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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
20th April 2010
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister –
 - (a) What the policy is of the Council of Ministers in negotiating a new Reciprocal Health Agreement with the United Kingdom Government; and
 - (b) who has been designated to lead the negotiations?
2. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Chief Minister –

Whether the Council of Ministers intends to respond to the House of Commons Justice Committee, Eighth Report of Session 2009-10 [Crown Dependencies]?
3. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister –

Whether the Isle of Man Government has given recent consideration to establishing a permanent office in Brussels in order to extend representation and build beneficial working relationships with the European Union?

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

If he will meet Sir Alan Beith MP to discuss further the commentary and findings of the House of Commons Justice Committee, Eighth Report of Session 2009-10 [Crown Dependencies] and what action the Government will take as a result of the Report?

5. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chief Minister -

How he intends to convey an informed message about the Isle of Man to candidates in the UK General Election?

6. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chief Minister -

What plans he has to convey an informed message about the Isle of Man to those candidates who are elected in the UK General Election?

7. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chief Minister -

If he intends that members of the Government will attend the conferences of the main UK parties; and, if so, how he will judge the success or otherwise of such attendance?

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

Whether the Treasury has commenced planning strategies to cope with next year's VAT reduction?

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

Why her Department proposes the introduction of a compulsory online income tax collection regime for employees?

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

If he will consult all employers to discover why work permits are being granted for jobs when there are unemployed people on the Island who could fill the vacancies and why local labour is not successful or not applying for such posts?

11. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Economic Development –

Given his insistence that the quality of visitor facilities, particularly culinary facilities, needs to be improved, what plans he has to ensure that this happens?

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

Whether his Department has any policies in place to try to get international organisations to set up in the Isle of Man; if so, what these policies are; and if not, why not?

13. The Hon Member of Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for Education –

If, as part of the consultation process, he will arrange to hold public meetings in order to address the growing concerns over the proposed introduction of the Children Bill 2010?

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

If he will arrange for the latest “legal high” drug known as “Sparkle” to be criminalised under the Medicines Act until permanent legislation is enacted?

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

What talks he will be initiating to ensure a positive outcome for the Island following the six month period of the reinstated Reciprocal Health Agreement?

16. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Health –

Whether his Department will provide Members of Tynwald with the detailed costing of the £2.8 million publicised by his Department as the cost of treatment for persons from the United Kingdom who require medical attention whilst visiting the Isle of Man?

17. The Hon Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Health –

Whether it is the settled policy of the Department of Health that the Manx Emergency Doctor Service (MEDS) is to be reduced and restructured?

18. The Hon Member of Council (Mr Callister) to ask the Minister for Health –
- If he would be content for the Isle of Man to be the only area of the British Isles without twenty-four hour GP cover?
19. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –
- Following the recent court case and conviction of a child sex offender sentenced to two years' imprisonment but who only has to serve two months in jail, if he will urgently review the available sentences in such cases to ensure that the punishment fits the crime; and whether release arrangements for sex offenders adequately protect the public?
20. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –
- If he will make a statement outlining all the services available to prisoners in the Isle of Man Prison at Jurby?
21. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –
- (i) What the total cost is of any consultancy work in relation to any pre-(HMI) inspection preparation;
 - (ii) whether such pre-inspection preparation is the norm in a) the Isle of Man, b) generally in UK probation services; and
 - (iii) why such pre-inspection preparation was necessary?
22. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –
- What is the chronology of the on-going HMI inspection of the Probation Service; why is there such a delay in publishing the report; and if he will ensure that the report, when it is eventually published, is made available to all Members of Tynwald?
23. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –
- Whether unqualified staff are facilitating courses in the community and, if so, which courses?

24. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -
- (i) What is his action plan over the long overdue penal review; and
 - (ii) what progress has been made over the new bail hostel?
25. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Social Care -
- If he will make a statement about his plans to utilise Southlands fully and to provide for the needs of the older community in the South?
26. The Hon Member for Peel (Mr Crookall) to ask the Chairman of the Manx Electricity Authority (Mr Gill) -
- If he considers it appropriate that the loss incurring Government-funded MEA showrooms are allowed to continue in competition with already struggling private Island retailers?
27. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Chairman of the Whitley Council (Mr Butt) -
- What assurances he got over the possibility of compulsory redundancies at the meeting he attended on 2nd March 2010 with representatives of the Onchan District Commissioners?

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28. The Hon Member for Douglas West (Mr Corkish) to ask the Chief Minister -
- If he will arrange a briefing to Members regarding the constitutional position of the Isle of Man in relation to the United Kingdom?
29. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -
- Whether he agrees with the conclusion of the House of Commons Justice Committee Report on the Crown Dependencies that there was a failure of responsibility by the Ministry of Justice in respect of the proposed termination of the Reciprocal Health Agreement; and if he will make a statement?
30. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -
- Whether the Isle of Man Government intends to publish a response to the conclusions and recommendations made by the Justice Committee's Report on the Crown Dependencies and, if so, when?

31. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Chief Minister –

Further to his re-structure of Government Departments what plans he has to re-assess the JESP scores for the Chief Executive posts?

32. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Education and Children –

In respect of the recently established Multi Agency Teams (MATs), whether their functions include –

- (i) collecting and sharing information about families and children;
- (ii) encouraging the community to report concerns about individual parents and children; and
- (iii) welcoming referrals of individual and family cases for consideration;

and, if so –

- (a) whether MATs are registered under the Data Protection Act;
- (b) what the current legal basis is for their establishment;
- (c) under what controls and procedures they operate;
- (d) who is responsible for ensuring they operate lawfully;
- (e) who is accountable for their performance; and
- (f) whether they currently have access to the social services, health or educational records of individuals and under what circumstances?

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

What proportion of his health budget is used on prevention and what proportion is dedicated to cure; and whether he has any plans to adjust this budget over time?

34. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Health –
- (i) What his plans are to introduce bowel screening on the Island and by when he expects to deliver; and
 - (ii) how many business cases have been prepared by the Department of Health that are awaiting adequate funding; and what the funding gap is between the cost of these services and the Department's current budget?
35. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health –
- Whether negotiations between his Department and the Department of Health in London on Reciprocal Health Services related to the whole of the United Kingdom or England only; and whether representatives from the Health Ministries of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland and the Ministry of Justice were involved in discussions?
36. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health –
- In respect of the Manx Emergency Doctor Service (MEDS) sessions operating on (a) weekdays, (b) weekends, and (c) public holidays –
- (i) what the hours of operation of each session were;
 - (ii) what the average cost of each session was;
 - (iii) how many patients on average contacted MEDS daily;
 - (iv) what the average cost of each patient contact was;
 - (v) how many home visits were made on average to patients by GPs; and
 - (vi) what the average number of hospital admissions was;
- for each of the years 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10?

37. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health -

In respect of the Manx Emergency Doctor Service, whether it is intended to end GP operation of the service; and, if so, when the consultation was undertaken with -

- (a) the Health Service Consultative Committee;
- (b) the Isle of Man Medical Society; and
- (c) the public ?

38. The Hon Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health -

In respect of the Manx Emergency Doctor Service (MEDS) -

- (i) what was the annual cost to the Department;
- (ii) what was the total cost of employing (a) GPs, (b) nursing staff, (c) secretarial staff, (d) drivers;
- (iii) how many GPs were contracted to operate the service;
- (iv) how many patients contacted MEDS annually;
- (v) how many home visits were made by GPs annually;
- (vi) how many hospital admissions were made following (a) GPs' advice by telephone, (b) a GP home visit;
- (vii) how many deaths were certified by GPs;

for each of the years 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10?

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

If he will make a statement outlining all the programmed rehabilitation interventions currently being provided in the Isle of Man Prison at Jurby?

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

What the total costs are for the Probation Service/DHA of employing agency workers over the past five years; and if he will list the purposes for each agency worker's employment?

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

What action he intends to take to limit the number of holiday homes of economically inactive people?