

# TYNWALD

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# QUESTION PAPER

## Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS  
15<sup>th</sup> June 2010  
at 10.30 am

### FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Robertshaw) to ask the Chief Minister -

In light of Recommendation 1 of the Report of the Select Committee on the Report of Redress for Mr and Mrs Spadoni, whether the Chief Minister will now declare a firm date when he intends to introduce an Access to Government Information Bill?

2. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Robertshaw) to ask the Chief Minister -

What plans he has to conduct an urgent review of the layout and rules of both Proxy and Absent vote forms?

3. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chief Minister -

How many members of the Government received funding from election trusts in the last General Election; and whether any of these MHKs are Ministers?

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

How many proxy votes were applied for from the Douglas East by-election; how many were issued; how many proxy votes each candidate received; and what action the Council of Ministers will take and within what time to stop any abuse of the proxy voting system?

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

Whether common sense, good strategic planning, the rationalisation of costs and the avoidance of contradictory inter-departmental priorities strongly suggest that the Island's rail services should be in the same department as the rest of the transport facilities and services?

6. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –

What measures she is taking to ensure that the Island's 122 non-resident trading companies contribute to the Manx exchequer, other than via NI and ITIP contributions?

7. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Robertshaw) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

In the light of the clear sense of injustice now felt by motorcyclists over the revised levels of road tax imposed on their vehicles, whether he would be willing to look at the structure of charges again?

8. The Hon Member of Council (Mr Braidwood) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

As all the major remedial works to the Tower of Refuge have now been completed, whether he is satisfied that the quality, style and type of illumination that has been chosen shows off the Tower to its best advantage?

9. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Social Care –

If he will make a statement on the independent complaints procedure in relation to actions by the social services; who serves on the Panel which deals with complaints; under what legislation or other rules it is established; and by what means the Department ensures that complaints are dealt with impartially?

10. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Social Care –

Whether it is possible to claim more than one heating allowance per household?

11. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Community, Culture and Leisure –

(a) What progress his Department has made with the bus network review that was promised three years ago;

(b) When a decision is to be made on the final routes; and

(c) Whether he has accepted the point made in representations by southern MHKs about the lack of direct service to the hospital from the south, despite all other major population centres on the Island being served by a direct route?

12. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Economic Development –

If he will make a statement on the EMC storage unit with special reference to purchase cost and progress made?

13. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Economic Development –

What the total cost was of the Jupiter project; and what the estimated and actual benefit was from this project?

14. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Economic Development –

(a) Whether he supports the application for a second casino licence; and, if so,

(b) Why his new Department is not giving the application priority?

15. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Education and Children –

How he proposes to address the concerns of the Mothers' Union – Diocese of Sodor and Man, expressed in a general circular sent by that organisation to all Tynwald Members regarding nursery education for 3 and 4 year olds dated 13<sup>th</sup> May 2010?

16. The Hon Member for Douglas East (Mr Robertshaw) to ask the Minister for Education and Children –

Taking into account that all other jurisdictions within the British Isles have either rejected, or have indicated an intention to abandon ‘Contact Point’ as detailed within the proposed Isle of Man Children Bill 2010, does he not now consider it sensible to withdraw from further consideration of this proposal?

17. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

Whether his Department intends to sign up to the Rio Convention; and, if so, when?

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

What his Department’s policy is on providing ‘NHS Cover’ to pay for cancer drugs such as Sunitinib to enable patients to be treated and have the possibility of their life extended?

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

What role the Clinical Recommendations Committee plays in assessing (a) all drugs and (b) drugs for treatment of cancer used in the NHS; to what extent does it recommend or not recommend the use of (i) all drugs and (ii) new anti-cancer drugs, some of which are unlicensed; and who has the final say in the use of particular drugs?

20. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Health –

Whether his Department plans to introduce ‘fit notes’ to replace GP ‘sick notes’ for statutory sick pay purposes?

21. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –
- (a) What the total cost is of the replacement of the Manx Radio Broadcast antennas at Snaefell;
  - (b) Whether this work is being carried out by UK contractors; and, if so, whether the costs include their travel and accommodation;
  - (c) Whether the Department of Home Affairs has recently renewed all of Manx Radio's FM transmitters; and, if so, what the total cost was of supply and installation;
  - (d) Whether such costs are being met out of the existing Manx Radio annual subvention by the Department of Home Affairs;
  - (e) Why the Department of Home Affairs pays for the costs of hardware, operation and maintenance of transmitting Manx Radio; and
  - (f) Why the Department of Home Affairs has not privatised the transmitter network as is the case with the BBC's (and ITV) transmission network in the UK?
22. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Water and Sewage Authority –
- (a) What the volume was of sewage pumped from the south of the Island to Meary Veg during 2009;
  - (b) What the volume of sewage treated at Meary Veg was for the year 2009;
  - (c) What the reserve capacity is at Meary Veg;
  - (d) In the revised cost of linking Peel and St John's by pipeline to Meary Veg whether the £6.7M cost of linking Central Valley and Downstream Infrastructure is included; and
  - (e) Whether the 2007 Mouchel Parkman Option 6 West calculations included the cost of three pumping stations that were not going to be built?

23. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission -

Whether the Civil Service Commission will provide to Members of Tynwald a list of the names of civil servants detailing salary and bonus paid during the financial year 2009/10 that was greater than the salary paid to the Chief Minister?

24. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Chairman of the Council of Ministers Working Group on Water Rates -

If she will make a statement on the progress made by the Working Group on Water Rates and what the next steps are in its programme?

### **FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

Whether he, any other Minister or senior civil servant has ever authorised any review of any Tynwald Member's emails or browser history?

26. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Chief Minister -

What communication he has sent to the Westminster All Party Parliamentary Group on the Isle of Man in the last 12 months?

27. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

How many nursery places were available for the years -

- (i) 2007 /2008;
- (ii) 2008 /2009; and
- (iii) 2009/2010;

and how many are expected to be provided in 2010/11?

28. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture -

Whether the Isle of Man has around 250,000 elm trees and it is one of the five places in the world with such a large number of elms?

29. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Health –
- How many hospital clinics, by specialism, have been cancelled during the last 12 months?
30. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Health –
- What progress has been made in advertising for the three physiotherapy posts referred to at the last sitting of Tynwald?
31. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Health –
- If he will provide particulars of the Draft Reciprocal Health Agreement which has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Health in the UK?
32. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –
- What changes there have been to the method of recording crime over the last three years; and whether the figures in the Chief Constable's Report are truly comparable on a year by year basis?