

# TYNWALD

## Tinvaal



# QUESTION PAPER

## Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS  
15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2009  
at 10.30 am

### FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -
  - (1) Whether all Departments of Government have completed the review of their budgets for the financial year 2010/2011 and received the approval of the Council of Ministers, and, if so
  - (2) whether he will give a presentation in the New Year to Members of Tynwald advising them of the impact in the reduction of public services and the number of persons to be made redundant?
  
2. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Mr Cregeen) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

What the percentage increase is for audit fees to all local authorities in (a) 2008 to 2009 and (b) 2009 to 2010; who undertook the audit requirements review; and whether the contract was awarded to the lowest tender?
  
3. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Transport -

If he will make a statement on the estimated timetable of events regarding the determination of whether a right of way has been established at Langness?

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

In light of his answer to question 27 of the November Tynwald Question Paper -

- (a) who the consultant is his Department has appointed;
- (b) what his/her qualifications are;
- (c) whether this is the same consultant who is advising his Department and the Road Transport Licensing Committee on issues regarding the new freight transport recommendations;
- (d) how much this consultant has cost to date;
- (e) with regard to the statement on the Isle of Man Taxi Demand Study and wheelchair accessible taxis whether the Road Transport Licensing Committee is working to this study or not; and
- (f) whether the study which is due to expire in December 2009 will continue until a further survey is commissioned?

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

Whether his Department intends to wait until there is a serious traffic accident at the junction of Stevenson Way and Farmhill Drive bus stop before deciding to install traffic calming measures?

6. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

- (1) Whether his Department has yet established if legal powers exist to negotiate separate reciprocal health agreements for the Isle of Man with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland; and
- (2) when the Health Ministers of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland were last contacted about entering such agreements?

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

What his Department's position is regarding the announcement by CAMRA (Campaign for Real Ale) which is holding a members' weekend and annual general meeting in April 2010 and which have told their members:

"In order for members to be covered by the Isle of Man National Health Service we need to notify the Department of Health and Social Security who will be visiting the Island for the AGM and members' weekend.

Please inform us of any additional individuals travelling to the Isle of Man alongside you so that we can ensure that all of your party are covered by the National Health Service. We need to notify the Department of Health and Social Security in the Isle of Man at least one month before the event, so please ensure that we have details of who is travelling to the Isle of Man and the intended length of stay."

Whether this has been approved by his Department, and, if so, why?

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

Whether he will be conducting an awareness campaign of the issue of domestic abuse and violence in the family at this festive period; what help is available to families in relation to this problem and whether there is a dedicated phone line that families can ring for help in a non-judgmental manner; and what funds been made available for such assistance?

9. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Mr Cregeen) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

With which countries does the Isle of Man have a reciprocal health agreement?

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

If he will make a statement regarding his Department's intention to criminalise mephadrone?

11. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask a Member for Local Government and the Environment -

If he will consult now on local authority reform, on the basis that the status quo is not an option for the future?

12. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask a Member for Local Government and the Environment -

Whether Douglas Corporation are or were considering a maintenance scheme for the Bowl; and, if so, how much they were seeking to spend and whether any such scheme was a different scheme from the joint initiative with Government; and with reference to the joint Government/Corporation scheme how much has been spent by Douglas Corporation in connection with any design or consultation fees?

13. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure -

On how many occasions during the period 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2009 has the football pitch in the centre of the National Sports Centre been used for scheduled soccer matches or any other sport?

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

Given the prestige and importance of the Island in hosting the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games if he will be seeking an urgent meeting with Douglas Corporation to seek their agreement to ask Council to review their decision not to support the Bowl Refurbishment Scheme?

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

Whether any association was willing to put up money towards the joint Government/Corporation Bowl Refurbishment Scheme and, if so, how much the sum involved was?

16. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Mr Cregeen) to ask the Chairman of the Communications Commission -
- (1) Why the Communications Commission is carrying out a strategic review of communications in the Isle of Man;
  - (2) why this is being carried out by “outside” consultants and not by the Director of Communications;
  - (3) who the consultants are and why they were chosen;
  - (4) what the total cost of this exercise is; and
  - (5) why the Commission wishes to have more powers and whether this will mean they will require more staff to enforce them?

### **FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

What is the estimated number of non-resident owned businesses that are trading in the Isle of Man?

18. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Transport -

In respect of the U92 Maughold Mountain Road (Greenway) -

- (a) how his Department intends to deal with the physical damage to the track, at its most severe one mile beyond Glen Mona;
- (b) whether such damage is largely caused by visiting off-Island motorcycle groups;
- (c) whether such visitors bring benefit to the Island’s economy, and, if so, what the estimate is of such benefit; and
- (d) whether physical damage to this Greenway is therefore justified because of such attendant economic benefit?

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

When the lease on the Victoria Pier link span with the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company will run out?

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

Further to his written answer to my Keys' question on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 -

- (a) whether his Department intends to charge those Island residents who have paid UK National Insurance contributions for more than 10 years or others in receipt of a UK State pension if they are sent off-Island for specialist treatment to prevent their condition from becoming acutely exacerbated;
- (b) whether he is going to review the position in respect of Island residents who do not qualify for medical insurance, when they visit the UK and who are hospitalised there; and
- (c) whose interpretation he is relying upon to support his assertions?

21. The Lord Bishop (Rt Rev Robert Paterson) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

In a Manx Radio documentary on racism during November, it was claimed that the Government had not recently undertaken research into attitudes to race and multi-culturalism on the Island:

- (a) whether he considers that the appearance of "No, No, No to a Mosque on the Isle of Man" on Facebook indicate that such research would be valuable; and
- (b) if he will make a statement on how race relations monitoring on the Isle of Man compares with that in neighbouring nations of the European Union?

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

- (1) How many convictions have been recorded in the last two years under the Public Order Act 1998 or for provoking behaviour in relation to -
  - (a) race;
  - (b) religion;
  - (c) disability; and
  - (d) sexual orientation; and
- (2) how many such cases were dismissed by the Court?

23. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- (1) In what circumstances a police officer is able to issue a fixed penalty notice; and
  - (2) with the exception of minor parking offences, how many fixed penalty notices have been issued during the last two years and for which offences?
24. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- Over the last two years -
- (a) how many prosecution cases have been dismissed by the courts in each year;
  - (b) how many cases have been brought to court and withdrawn; and
  - (c) what the estimated cost to the public purse has been in respect of (a) and (b) above?
25. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- Over the last two years -
- (a) how many people have been convicted for the offence of drunkenness;
  - (b) how many convictions have been recorded in relation to offences committed in public houses and off licences;
  - (c) how many convictions have been recorded in respect of selling liquor to persons under age;
  - (d) how many convictions have been recorded in respect of a licensee -
    - (i) permitting drunkenness on their premises; and
    - (ii) selling liquor to a drunken person; and
  - (e) how many official police visits have been made to -
    - (i) off licences; and
    - (ii) public houses?