

# TYNWALD

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# QUESTION PAPER

## Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
at 10.30 am

### FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -

Whether at his meeting with the Conservative Leader David Cameron M.P. on the 27/28 February he impressed upon him the need for either the reinstatement or renegotiation of the Reciprocal Health Agreement with the United Kingdom?

2. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -

Whether the Council of Ministers has offered any support, assistance or encouragement to Andrew MacKinlay M.P. in his campaign to have the closure of the Reciprocal Health Agreement on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 deferred for six months for renegotiation?

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

Further to his answer in Tynwald on 16<sup>th</sup> February on access to the document showing the cost spreadsheet and NPV calculations if he will place a copy of the document in the Tynwald library?

4. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -

Whether the Council of Ministers will make an announcement before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 that, in view of the probability, following the United Kingdom General Election, of negotiation with the United Kingdom Secretary of State for Health for the restoration of the Reciprocal Health Agreement, the Isle of Man Government for a maximum period of six months will fund any NHS treatment in the United Kingdom for Isle of Man residents and continue to fund NHS treatment in the Isle of Man for United Kingdom visitors?

5. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -

Whether he has now received advice from the Ministry of Justice, originally sought in September 2009, that the Isle of Man Government does not have the legal competence to enter into separate reciprocal health agreements with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?

6. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Corkish) to ask the Chief Minister -

What progress he has made on the town and village regeneration scheme including committed expenditure by region?

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

What action his department takes to ensure that capital projects-

- (i) are carried out by competent persons or companies;
- (ii) are the subject of accurate and complete financial information before submission to Tynwald;
- (iii) are automatically investigated when financial discrepancies are notified; and
- (iv) are measured using industry experience?

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

If he will have his department look into the IRIS review document 2007, to -

- (i) ensure that the financial estimates contain no further errors or omissions; and
- (ii) that the qualitative and quantitative breakdown percentages are fair and readily explainable to members of the public; and

if he will report back to this Honourable Court in April once his department has had time to review the document, with the findings?

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

What plans he has to reassess the IRIS Review document 2007 and the accuracy of the information contained within it?

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

If he will assess the linking of the pipe from Peel to Meary Veg and whether this includes Crosby to Meary Veg and if he will estimate -

- (a) the true cost of the link, minus the savings created by not duplicating costs; and
- (b) the cost of the St John's to Crosby connecting link, and specifically the cost of a 400mm diameter pipeline?

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

Whether the capital projects team review departmental capital projects, prior to submission to Tynwald for approval, to ensure that they -

- (i) are fit for purpose
- (ii) involve financially sound companies;
- (iii) use IOM based companies or ensure that the business sets up a Manx company side for tax and VAT purposes; and
- (iv) check any report prior to its being presented to Tynwald to verify that:

- (a) the figures are accurate, containing no errors or omissions;
- (b) the conclusion is backed up by relevant provable facts and figures; and
- (c) executive summary reports fairly represent the main document?

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

Whether the aim of the Strategic Plan was to create an all-Island Planning Framework by the Department publishing four Draft Area Plans within three years of its approval?

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

Whether the continuing delays in producing Area Plans will affect the economic development of the Island as a whole and damage the geographical distribution of development and investment opportunities?

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

Whether the Area Plan Processes are the correct processes to select and approve major development sites?

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

Whether the proposals in the Cooil Road Planning Order to zone an area of 50 acres of prime agricultural land as employment land are those of a private development company?

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

Whether the scale of development proposed in the Cooil Road Order is of such proportions that it will affect all Area Plans and impede on employment opportunities on the Island?

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

Whether the 20 year provision of employment land as proposed in the Cooil Road Order is the responsibility of the prescribed process of the Eastern Area Plan?

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

Whether the Cooil Road Order as proposed by his Department creates a precedent that the Department has to consider equally all proposals and support development in areas where developers can produce evidence of need irrespective of the status of the Area Plan?

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

Whether the fairest geographical distribution across the Island of high net worth individuals would be achieved by the introduction of an Island wide policy statement which laid down that planning permission for new houses in the countryside should advantage communities in all parts of the Island?

20. The Hon Member for Douglas South (Mr Malarkey) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment -

If he will make a statement with regard to the progress being made on the redevelopment of Upper Pulrose?

21. 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 policy made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 1985 in respect of the Declaration of Members Interest Register and its availability for inspection at the offices of the Local Authority?

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

Whether season tickets will be available for the trains and trams for the forthcoming season and what they will cost?

23. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Mr Cregeen) to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry -

Whether his Department enforces the protection of trees after giving comfort to residents and planning inspectors during the planning process that trees will be protected?

24. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Mr Cregeen) to ask the Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry -

When his Department will bring forward the recommendations relating to local food procurement by Government?

25. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask Her Majesty's Attorney General -

(a) What changes in the law would be required so that householders and business owners carrying out acts such as clearing snow from the pavements in front of their properties or businesses could not be sued by a third party in the event of an accident or injury taking place in the area which they have attempted to make safer; and

(b) whether such changes in the law would be feasible, practical and effective?

26. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security -

Whether Manx persons, together with their dependants, who are serving in the Armed Forces, will be exempt from being charged for National Health Service treatment should they require it whilst they are home on leave?

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

Further to the suggestion of Andrew MacKinlay MP that the Isle of Man Government should be more proactive, when the Minister last talked direct with Mr MacKinlay?

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

Following the Tynwald resolution of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 calling upon the Minister to explore urgently with Ministers of the devolved United Kingdom administrations the continuation of the reciprocal NHS services between the Isle of Man and Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, what the reasons are for the failure to achieve this by March 2010?

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

How many administrators at grade 7 and above there were (a) at the Old Noble's Hospital; and (b) for each year since 2001 at the New Noble's Hospital?

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

If he will examine a way for the Isle of Man to introduce a "Sarah's Law" to mirror that of the United Kingdom?

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

Whether he will inform Members of Tynwald of the proceedings of the meeting of the British Irish Parliamentary Assembly on the 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010, with particular reference to Mr Andrew Mackinlay M.P.'s motion that, "The British Irish Parliamentary Assembly calls on the United Kingdom Secretary of State for Health to defer cancellation of the Reciprocal Health Agreement with the Isle of Man planned for the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010 and review the decision to abrogate the Agreement"?

### **FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

If he unequivocally supports the Chief Minister and his reforms on the scope and structure of Government?

33. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment –
- If he unequivocally supports the Chief Minister and his reforms on the scope and structure of Government?
34. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Local Government and the Environment –
- What his Department’s schedule is for the progression of the (a) Eastern Area Plan and (b) Southern Area Plan up to and including the Public Inquiry?
35. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Tourism and Leisure –
- If he unequivocally supports the Chief Minister and his reforms on the scope and structure of Government?
36. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry –
- If he unequivocally supports the Chief Minister and his reforms on the scope and structure of Government?
37. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Transport –
- If he unequivocally supports the Chief Minister and his reforms on the scope and structure of Government?
38. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Corkish) to ask the Chief Minister–
- What progress he has made on the town and village regeneration scheme including committed expenditure by region?
39. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask Her Majesty’s Attorney General–
- If he will make a statement about the extension of Corpus Juris into the UK and any possible consequence for the Manx legal system?
40. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Education –
- If she unequivocally supports the Chief Minister and his reforms on the scope and structure of Government?

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

What category of Isle of Man resident will be exempt from charges by United Kingdom hospitals after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010?

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

What documentation his Department advises should be carried by Isle of Man residents visiting the United Kingdom in order to prove their exempt status from charges if admitted to hospital?

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

What classes of visitor from the United Kingdom will be exempt from hospital charges after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, and how they will be identified on admission to Noble's or Ramsey and District Cottage Hospital?

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

Whether any secondary legislation needs to be enacted (a) to give effect to the decision of the United Kingdom Government to end the Reciprocal Health Agreement; (b) to charge visitors for in-patient hospital treatment; and (c) to exempt certain classes of visitor from charges after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010?

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

In respect of visitors to the Isle of Man from the European Union who currently enjoy the same free National Health Service benefits as visitors from the United Kingdom, what exemptions from charges will apply after 1<sup>st</sup> April?

46. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security –

If he unequivocally supports the Chief Minister and his reforms on the scope and structure of Government?

47. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

If he unequivocally supports the Chief Minister and his reforms on the scope and structure of Government?