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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

DOUGLAS
20TH OCTOBER 2009
at 10.30 am

FOR ORAL ANSWER

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

Whether the Council of Ministers is confident that the present level of Government expenditure can be sustained for the next 5 years; whether the Council of Ministers is confident that unemployment has peaked; and whether the Council of Ministers is confident that the economic output of the private sector will stabilise and return to the growth rate attained in the years 2006 - 2008?

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

Whether the Council of Ministers is fully satisfied that the Manx National Health Service is able to recruit the best qualified hospital consultants and other professional medical staff?

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

What contingency plan his Government has in the event that the Isle of Man Steam Packet was unable to operate for any length of time?

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

Whether the Council of Ministers is aware that the United Kingdom Government intends to introduce fiscal policies that could have an adverse effect on the economy of the Isle of Man?

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

Whether his attendance at the Conservative Party Conference was beneficial to the Isle of Man?

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

In the light of the severe economic problems of the United Kingdom Government, what actions the Council of Ministers has taken to prepare contingency plans in relation to possible cessation of common service agreements with the United Kingdom?

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

What he and his officers are doing to ensure the £8M put up by Treasury for the Town and Village Centre Regeneration Scheme is being spent appropriately?

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

Whether he would support legislation to permit Coroners to pursue defaulters by holding appropriate powers to obtain financial information from banks and the accommodation addresses from the constabulary and other Government agencies?

9. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask HM Attorney General –

What the legal basis is for his advice, to both the Manx Electricity Authority and the Isle of Man Government, that terms and conditions and tariffs charged, covered by the Bord Gais agreements, be kept confidential?

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

Who are the members of the Education Council?

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

What plans are in place to assist those patients at risk of losing their sight, if his Department's bid for a Fluorescein Angiogram and/or Optical Coherence Tomometry System is not approved in the 2010/11 budget round?

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

What plans he has to weaken or remove any consequential effects of the *Coughlan* Judgment relating to long term care of the elderly?

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

How do General Practitioners arrange for patients to be sent to the United Kingdom for a second opinion?

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

(1) How many community salaried dentists are employed by his Department;

(2) how many patients are on a list awaiting allocation to a National Health Service dentist; and

(3) what initiatives are planned to resolve the queue?

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

Whether he intends to decriminalise minor offences and transfer these obligations to Local Authorities; if so, which offences he proposes to delegate; and what the rationale is behind this?

16. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs -

When he will develop the promised Bail Hostel which was supposed to have been developed at least three years ago?

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

What is being done to improve the facilities in the paddock camping area at the rear of the Grandstand?

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

Whether he has unequivocally reversed his decision to charge pensioners for their bus travel?

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

Why did his Department fail to provide sufficient equipment and support to competitors based in the paddock during the Manx Grand Prix fortnight?

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

Whether his Department will be advising tourists in the holiday brochure that the Reciprocal Health Agreement is cancelled with effect from 1st April 2010 and that thereafter visitors will require travel insurance no matter how brief their visit?

21. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

What his Department is doing to tackle the curse of itinerant traders on the Island (a) who are trading illegally or (b) to discourage those trying to set up trading legally?

22. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

Why did the executive in charge of the multi-million pound Town and Village Centre Regeneration Scheme resign, and what has been done to replace him?

23. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

What progress, if any, has been made regarding the Town and Village Centre Regeneration Scheme promoted in Tynwald some considerable time ago, in reference to initiatives targeting the Island's capital?

24. The Hon Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Trade and Industry -

Whether any of the approximately £8M approved by this Court for the new Town and Village Centre Regeneration Scheme has been spent on any associated matters; if so, how much and on what?

25. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Transport -

If he will make a statement on his Department's policy in relation to overweight vehicles, with special reference to wagons working at the Airport?

26. The Hon Member for Onchan (Mr Karran) to ask the Minister for Transport -

What the cost to the taxpayer was for the re-branding of his Department and what the justification for such a move is in the present economic climate?

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

(1) What the costs were of any salary reviews for existing staff over the last 12 months;

(2) what the resulting pay increases given to staff were within the last 12 months; and

(3) how many people this has affected?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

Further to my questions for written answer at the July 2007 and January 2008 sittings of Tynwald Court, can he advise what progress has been made to extend the provisions of the Reserve Forces Act 1996 (UK) to the Isle of Man?

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

How many post holders in -

- (a) each Department of Government;
- (b) each statutory authority; and
- (c) any other part of Government

received a pay enhancement or increase as part of the introduction of the Corporate Leadership Group; and

what the total amount is of such enhancements or increases for -

- (a) each Department of Government;
- (b) each statutory authority; and
- (c) any other part of Government?

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

When the proposal for the appointment of Hymans Robertson to do the consultancy work on the Public Sector Pension Review was decided on; how many companies were on the tender list for such a proposal; what the specification was for the tender list; who made the appointment of Hymans Robertson; who was on the selection committee for the appointment; what the proposed budget was for the consultancy; what the actual costs have been; and what the future costs are now estimated to be for the Hymans Robertson Consultancy for the Public Sector Pension?

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

Whether the Isle of Man Government will be making a submission to the United Kingdom House of Commons Justice Committee inquiry into the role and performance of the Ministry of Justice in relation to Crown Dependencies; and whether he will ensure that Members of Tynwald will receive a copy of this submission; and if he will advise Tynwald of the outcome of this House of Commons Committee and any possible threats that might emanate from any recommendations?

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

If he will arrange a presentation to brief Hon Members about the attendance of IOM Government Ministers and Officers at the Liberal, Labour and Conservative Party Conferences?

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

What his policy is to reduce the number of (a) the 340 people aged 19 or under who are registered as neither employed nor on adult training schemes; and (b) the other individuals who are not registered and are without employment?

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

In view of the strategic importance of the Bord Gais agreement, if he will ensure that Tynwald will be informed of the details of the contract in the interests of transparency; and when will the agreement be debated in Tynwald, as promised by the Manx Electricity Authority?

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

What the effect will be on the Island, and particularly on Government revenue, as a result of the Financial Supervision Commission announcement that Island deposits had fallen by £2.99bn to 30th June 2009?

36. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask HM Attorney General –
If he will make a statement about prosecution policy in relation to assisted suicide?
37. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security –
How many people are currently assessed as needing to be accommodated in Southlands but who cannot be?
38. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security –
How many active cases involving children at risk do not have an allocated qualified social worker?
39. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security –
What the number of active cases are being handled by each of the Social Services Division Childrens (a) qualified and (b) unqualified social workers?
40. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security –
Further to my question for written answer (No 31) at the December 2008 sitting of Tynwald Court, what plans he has to introduce provisions similar to those in the UK's Children and Adoption Act 2006 to enhance the Manx Courts' powers in relation to contact orders?
41. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Security –
Further to my questions for written answer at the December 2008 and May 2009 sittings of Tynwald Court, if he will make a statement following the tragic death of 'Baby P' in England outlining the measures taken or intended to be introduced to guard against such a situation happening in the Isle of Man in the light of the review by the Safeguarding Board, and what learning points have been identified and acted upon?

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

How does he justify the legal use of the Liverpool Care Pathway for those patients who are not terminally ill but who have an incurable condition and are probably dying?

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

If he will make a statement regarding any ongoing consideration of a system of barring and vetting adults who have contact with children?

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

Whether an agreement between his Department and Douglas Corporation has been reached for the Bowl Refurbishment for the 2011 Commonwealth Youth Games?

45. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Watterson) to ask the Minister for Transport -

- (1) Whether he has requested prices for a replacement lighthouse building on the Alfred Pier, Port St Mary;
- (2) how much it would cost to replace the lighthouse on a like for like basis; and
- (3) whether it is his intention to replace it?

46. The Hon Member for Rushen (Mr Gill) to ask the Minister for Transport -

How many miles of public roads his Department has a duty to maintain; what percentage of these roads are subject to speed restrictions; how many new speed restrictions have been introduced since January 2007; how many extensions of speed restrictions have been made since January 2007; and whether his Department has a working practice or policy of introducing or extending speed restricted stretches of public roads by stealth?