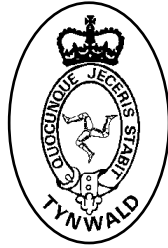


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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
17th MARCH 2009
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Callister, to ask the Chief Minister -

When, why and by whom a decision was made to change the Government IT system from Windows XP to Vista?
2. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -

Whether he is satisfied with the degree of co-operation from the UK Government in facilitating the return of the assets of Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander (Isle of Man) Ltd seized by the UK Government using anti-terrorism legislation and the degree of openness and transparency on the part of the UK Government with regard to the legal basis for their action?
3. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chief Minister -

What new PR/Island representational initiatives his Government will be launching to give a new cash injection and status to the Marketing Development Fund?

4. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

Whether the IMF Report on the Isle of Man's regulatory system will be laid before Tynwald as soon as it is presented to Treasury?

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

What the current state of relations is between the Financial Supervision Commission and the Financial Services Authority (London)?

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

Whether the Chairman and Directors of Kaupthing, Singer and Friedlander (Isle of Man) Limited are still in post and receiving their remuneration/fees?

7. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Turner, to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

(1) What arrangements are being made for persons who have paid the Coroner of Middle an extra 2.5% (£3.00) "poundage" on Road Traffic fixed penalties (in particular parking) to be refunded this money to the extent the amount was incorrectly charged;

(2) how many people have been subject to this extra *ultra vires* levy; and

(3) if he will instigate an investigation into how this matter has occurred?

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

(1) What relationship exists between ISD and Intelligence, a consultancy firm;

(2) who the principal Directors and owners of Intelligence are; and

(3) how much they have been paid in the past 24 months?

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

(1) Whether it is the responsibility of the directors of an Isle of Man bank to decide where to deposit funds under the bank's control;

- (2) whether it is the responsibility of the non-executive directors of an Isle of Man bank to monitor the activities of the management and ensure that they act with due diligence and prudence and are not influenced by the bank's parent entity to act in a way that is detrimental to the Isle of Man bank's interests; and
 - (3) if he will, in association with the FSC, investigate the actions taken or not taken by the non-executive directors of Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander (Isle of Man) Ltd to ensure the prudent management of the company in order to protect depositors and, in particular, whether they exercised their duties with the necessary diligence and care in the months leading up to the appointment of the Liquidator Provisional?

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

How many people require -

 - (a) local authority sheltered accommodation; and
 - (b) local authority housing in one, two or three bedroom accommodation?

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

If he will make a statement on the future use of the former Marine Biological Building in Port Erin?

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

If he will make a statement on Local Authority reform?

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

If he will make a statement on the progress of the Ridgeway Road Housing Scheme, and when -

 - (a) the select tender list was approved;
 - (b) tender documents will be (i) issued and (ii) returned;
 - (c) when his Department will be seeking Tynwald approval for the total expenditure required;
 - (d) work will commence on site; and
 - (e) it is estimated that the project will be completed?

14. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Callister, to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- (1) What the monthly amount of refuse for incineration currently being despatched to the EFW Plant is;
 - (2) whether the Eastern District kerbside collection scheme has led to a reduction in the amount of waste being deposited at the Eastern District Amenity Site; and
 - (3) what the monthly tonnage is of green waste currently being deposited at the Eastern District Amenity Site?
15. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- Why his Department stopped allowing Local Authorities to issue Fixed Term Investment Bonds; when Local Authority Fixed Term Investment Bonds were introduced; and whether there is a mechanism that will allow such investment bonds to be re-introduced?
16. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- (1) What the publication date is for the draft version of the Area Plan for the South of the Island;
 - (2) what the reason is for the delay; and
 - (3) what the implications are for the timescales over which the Area Plans for the rest of the Island will be produced?
17. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
- (1) Further to his written answer to Question 39 in February Tynwald if he would consider giving greater weight to factors such as “the area of current residence, close family connections or friends, or the area where applicants are currently employed” when allocating public sector housing; and
 - (2) whether such a change in the emphasis of his allocation policy would be compatible with Government policy on sustainability as well as increasing the likelihood of greater personal support for young families?
18. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Transport -
- What plans his Department has to alleviate the proliferation of motor caravans and large vans parked in residential areas?

19. The Hon Member for Douglas South (Mr Malarkey) to ask the Minister for Transport -

With regard to the RTLC Circular No 250 sent to all Members on 13th February 2009, which part of the Road Transport Act 2001 requires names and addresses of operators to be displayed on the Internet?

20. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask HM Attorney General -

With regard to the legal obligations on owners of listed buildings and structures to maintain them in good order or face enforcement and prosecution, whether there is a distinction in the law relating to whether the owner is an individual, a company or a Government Department?

21. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask HM Attorney General -

In the light of the comments made to the Chief Minister by John Thurso at Q583 in the transcript of evidence given to the UK Treasury Committee on 3rd February 2009, if he will advise Hon Members of all the possibilities that may be available to institute legal proceedings against all responsible persons or entities in whatever Court or jurisdiction in order to secure the return of funds legally owned by Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander (Isle of Man) Ltd and its depositors along with appropriate compensation?

22. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Education -

If she will take immediate action to ensure that the highly paid person employed in her Department who has been suspended on full pay for six months and referred to in written answer 22 in the February Tynwald is either -

- (a) reinstated in their original position;
- (b) offered a suitable alternative position; or
- (c) dismissed;

without any further delay?

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

With regard to his circular to Tynwald Members dated 2nd March 2009 concerning the termination of the reciprocal health agreement with the UK on 31st March 2010, if he will make a statement on -

- (a) the “Considerable work [that] has been undertaken”; and
- (b) “the main areas to be addressed [that] have been identified”?

24. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Communications Commission -

In the light of another major failure in the Manx Telecom mobile system on Friday 6th March 2009 and the increasing number of failed Manx Telecom mobile calls, if he will discuss with Manx Telecom what measures the company intends to take to improve the resilience of the system and its capacity at peak times?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

- (1) Who the Commissioners of the Financial Supervision Commission are; and
- (2) what directorship/s of a Financial Supervision Commission licensed financial institution does each Commissioner hold?

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

How many Manx bank notes have been in circulation in each calendar month since November 2008 to date?

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

- (1) If he will provide a revised timetable for progress with the Southern Plan, which according to his Department's Service Delivery Plan 2008 was to be published by 31st January 2009; and
- (2) on what date the draft plan will be -
 - (a) published;
 - (b) subject to Public Inquiry; and
 - (c) submitted to Tynwald?

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

- (1) Since he became Minister for Local Government and the Environment, how many times he has made planning decisions that go against the recommendations of the independent planning inspector after a Planning Appeal; and

- (2) if he will provide a schedule of these cases, giving brief details of the planning application and the reasons he went against the Inspectors' recommendations?

29. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -
 - (1) What are the criteria that specify whether a planning application is determined by the Director of Planning under delegated powers or whether it goes to the Planning Committee for determination;
 - (2) who interprets those criteria to decide who should determine a particular planning application; and
 - (3) at what point in the application process is that decision made?

30. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask HM Attorney General -
 - (1) How much legal work went to the different law practices on the Island from each of the Departments in the last three financial years; and
 - (2) how much this cost?

31. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask HM Attorney General -
 - (1) What effectiveness the European Arrest Warrant has on the Isle of Man; and
 - (2) what the position is in Manx law regarding the Agreement signed by the British Government with the United States of America in relation to extradition; whether it is the same in the Island as in the United Kingdom?

32. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

If he will make a statement on the mechanisms for making policy decisions and reviewing such decisions in his Department and the extent to which officers in his Department are able to make policy independently?