Treasury made contingency plans for -

- (a) the reclaim of £50M from Barclays Bank in respect of the loan to the Manx Cable Company etc in the event of that being judged illegal;
- (b) the re-payment of £70M to Barclays Bank in respect of the loan to the Manx Cable Company etc in the event of that being judged legal; and
- (c) the estimated legal costs incurred in (a) and (b)?

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

(1) Has the Treasury been informed by its legal advisers of the proposed date of commencement of proceedings in respect of the legality of the £120M loan from Barclays Bank to the Manx Cable Company etc; and

(2) has the Treasury received the latest estimate of all legal costs, including Appeals, in respect of the court case on the legality of the £120M loan?

10. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask HM Attorney General -

Will the forthcoming court proceedings to determine the legality of the £120M loan to Barclays Bank to the Manx Cable Company etc have any restraining effect in terms of *sub judice*, or otherwise, on the work of the Select Committee of Tynwald investigating the Manx Electricity Authority?

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

(1) How much revenue will be raised annually by the £5.00 supplement added to car licence fees; and

(2) how will this revenue be spent?

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

What proposals do you have for securing the Chester Street Car Park building at night?

13. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

Where permission is given to persons or companies to carry out alterations to new developments that have been passed, but do not adhere to the original submitted plans, what steps are taken to protect owners of neighbouring properties who may not have objected to the original plans?

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

Would you provide the Court with an update of how often the inspectors in your Department visit the Crescent Leisure Centre, which is a registered building, to check that it does not fall into a state of disrepair which may result in demolition?

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

- (1) Where do you intend making savings within your Department; and
- (2) will this mean a cut in services, medical supplies or medicines?

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

Following the recent tragic death of a teenager in one of your contract care homes, what measures has your Department taken, apart from an inquiry, and will you consider suspending the services of that organisation until the findings of the inquiry?

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

- (1) What steps has your Department taken to resolve the blatant injustice of UK pensioners who come to live in the Isle of Man, getting the same UK heating allowance that the UK would provide to them if they went to a part of the European Union; and
- (2) when are you going to ask the UK MP, Isle of Man Group, to raise this issue to fight for these pensioners?

18. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Lowey, to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry -

- (1) When will your Department give the costs of fencing at Langness;
- (2) how does your Department relate the length of time taken, to date, to answer questions passed to it, when time given in Government guidelines indicates ten working days; and
- (3) is this satisfactory?

19. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Select Committee on Scrutiny and the Public Accounts Committee (Mr Speaker) -

When does your Committee expect to report to Tynwald?

20. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Lowey, to ask the Chief Minister -

- (1) What practical steps has your Government taken to resolve the ongoing footpath saga at Langness;

- (2) is it still the policy of this Government to have a public footpath around the coast of the Island;
 - (3) is the notice displayed at Langness an official notice of the Government, Departments or agencies;
 - (4) does this notice replace any previous agreement for this area, if so, what agreement; and
 - (5) will you and the Government keep the public informed of any formal or informal meetings with the owners and various groups?
21. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Lowey, to ask the Chief Minister -
- (1) What is the current position of the Glashen/Crossack proposed development approved by Tynwald in November 2005;
 - (2) what joint meetings between the various departments of Government took place, prior to the November 2005 Tynwald resolution on this project;
 - (3) are any other changes to the announced plans in November to be made; and,
 - (4) if so, what are the changes to date and reasons for them?
22. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -
- (1) Can you explain what has happened with regard to Item 6 in November 2005 Tynwald regarding land transactions at Crossag Farm, Ballasalla; and
 - (2) will you return to Tynwald for approval of an amendment?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

23. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Corkill) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- (1) Who owns and controls the internet "im" domain name;
 - (2) who sits on the committee which authorises trading names using the "im" domain and how are the members appointed;
 - (3) are you content that approvals are granted quickly, without any commercial bias;
 - (4) what criteria and policies are in place to uphold the reputation of the Isle of Man and by whom are they determined; and
 - (5) should the Companies Registry be considered as the necessary body to regulate "im" domain names?

24. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
- What is the full cost (including all fees and expenses) of the Interim Report of the Boundary Review Committee dated 19th December 2005?
25. The Hon Member for Douglas South (Mr Duggan) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- Has your Department any intention at all to re-open the Marine Drive?
26. The Hon Member for Douglas South (Mr Duggan) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- (1) Does the Island's new incinerator plant fully comply with all conditions relating to emissions;
 - (2) how many hours does it operate each week; and
 - (3) does it operate at night?
27. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Corkill) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -
- (1) What is the situation for Isle of Man residents who have applied for and received European Health Insurance Cards (EHIC) which have replaced E111 forms which were not available or of value to Isle of Man residents;
 - (2) are Isle of Man residents in possession of EHIC cards (by online application at www.dh.gov.uk) entitled to State provided healthcare within EEA countries and Switzerland;
 - (3) do residents of the EEA and Switzerland have access to Isle of Man Health Services when visiting the Island;
 - (4) will you promote the benefits, if any, of EHIC to Isle of Man residents and encourage them to apply online;
 - (5) are you aware that insurers offering travel health policies to Isle of Man residents sometimes insist that policyholders possess an EHIC; and
 - (6) does your Department provide an up to date guidance information leaflet on health insurance for Isle of Man residents travelling abroad?