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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
18th May 2010
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister -
During the period 1st April 2009 to 31st March 2010 -
 - (1)
 - (a) on how many occasions did Ministers and Departmental Members of Tynwald visit the European Union at Brussels; and
 - (b) what the total cost (travelling, accommodation, subsistence etc.) of these visits were;
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 - (a) on how many occasions did civil servants (including staff of the Attorney General's Chambers) visit the European Union HQ in Brussels; and
 - (b) what the total cost (travelling, accommodation, subsistence etc.) of these visits were;
 - (3)
 - (a) what the total amount of all fees etc. paid to White and Case for advice and consultancy work in respect of European Union matters was; and
 - (b) what the total amount of fees paid to other professional bodies for advice and consultancy work in respect of European Union matters was; and
 - (4) what the estimated annual cost (excluding the initial set up cost) of the Isle of Man Government having an office in Brussels with a resident professional representative is?

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

Whether the Council of Ministers has advised the United Kingdom Ministry of Justice of the Tynwald response to the House of Commons Justice Committee Eighth Report of the Session 2009-10 on Crown Dependencies and, if so, whether the Council of Ministers will provide Members of Tynwald with a copy of that advice?

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

Why he decided that there was no need for the Governance Committee to report back to Tynwald on the Wright Report; and who made the decision not to report the findings of the Committee to Tynwald?

4. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Mr Cregeen) to ask the Chief Minister –

What tender documents or other undertakings have been given in respect of the laying of the gas pipeline to the South, West and North of the Island?

5. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Mr Cregeen) to ask the Chief Minister –

What value has been put on the Manx Gas distribution network for the South, West and North in the event that the proposed new gas pipeline and replacement of Manx Gas storage facilities do not go ahead?

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

Further to his letter to all Members of Tynwald dated 29th April 2010, reference CM 4.7, with regard to the Wright Report; if he will publish the considered response of the Council of Ministers and its Governance Committee to each of the recommendations made in the Wright Report no later than the June sitting of this Hon Court?

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

What his policy is in relation to anonymous groups supporting candidates for election to public office using secret trusts to conceal the identity of candidates' supporters?

8. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Chief Minister –

When he will publish Government's plan for spending reductions over the next three to five years?

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

In relation to the European currency crisis, and in respect of Greece, Portugal and Spain if she will make a statement with regard to the current situation and any possible effect on the Isle of Man directly or indirectly?

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

Further to her answer in the House of Keys on 27th April 2010 regarding the cost of contracted-in security to Government being £2,600,576 in 2009, whether she will be examining ways of making savings in this area?

11. The Hon Member for Malew and Santon (Mr Cregeen) to ask the Minister for Community, Culture and Leisure –

Whether JESP scoring was carried out on the pay scale for the new Chief Executive Officer of his Department?

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

Whether he is making representations to the Council of Ministers and the Minister for Infrastructure to have planning applications that represent economic development to be fast-tracked so that entrepreneurs do not become bogged down in endless bureaucracy and are disillusioned and withdraw?

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

Further to his answer to question number 10 at the April Tynwald, whether he has yet commenced a review of the local employment situation where it appears some local, suitably qualified applicants are being turned down in favour of applicants requiring work permits and why local people are being turned down consistently for jobs even though suitably qualified; whether any review will include an examination of the range of jobs available to prospective employees registered as unemployed; and, if he will hold a round of meetings with employers including the Employers Federation to discuss ways of maximising local employment?

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

To what extent do local employers when advertising for job vacancies require applicants to have a second language to English?

15. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

Whether there is any justification for the increase in professional and administrative staff from 47 persons in 2000 to 72 persons in 2010 at the Department's office in St George's Court?

16. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture -

Whether he is aware of the urgent requirement for coast protection work to prevent further erosion that would seriously impact on the Government supported fish hatchery at Glen Wyllin, Kirk Michael and, if so, what action he is taking?

17. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture -

(a) Why the Meat Plant has had to import livestock in order to keep the plant operational; and

(b) whether the Countryside Stewardship Scheme has had an effect on the numbers of stock put through the Meat Plant?

18. The Hon Member of Council, Mr Downie, to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture -

What action he will take to protect mullet coming in the Manx waters to spawn; whether he had sufficient powers to control the method and timing of fishing for mullet; and whether he is aware that thousands of spawning mullet were recently taken from the shoreline of the Island, thus threatening the survival of the species in Manx waters?

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

Whether there are sufficient provisions to stop such acts of environmental vandalism as we saw with the recent factory ships staple fishing operations near Port Erin where thousands of spawning mullet were needlessly killed; and if so what they are?

20. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Health -

Whether he has already made contact with the new United Kingdom Government's Secretary of State, to arrange a meeting to negotiate a new permanent Reciprocal Health Agreement?

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

Following his answer to question 7 in the House of Keys on 4th May 2010, whether patients with muscular skeletal problems existing for more than eight weeks will no longer be receiving physiotherapy as part of a treatment programme, and, whether a patient in such circumstances could relapse and place greater pressures on the health service as a result?

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

Whether private patients are able to complain to the Hospital Clinical Governance Manager about private treatment; and if not, why not?

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

How many physiotherapists are currently engaged on a locum basis; what the lengths of their contracts with the Department are; and what the cost to the taxpayer is per locum physiotherapist?

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

Whether NHS physiotherapy will be available for sports injuries including those who sustain injury during the TT and MGP races?

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

If he will assess the adequacy of the law in relation to where released, convicted sex offenders may reside and the suitability of such an address in relation to victims' addresses?

26. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

During the period 1st April 2000 to 31st March 2010 –

- (a) What has been the total cost of the consultancy fees in respect of the Queen's Pier, Ramsey; and
- (b) What has been the total amount of all other expenditure including maintenance in relation to the Queen's Pier, Ramsey?

27. The Hon Member of Council, Mr Downie, to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

Following the commitment given by the previous Minister to go out to consultation on the future and cost of vehicle road fund licences for historic vintage and classic vehicles, when the consultation is due to commence?

28. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

Further to the statement by the then Minister for Transport regarding footpaths on Langness at the March 2010 sitting of this Hon. Court -

- (a) whether or not, in conjunction with his officers and legal advisers, he is now satisfied that Mr Hickey's report is "typographically correct" and "legally robust";
- (b) what his best estimate is for the date when the report will be published;
- (c) what his best estimate is for the date when the Minister with delegated responsibility will publish his decision as to which footpaths, if any, are to be officially registered as rights of way; and
- (d) if particular footpaths are to be officially registered as rights of way, whether all obstructions interfering with their use will be removed prior to the start of the main tourist season?

29. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

Further to the answer to Question 34 by the Minister for Local Government and the Environment relating to Area Plans in the March 2010 sitting of this Hon. Court -

- (a) whether his Department has completed the intended review of the Area Plan programme and, if so, what the outcome is, with particular reference to whether work has commenced on the Area Plan for the East and whether some of the Area Plans will be combined;
- (b) with regard to the Area Plan for the South, when -
 - (i) the modified Draft Plan will be published;
 - (ii) the public inquiry will commence;
 - (iii) the outcome of the public inquiry will be published; and

- (iv) the final version of the Plan will be brought to this Hon. Court for approval; and
 - (c) how many of the Area Plans will be brought to this Hon. Court for approval prior to the next General Election of the House of Keys?
30. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –
- What powers are available to the Planning Authority and/or his Department to nullify a Planning Consent or to add additional conditions or to modify conditions if it is discovered, after Planning Consent has been granted, that materially inaccurate and/or misleading information was supplied in furtherance of the Planning Application?
31. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –
- (a) Why posts designed to support large directional signs are being erected throughout Onchan village;
 - (b) what the cost of the signage and posts etc is;
 - (c) what the estimated cost of labour is; and
 - (d) who gave political approval to the works?
32. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask Her Majesty's Attorney General –
- (a) Whether it is a criminal offence to supply materially inaccurate and/or misleading information to the Planning Authority in order to obtain a Planning Consent, or to obtain a Planning Consent on terms more favourable to the applicant than would be likely to apply if accurate information had been given;
 - (b) if so, what is the maximum penalty a court could impose on conviction in such circumstances; and
 - (c) in such circumstances, would the Planning Consent obtained automatically become null and void?

33. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission –

How many public servants in the last five years have converted benefits (such as car benefits) to salary enhancement in the three years prior to retirement to boost their final salary and therefore their pension; and whether this would be allowed in the future?

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

If he considers that it was an appropriate use of the taxpayers' subsidy to Manx Radio for Manx Radio to sponsor the last night of the Easter Festival of Plays at the Gaiety Theatre on 9th April 2010 so that tickets could be given away?

35. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority –

Whether the calculation for the £3.2 million extension at Meary Veg contained in the declared cost of £21.23 million to connect Peel by pipeline to Meary Veg was determined by dividing the cost of Meary Veg at £22.29 million by the population expectancy of 64,000 and then multiplying the result by the 2033 population expectancy of Peel and St John's?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

36. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask Her Majesty's Attorney General -

Further to the Eighth Report of the House of Commons Justice Committee, does he regard Manx domestic legislation introducing voluntary euthanasia as being within the legislative and constitutional competence of Manx legislators to settle?

37. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Chairman of the Water and Sewerage Authority -

In respect of the Water Authority's Infrastructure Renewal Programme -

- (a) what the total capital cost approved by Tynwald was;
- (b) what the annual percentage increase year on year in water rates has been to date;
- (c) for how many years the annual increase was set to increase at the start of the Programme;
- (d) how many further incremental increases in rates are remaining; and
- (e) what the total percentage increase in rates will be at the end of the Programme ?