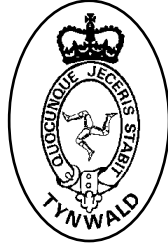


# TYNWALD

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# QUESTION PAPER

## Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS  
25<sup>th</sup> April 2006  
at 10.30 am

### FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -
  - (1) Do you consider it appropriate for senior Civil Servants to promote through the media contentious Departmental political policies rather than the Minister and the Department's Political Members; and
  - (2) are you aware that during your administration the Civil Service has become more politicised than previously?
2. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -
  - (1) What is the up-to-date position over the Manx Electricity Authority court case; and
  - (2) what action has been taken in the last six months?
3. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -
  - (1) As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 have the necessary papers been filed at the General Registry for proceedings to commence in respect of the legality of the £120M loans from Barclays Bank to the Manx Cable Company and onward transfer to the Manx Electricity Authority; and
  - (2) as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 what are the total actual or estimated legal costs (inclusive of all fees and charges) in respect of the above?

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

Can you confirm that, under certain circumstances, that where a woman is entitled to the Widows Pension prior to 2001, and to the revised scheme payments Widowed Parents Allowance and Bereavement Allowance, these benefits can be subject to income tax deductions, or be classed as taxable income in any calculation?

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

When can we expect the accounts for the Manx Electricity Authority for 2003/04, 2004/05 and 2005/06?

6. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Singer, to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

Are you satisfied with the level of Orthodontic service offered to children?

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

(1) what advice or comfort can you give to residents of the Isle of Man who have pre-existing medical conditions and who wish to travel to EEA countries, but for whom medical insurance is difficult, costly or not obtainable; and

(2) will you seek to negotiate with the appropriate authorities so as to put them on the same footing as their UK and EEA counterparts who enjoy the right to automatic European Health Insurance Cards?

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

Does your Department have a policy to encourage young persons into the fishing industry?

9. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Education -

(1) will you confirm that not all schools and educational establishments on the Isle of Man that claim to be educational are under your Department; and

(2) where schools that claim to be giving educational training and seek benefits will you take steps to ensure that they will be inspected including their curriculum?

10. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Education -

With regard to the new requirements for taking British Citizenship in the Isle of Man, will you give an undertaking that the cost of administering the language and citizenship course at the Isle of Man College will be recovered by your Department charging fees that cover the total cost?

11. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Education -

Is your Department continuing to have negotiations with Heritage Homes Limited (Dandara) for the sale of the playing field at Kirk Michael Primary School?

12. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Corkill) to ask the Minister for Education -

(1) What is your Department's policy regarding students at the Queen Elizabeth II Secondary School who wish to study Physics and Chemistry in parallel to 'A' Level; and

(2) does your Department recognise the importance of these subjects together for students wishing to pursue Engineering and Vocational Science degree courses at University and is it fair that they have to change school to achieve such goals?

13. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

How many Police Officers make up the traffic component of the Isle of Man Police Force?

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

Will you discuss etc the results of the investigation into the Chief Constable by Hampshire Constabulary to those respective complainants?

15. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Delaney) to ask the Minister for Transport -

In relation to an Isle of Man speed limit -

- (a) what was decided and when;
- (b) what is the expected cost of the campaign to encourage the Manx people to vote for an all-Island speed limit; and
- (c) when do you intend to place this before Tynwald for approval, before or after the referendum?

16. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- (1) Is it your intention that your Department's consultation processes should be genuinely transparent, free from prejudice and fair; and
  - (2) do you endeavour to reflect such aspirations in practice?
17. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- (1) What assessment criteria do you intend using to decide the outcome of your so-called "consultation" process about the national speed limit; and
  - (2) will you make these available in full to the public you are "consulting" with?
18. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- (1) Who authorised the series of media notices about the national speed limit "consultation" process;
  - (2) how much did this campaign cost in total;
  - (3) who decided upon the wording of the notices; and
  - (4) which political Member authorised such wording on behalf of your Department?
19. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- Do you accept that the tone of your media notices -
- "My life is empty without her", "The car crash changed my life forever", "I'm going to spend the rest of my life in a wheelchair", "Shouldn't we be talking about a national speed limit?"
- is emotive, leading and prejudicial?
20. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- Do you accept that your recent series of notices in the media on a national speed limit has fundamentally undermined any perception of transparency or fairness in your Department's ability or willingness to engage in a genuine consultation process?

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

Where does it state in the Road Traffic Act 1985 that Department officials may issue prohibition notices to vehicle owners on a road without police assistance?

22. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Transport -

Can you confirm your Department is applying to the Work Permit Appeal Tribunal to obtain a work permit (already refused) for the appointment of a Network Operations Manager from off-Island in preference to a Manx worker?

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

Can you confirm that the Road Transport Licensing Committee's intention is to abolish the £1.00 booking fee at Ronaldsway Airport Taxi Rank, and, if so, why?

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

Will you give an undertaking to liaise with the Road Traffic Licensing Committee to ascertain if they have undertaken or acquired the proper and relevant information to base their possible intention of removing the Airport £1.00 booking fee?

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

Can you confirm that taxi drivers who perform airport runs, with the removal of the £1.00 booking fee, will actually earn less than they did five years ago?

26. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office -

Will you confirm that whatever considerations are applied to determine whether to maintain services to Brunswick Road Post Office will also be applied to Ballabeg/Colby Post Offices?

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

What plans does your Department have for licensed premises and music etc at the Bottleneck Car Park for the 2006 TT period?

28. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Manx Electricity Authority -

- (1) What was the weighted average per therm cost purchase of gas for the first quarter 2006; and
- (2) what would have been the cost had that gas been purchased on the spot market?

### FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

29. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask Mr President -

For the two years from April 2004 to March 2006, could you itemise the attendance of each Tynwald Member (excluding HM Attorney General and the Lord Bishop), by half-day sittings of Tynwald and including the number of eligible sittings (excluding absence for Parliamentary and Government business) and the percentage of such eligible sittings attended?

30. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask the Chairman of the Tynwald Management Committee -

Will you -

- (a) itemise the gross salary paid (excluding incidental expenses claimed) to Members of Tynwald from the relevant budget for the financial year 2005/2006;
- (b) itemise these in descending order to show -
  - (i) the basic salary;
  - (ii) the percentage increase on basic salary; and
  - (iii) the Government and Parliamentary position held for which percentage addition on basic salary is made?

31. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Rimington) to ask Mr Speaker -

For the two years from April 2004 to March 2006, could you itemise the attendance of each Member of the House of Keys, by half-day sittings of the Keys and including the number of eligible sittings (excluding absence from Parliamentary and Government business) and the percentage of such eligible sittings attended?

32. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mrs Craine) to ask the Chief Minister -  
What plans do the Council of Ministers have for the Isle of Man to publicly celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, Lord of Mann?
33. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -  
What is the total mileage claimed for all Members of the House of Keys and Members of the Legislative Council by name in each of the last five years?
34. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask Her Majesty's Attorney General -  
Has the Civil Service Commission asked your Chambers for an opinion on the Principal Civil Service Pension Scheme 2002 and if so -
- (1) what was that advice;
  - (2) did your Chambers consider the implications of not introducing the 2002 Scheme; and
  - (3) what questions were asked of your Chamber regarding its implementation?
35. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -  
What are the additional costs to your Department in respect of the new GP contracts for the year ended 2005/06?
36. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -
- (1) Can you confirm, or otherwise, if through your Department, or agents acting on its behalf, funds are held or monies on behalf of third parties as outlined in the "Orange Book", including amenity funds, gifts and donations accounts, trust funds and any other deposited funds; and
  - (2) can you name each fund held, the current amount and the purpose for which each is held?
37. The Hon Member for Ramsey (Mrs Craine) to ask the Minister for Transport -  
In the light of the failure of your Department to obtain planning permission for the marina development at Port St Mary, will you give urgent and serious consideration to accelerating the plans for the development of the Water Retention Scheme for Ramsey?

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

- (1) Has Douglas Corporation recently used a UK consultancy firm known as the Abraham Consultancy;
- (2) what was the purpose, and why were they engaged;
- (3) did any representatives of this firm attend meetings on the Island;
- (4) if so, what are the total costs to date in respect of travel, accommodation and professional fees;
- (5) which Committee approved the contract and who engaged this firm;
- (6) on what date were they engaged; and
- (7) when did the information that they were engaged appear in the public minutes?

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

During the last three years

- (1) how many requests were received for permission to decorate the living space of –
  - (i) Department Properties;
  - (ii) Local Authority Properties; and
- (2) how many were approved and what conditions were applied to the approvals?

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

In relation to your recent News Release dated 12<sup>th</sup> April 2006 advising that Archallagan should be progressed as the next long-term landfill site –

- (1) to assist in openness and transparency of Government will you make available the All Island Landfill Site Full Study undertaken in 2000, and the recent landfill site options review and study report showing all 13 sites assessed; and
- (2) in relation to the 13 sites reviewed, who selected them and on what basis, were all of the landowners contacted and was Treasury made aware of the significant cost differences in developing each of the various sites, and has Treasury concurred with your selection of Archallagan, and at what if any approved overall cost?

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

- (1) As you have stated that the Island needs a strategic landfill facility for wastes that are neither inert nor incinerable, will you clarify what materials are envisaged for disposal at Archallagan and are any of these items/materials toxic, hazardous or likely to include animal waste;
- (2) could any of these items/materials be exported for recycling or processing, and have any efforts been made to examine this option, for example with the Republic of Ireland; and
- (3) would any planning application for Archallagan cater for any materials not previously included in the former application and if so, please specify what they are or will potentially be?

42. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -

What is the total cost of seeking legal advice in relation to progressing the Civil Service Commission's duty to manage the Civil Service pensions?

43. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -

Will you make the recent legal advice in relation to the Civil Service Pension Schemes available in full to the members affected?

44. The Hon Member for Peel (Mrs Hannan) to ask the Chair of the Civil Service Commission -

Will you release the advice and all correspondence including e-mails which led the Civil Service Commission to progress the changes to the Civil Service Pension Scheme prior to the Commission accepting that the Principal Civil Service Scheme 2002 applied here?

45. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for the Department of Tourism and Leisure -

What amount of fuel in petrol and diesel has your Department used on a yearly basis over the last three years?