

# **TYNWALD**

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# **QUESTION PAPER**

## **Pabyr Feyshtyn**

DOUGLAS  
18<sup>th</sup> November 2008  
at 10.30 am

### **FOR ORAL ANSWER**

1. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Speaker of the House of Keys –

If he will make a statement on of the outcome of the Parliamentary Visit to Westminster on 12<sup>th</sup> November by Mr Speaker, the President of Tynwald and members drawn from the Tynwald Standing Committee on Constitutional Matters?

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

What the Government is doing to ensure that the Isle of Man is removed from the OECD Grey List to the OECD White List?

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

If he will make a statement on–

- (a) The current position with regard to any negotiations between the Manx Government and FSC and the UK Government and FSA and other relevant parties in the UK regarding Manx Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander deposits frozen in the UK;
- (b) the legal position of the UK Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander and their other UK associates in administration, full liquidation or otherwise;
- (c) actions taken by the Government and the Financial Supervision Commission so far, including details of the
  - (i) number of meetings and between whom;
  - (ii) number of letters sent, by whom and to whom;
  - (ii) number of e-mails sent by whom and to whom; and
- (d) the Isle of Man Government's next steps?

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

If he will make a statement on:

- (a) likely future US Government policy targeting tax havens; and
- (b) the extent to which the Isle of Man is regarded as a tax haven by the US authorities?

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

What action he intends to take in relation to the possible targeting of the Isle of Man as an Offshore Secrecy Jurisdiction by United States authorities?

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

- (a) What action he will take to open contact with the new United States Government in waiting to encourage a visit from appropriate persons to the Isle of Man; and
- (b) what plans he has to pursue this matter until the objective is achieved?

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

What actions the Government has taken regarding comments made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer during a UK Treasury Select Committee meeting where the Isle of Man was described as a Tax Haven and that the UK and Isle of Man relationship should receive the benefit of a long hard look;

- (a) what persons in the UK have been approached and by whom on behalf of the Isle of Man;
- (b) what responses have been received from UK authorities;
- (c) how has the UK Government commented on the Chancellor of the Exchequer's remarks;
- (d) whether this represents new UK Policy in relation to Crown Dependencies; and
- (e) what the Government's action plan is if the UK responses in relation to the Chancellor's remarks are likely to disadvantage the Isle of Man?

8. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister –

If he will make a statement on the outcome of discussions and correspondence with the United Kingdom Government with regard to the statements made by the Chancellor of the Exchequer to the House of Commons Treasury Select Committee concerning the Isle of Man?

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

What progress he has made to date regarding the unfair charges levied on the commercial sector for waste disposal?

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

What plans he has to introduce a Freedom of Access to Information Bill?

11. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister –

What powers are available to the Isle of Man Government to withdraw from the agreement whereby residents of the Isle of Man pay the Television Licence Fee?

12. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

(a) Whether the £500m transferred by Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander (IOM) Limited from Kaupthing Bank Iceland to Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander (UK) Limited was included in the assets when the High Court placed an Administration Order on Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander (UK) Limited and appointed Ernst and Young as Administrators; and

(b) who has the Council of Ministers appointed to negotiate with

(i) the High Court; and

(ii) Ernst and Young;

for the removal of the £500m from the Administration Order to enable the money to be returned to Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander (IOM) Limited?

13. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister of the Treasury –

If he will make a statement on the cover provided to a Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander Fund Account by

(a) the current Isle of Man Depositors Compensation Scheme; and

(b) the previous scheme in effect before October 2008?

14. The Hon Member of the Council, Mr Callister, to ask the Minister of the Treasury –

(a) What plans he has to engage with both officials and political members in the United States Treasury when the new administration is in power; and

(b) if he will take a pro-active approach to ensure that the new United States administration is fully aware of the high standing of the Isle of Man as a well regulated Finance Centre?

15. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister of the Treasury –

What plans he has:

- (a) in conjunction with the FSC to investigate with deposit takers on the Island which are subsidiaries of UK or foreign parent companies ways to 'ring-fence' deposits made in the Manx subsidiary from any financial difficulties that may be experienced by their parent company;
- (b) to investigate how this could be achieved by modifying any 'parental guarantees' as necessary, so that deposits made in the Manx subsidiary have priority over deposits made with the parent company; and
- (c) to report back to the December sitting of Tynwald with the outcome?

16. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister of the Treasury –

If he will make a statement on the purchase by Sefton Group plc of the share capital of Manx Properties plc?

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

Now that the Inquest into the Solway Harvester tragedy has concluded what plans his Department has with regard to the future of the vessel currently moored on South Quay?

18. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Transport –

What charges are made for aircraft entering Manx airspace –

- (a) for training purposes; and
- (b) for practice approaches to the Isle of Man Airport, where the aircraft involved do not actually land;

and what income was generated from these activities for the last financial year for which figures are available?

19. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask H M Attorney General –

- (a) If he will make a statement on the policy relating to declaration of bankruptcy with special reference to people with a history of debt; and
- (b) to what extent has policy changed in recent years?

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

If he will make a statement on the legal responsibilities and priorities of the directors of Isle of Man subsidiaries of UK or foreign parent companies with particular reference to banking licence holders such as Kaupthing Singer and Friedlander (Isle of Man) Limited, if and when the interests of the Isle of Man company of which they are a director is in conflict with the interests of or instructions from the parent company?

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

- (a) Whether Air Passenger Duty is re-fundable when passengers' flights are cancelled; and
- (b) in such circumstances is the airline under an obligation to return the money to the traveller?

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

In light of the Department of Local Government and the Environment news release dated 17<sup>th</sup> October relating to the review of the planning system which states that: "The IdEA report was produced after taking evidence from a variety of stakeholders, including Local Authorities, applicants, objectors, developers and special interest groups", will he make available to Members and publish on the Department of Local Government and the Environment's website –

- (a) a list of the stakeholders who gave evidence;
- (b) copies of that evidence;
- (c) how the stakeholders who were invited to give evidence were chosen and by whom;
- (d) what steps were taken to ensure that it was a representative sample; and
- (e) why the Department of Local Government and the Environment or IdEA did not advertise the "peer review" and invite the general public to submit evidence to IdEA?

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

Would the Minister confirm that the Planning Peer Review Report from the IdEA on the planning system dated August 2008 requested by Tynwald states that –

“we believe that the expected time scale for delivering four Area Plans is unrealistic (Para 64);

it may be advisable to opt for fewer Area Plans; perhaps one single Area Plan rather than four (Para 64)”; and

will the Minister act immediately on the advice from the IdEA and bring forward proposals for one All Island Area Plan with Master Plans for development areas, so as to secure a workable planning system in an acceptable timescale?

24. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry –

What plans he has to make representations to the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company in relation to their proposed revised freight charges increase of six percent in the New Year and their impact on employment in the Isle of Man?

### **FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

- (a) How many public companies are registered on the Isle of Man; and
- (b) how many of them trade in the Isle of Man?

26. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister of the Treasury –

- (a) Which Members of Tynwald have been off the Island for –
  - (i) Parliamentary business;
  - (ii) Departmental business; and
  - (iii) any other publicly funded visits as Members of Tynwald;

over the last two years;

(b) where these visits have been to; and

(c) what is the total cost?

27. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure –

What plans are being progressed for use of the former Travel Shop on Lord Street?