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QUESTION PAPER

Pabyr Feyshtyn

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For Written Answer

1. The Hon. Member of the Council, Miss August-Hanson, to ask the Chief Minister –

What the timetable for the progression of the EU Withdrawal Bill 2018 is; and whether he expects that the Act will be in force before 29th March 2019?

2. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Chief Minister –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 2 of 21st August 2018, (a) what administrative and practical issues have been anticipated and how these are being addressed; (b) what services have been classed as vital and, in each case, what action has been taken to ensure that the activity continues unhindered; and (c) what constitutes economic activity and, in each case, what action has been taken to ensure that the activity continues unhindered?

3. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Chief Minister –

Pursuant to his answer to Question 3 of 21st August 2018, (a) whether he attended the 30th British-Irish Council, summit held on 22nd June 2018, on his own and, if not, who accompanied him; (b) why the Isle of Man Government is not included in the list of attendees; (c) what the outcome was of the summit; and whether a press release was made?

4. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Chief Minister –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 4 on 21st August 2018, (a) what administrative and practical issues have been anticipated and how these are being addressed; (b) what services have been classed as vital and, in each case, what action has been taken to ensure that the activity continues unhindered; and (c) what constitutes economic activity and, in each case, what action has been taken to ensure that the activity continues unhindered?
5. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Chief Minister –

Why and under whose authority the letter dated 31st August 2018 to the Director of Settlement at the Home Office was written; what legal advice was sought before the letter was sent; what discussions on this matter were held with the United Kingdom Government and the Governments of Guernsey and Jersey; and if he will provide copies of all communications on this matter, including dates, (a) with the Crown Dependencies (b) with the UK Home Office and the Ministry of Justice and (c) between elected members of the Isle of Man Government and counterparts in Guernsey and Jersey?
6. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mrs Caine) to ask the Chief Minister –

Whether the Council of Ministers will reconsider its decision over the Isle of Man accepting Syrian refugees?
7. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mrs Caine) to ask the Chief Minister –

How much support the Overseas Aid Committee has given to Syrian refugee charities (a) in the current year; and (b) last year?
8. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Treasury Minister –

How many people were receiving (a) short term incapacity benefits, and (b) long term incapacity benefits in each month since January 1998?
9. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Treasury Minister –

How many people in privately owned accommodation were receiving housing benefits on 31st May 2018?

10. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Treasury Minister –

Whether his Department will write to all those women born in the 1950s who were affected by changes to the state retirement age?
11. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Treasury Minister –

When he expects to announce the rate for the New Manx Pension?
12. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Treasury Minister –

How many people were in receipt of each income related allowance broken down by each quarter in each of the last five years?
13. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Treasury Minister –

How much the Department has paid to private landlords for rectification of damage done by Department of Health and Social Care tenants in each of the last five years?
14. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Treasury Minister –

Whether the Treasury has allocated any contingency funds for use in the event of a hard Brexit; and, if so, how much?
15. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Treasury Minister –

How many FD8 waivers have been granted to each Department since September 2011 and for each: (a) what the reason was; (b) who requested it; and (c) who approved it?
16. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Treasury Minister –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 8 on 21st August 2018, (a) how many staff are directly employed by the Isle of Man Steam Packet and, of those, how many are Isle of Man residents and how many are UK residents; (b) how many staff are employed through the Guernsey Company by the Isle of Man Steam Packet and of those, how many are Isle of Man residents and how many are UK residents; and (c) what the purpose is of using the Guernsey Company to employ Manx Residents?

17. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Treasury Minister –

During consideration of the purchase of the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company whether the impact of the regulations governing emissions coming into force in 2020 was taken into account when calculating the profitability of the company in the future; if so, what the estimated financial impact was; and if not, why it was not considered?

18. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Treasury Minister –

Who is responsible for ensuring that Treasury purchasing procedures are followed?

19. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Treasury Minister –

Who is responsible for ensuring that Treasury comply with all financial regulations?

20. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –

How many residents have signed up for online services in each of the last five years; and how many active users there are?

21. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –

How many children were imputed to the 2016 Census data; and if social security payments were used in cross-checking, which ones?

22. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –

If he will consider amending the fourth objective of the International Development policy to support the voluntary sectors in order to raise awareness of local and global issues through the Manx population and in addition to support ways to improve areas of local concern?

23. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –

How many employees of the Public Services Commission and of other public sector organizations within the responsibility of Government Departments have undertaken extended work related travel, broken down by (a) individual Departments and organizations and (b) cost to Department and organization in each of the last five years?

24. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –

What the Government Departments, Offices and Boards policy is regarding night working; and what hours are classified as night working?

25. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask HM Attorney General –

How many criminal court trials commenced; and how many of these cases resulted in criminal convictions, in each of the last five years?

26. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Minister for Enterprise –

What (a) the cost of purchasing; (b) the cost of storage; (c) the place where it has been stored; and (d) the procurement method utilised for the VIP temporary structure at the Grandstand was in each of the last ten years?

27. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Minister for Enterprise –

What the remits of the agencies within his Department are; and if he will make a statement on their (a) scope and (b) financial and legal implications?

28. The Hon. Member for Douglas East (Miss Bettison) to ask the Minister for Enterprise –

How much money has been set aside to reimburse those booked to attend Rally IOM and from which budget?

29. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

(a) What links exist with other educational institutions; (b) who is responsible for each link; (c) if he will publish a copy of the annual report of each linked institution; and (d) how many students benefitted from each link, broken down by linked institution?

30. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

What the current job description, responsibilities and accountabilities for school improvement advisers are; if he will publish the annual reports produced for the service by the advisers; and how many advisers were employed?

31. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

Whether, in a case where following an investigation a teacher is completely exonerated of bullying, victimisation or harassment, any action will be taken against the person making the accusations?

32. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

Whether, in addition to the initial agreement and subsequent annual statements, a student will receive any additional correspondence about their student loan?

33. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

Whether a student loan has any effect on credit scores?

34. The Hon. Member for Douglas East (Miss Bettison) to ask the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

In which schools students have undertaken basic life support and AED training in the past academic year; who provided the training; and which year groups were trained?

35. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mrs Caine) to ask the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

If he will provide Key Pass data for each primary school and the Isle of Man average for end of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, for each of the past five years?

36. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mrs Caine) to ask the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

If he will provide GLD (Good Level of Development) scores for each school reception class and the Isle of Man average for the year ending July 2018?

37. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mrs Caine) to ask the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

What the average spend per pupil in a) primary school and b) secondary school is; and how this compares with England?

38. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mrs Caine) to ask the Minister for Education, Sport and Culture –

What social factors are considered when allocating schools their budget; and how this is calculated on a pupil by pupil basis in secondary and primary schools?

39. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

What systems his Department has for containing the spread of Japanese knotweed; how often the effectiveness of current systems are reviewed; and whether the option of carrying out treatment work, then charging the land/property owner for the work done, has been considered?

40. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

Whether the growth of cushag on the Island is actively monitored; when the last campaign to highlight the dangers of the plant was; and how many notices the Department has served under the Weeds Act 1957 requiring action relating to the Cushag in the last five years?

41. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

What plans he has to review the use of electronic collars over the next six months?

42. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

If he will extend the consultation period on the Agricultural Holdings Act 1969; why the consultation does not refer to English current practice of giving variable lengths of tenancies; why no reference is made to the Tenancy of Business Premises Act 1971; and on what evidence the Department claims that Manx tenancies can be passed on limitless times?

43. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

What advice was taken by the Department on the specific nature of the wording of each question in the consultation in relation to the Agricultural Holdings Act 1969 to enable a response reflective of the situation in practice to be collected?

44. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

How many Agricultural Holdings Act 1969 agricultural tenancies there are and who the largest holder of 1969 tenancies is?

45. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

When the last Land Court sat; when it last sat to hear a tenancy continuance case after the death of a tenant; and what precedent has been set in the last 25 years?

46. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

How the Department defines active farming; how many (a) farmer occupiers; and (b) tenant farmers there are; and of these, how many are active farmers?

47. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mrs Caine) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

Whether Agricultural Development Scheme subsidies for farmers will continue at the present level after the United Kingdom leaves the European Union?

48. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

What the Department's (a) net and (b) budgeted spend to date are; and whether he forecasts that the Department will come in on budget in 2018-19?

49. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

What action is being taken to allow for hospital appointments to be notified to patients by email or text messaging?

50. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

What independent health inspection regime will be put in place following the completion of the West Midlands Quality Review Service series of reviews?

51. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 28 on 21st August 2018, what actions took place between October 2015 and the establishment of the project team in April 2018; and what caused the delay in establishing this team?

52. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 29 on 21st August 2018, if the Minister will publish the cost benefit analysis underlying his response?

53. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

Further to his Answer to Question 31 on 21st August 2018, whether the prescribing issues in Oncology have been resolved or whether they are still on the risk register; why if this risk had been placed on the risk register in December 2015, it was still outstanding in March 2018; whether screening for Atrial Fibrillation is now on the risk register or whether this risk been resolved and, if so, how; why the risk of not having a 24/7 stroke thrombolysis service identified in June 2016 was not resolved until May 2018; why none of the immediate risks identified in Women's and Children's Services were on the Hospital risk register at that time; whether all the risks identified by the West Midlands Quality Review Services in relation to Women's and Children's Services have now been resolved; what further improvements are still to be made to address the paediatric issues in ophthalmology; why none of the immediate risks identified by the West Midlands Quality Review Service in the Cancer and Specialist Services review were on the risk register; when the upgrade of Rio is planned and what has caused the delay in implementation; and what actions have been taken to address the issue of ward pharmacy support since it was placed on the risk register in August 2016?

54. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

What issues were on the risk register and coded red as at 31st August 2018; and when they were placed on the register?

55. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 32 on 21st August 2018, whether the Department used evidence other than that provided by Belong Limited in arriving at the conclusion that a dementia village is not sustainable or affordable?

56. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

What the initial findings of the theatres review team are; whether an interim report has been produced and, if so, on what date; when the review is scheduled for completion and when a final report will be issued; whether the Department has the funds available to address any issues found; and whether the report will be published?

57. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

For each of the last five years, what have been the top ten gross payments paid to individual hospital consulting staff and for each (a) how many weekly programmed activities are contracted; (b) how many received payments, and for how much, for (i) attending committees (ii) cashing in annual leave (iii) waiting list initiatives and (iv) any other reasons; (c) the length of that consultant's waiting list and how their efficiency is measured; and (d) where evidence based comparison can be done, how the figures compare with those of UK consulting staff?

58. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

Whether the opening of the new facilities at Half Tide Dock will be the end of March 2020 or 2021?

59. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

When the purchase of the Half Tide Dock is due to be completed; what the terms are of the purchase agreement; what documentation has been signed and by whom; and whether any preconditions have been attached to the purchase by either party?

60. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 40 on 21st August 2018 when plans will be submitted for approval; what matters the public are to be consulted on; and whether this will affect the time frame of the project?

61. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

When the Half Tide design work went out for tender and what the criteria used to assess the tenders were; whether the Department of Infrastructure produced an estimate of works to be carried out before it went out to tender; and whether Treasury Procurement Procedures and Financial Regulations were complied with?

62. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 41 on 21st August 2018 when Manser Practice were appointed; what their experience is in the design of this type of project; and when the Department intends to go out to tender for the supervision of the project?

63. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 42 on 21st August 2018 whether he plans to ask Liverpool Waters to correct the point on their website where it states that AECOM are the project lead?

64. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 43 on 21st August 2018, whether the commencement of construction works to be undertaken by Liverpool City Council is dependent on the completion of the purchase of the site and, if so, whether the completion of the purchase will be completed to allow the Council to meet their intended start date in October; and who owns the footbridge currently used to enable passenger access and whether this has any implications for the proposed project?

65. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 44 on 21st August 2018, whether his Department has inspected the classification certificates for each vessel and, if so, who carried this out?

66. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 45 on 21st August 2018, what socioeconomic factors will help to shape the new User Agreement; what has been assessed to date and what is outstanding; and why this prevents outlining the specification of the replacement vessels?

67. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

Pursuant to his Answer to Question 47 on 21st August 2018, who may be party to any contract that could have conditions which may be applied as mentioned; and when situations arise that allow unaccompanied freight to be shipped to Liverpool, whether there will be sufficient dedicated space to allow for the containers?

68. The Hon. Member for Douglas East (Miss Bettison) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

What the current waiting list is for vehicle testing; and what is being done to address any backlog?

69. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

What the definition is of the universal service obligation, referred to in her July 2018 statement to Tynwald; and what legislation sets out this obligation?

70. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

How the figure of a loss of £1.524m for the universal service obligation was arrived at; and if she will provide a breakdown?

71. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

What the (a) median and (b) average pay for each grade or role within the Post Office are; and what the equivalent values for the UK public sector, UK logistics sector and IOM Government pay spine are?

72. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

What management structure has been in place at the Isle of Man Post Office, broken down by divisions and grades and what the salary costs of the management structure have been in each of the last five years?

73. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

What the size (numbers and Full Time Equivalent) and structure of the Isle of Man Post Office Executive, broken down by grade and salary, and the total cost of the Executive were in each of the last five years?

74. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

How many staff (numbers and Full Time Equivalent) have been employed on new terms since their introduction; how many of these staff are still employed by the Post Office; and for those employed on new terms who subsequently left employment what their average length of service was?

75. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

How many staff (numbers and Full Time Equivalent) have been employed in each division or section of the Isle of Man Post Office, broken down by grade; and what were the total costs of each grade in each division for each of the last five years?

76. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

What meetings have been held with unions, and with which unions, regarding the proposed five year strategy?

77. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

How staff were consulted about the proposed changes to the pension scheme; how many responses were received and of these responses how many were in favour of the proposed changes?

78. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

Which unions represent Post Office staff; how many staff are members of each of these unions; and what each union's response was to the proposed changes to the pension scheme?

79. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

What the contribution rates to the pension scheme have been each year since its establishment and whether any one off or top up payments have been required in addition to these standard contributions?

80. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

When the Post Office received confirmation that it was unsuccessful in the recent all Island parcel delivery tender referred to in her July statement; when the existing contract ceased; whether the Post Office has subsequently picked up or restarted any aspect of this work; and if so when?

81. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

How many (a) tenders have not been won and (b) contracts have been lost over the last five years because of uncompetitive pricing?

82. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

Whether the Isle of Man Post Office has any plans to change how it charges for redirection services?

83. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –

Where the public can obtain a copy of the proposed five year strategy for the Isle of Man Post Office to inform their response to the Post Office Consultation?

84. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Chairman of the Public Services Commission –

How many qualified accountants (a) are employed by Government and in which Departments; (b) were qualified when initially employed; (c) trained once employed and at what cost to Government including study leave; and (d) are qualified to do priority based budgeting?

85. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Chairman of the Public Service Commission –

What the recruitment process for the recently appointed interim Chief Officer of Home Affairs was; (a) where was it advertised; (b) what the interview process was; and (c) what the policy on advertising Chief Officer and other senior positions is?

86. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Chairman of the Emoluments Committee –

When the Committee expects to report on the review of Members' pay?