

# TYNWALD

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## QUESTION PAPER

### Pabyr Feyshtyn

**DOUGLAS**  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020**  
**at 10.30 am**

#### **For Oral Answer**

1. The Hon. Member of the Council, Mr Mercer, to ask the Chief Minister –  
  
What systems and methodologies are in place to identify and measure CO2 (and equivalent) emissions within the Government Estate?
2. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Chief Minister (Minister for the Cabinet Office) –  
  
What rights holders of Isle of Man British passports have a) to enter the Isle of Man and b) of abode in the Isle of Man?
3. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Christian) to ask the Chief Minister –  
  
What the Government's policy is for Government workers working from home; and whether all workers will be called back to offices?
4. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –  
  
What the process is for getting onto a cataract operation theatre list?

5. The Hon. Member of the Council, Mrs Poole-Wilson, to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

What plans he has to bring forward legislation in relation to the rights of same-sex parents?

6. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –

If he will make a statement on progress with the Liverpool landing stage?

7. The Hon. Member for Douglas East (Mrs Barber) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –

Pursuant to his Answer in October Tynwald, whether telecoms developments undertaken to date under the Town and Country Planning (Development) Order 2019 are proportionate and balanced; and what his Department is doing to ensure permitted telecoms developments are as in keeping with their surroundings as possible?

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

What the selection process for the Citizens' Forum on Climate Change was; and what happened at its first meeting?

9. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –

What the meaning is of voluntary as used in the title of the proposed 2020 Voluntary Gas Regulation Agreement?

10. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask HM Attorney General –

Whether all land on the Island must be included in one or more of the Development Plan area plans?

11. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Enterprise –

If he will make a statement on how the trial Isle concept proposed by the Chief Minister could allow the Island to host successful trials for new technologies?

12. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Christian) to ask the Minister for Enterprise –

How many and what type of applications have been received, broken down by geographical area, for the Domestic Event Fund; and how much of the Fund is spoken for?

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

If he will make a statement on the completion of works to St Mary's School?

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

What changes have occurred in the rate of applications from Isle of Man secondary schools to universities in the past year; and to what extent this has affected applications to University College Isle of Man?

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

What information he has collected from Manx students about the reasons for their prematurely ending their studies in the UK since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020?

16. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

Whether he will introduce Carbon Budgets for Government Departments?

17. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

What the assessed impact is of the new arrangements in Douglas and Peel harbours on the Manx fishing fleet; and if he will make a statement?

18. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Christian) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

Whether Laxey Glen Mills is using UK-sourced wheat to produce plain and self-raising flour products?

19. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Chairman of the Manx Utilities Authority –

How many retailers have Manx Utilities Authority top-up machines?

20. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –

What statistical evidence about total resident population and residents living in private households will be available before strategic reserves for predominantly residential use can be released; and what survey is envisaged which is equivalent to a Government census?

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

What consultation is expected to take place between telecoms providers and local residents before new telegraph poles, aerials and other related devices are placed outside their homes?

22. The Hon. Member for Douglas East (Mr Robertshaw) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –

How many (a) commercial, (b) industrial and (c) non-domestic gas consumers used more than 12,000 kWh in the calendar year 2019; what percentage of Manx Gas output was consumed by (i) those customers and (ii) the Isle of Man Government in that period; and whether the Isle of Man Government has a contract price with Manx Gas for the gas it consumes?

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

What advice his Department has given students in the UK about how to deal with the challenges related to COVID-19?

#### **For Written Answer**

24. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister –

When each instrument under the Emergency Powers Act between 17<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> June (a) was made; (b) came into effect; (c) was published; and (d) was notified to the Constabulary?

25. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Chief Minister –

If he will publish the guidance issued to the visiting key workers from Jersey who breached COVID-19 rules?

26. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Chief Minister –

With reference to the recommendations of his Gas Regulatory Review Committee and the proposed 2020 Gas Agreement: a) what UK regulatory best practice is with which the proposed agreement should conform; b) what control is in the proposed agreement relating to standing charges; c) how the rate of return is reviewable in line with changing economic circumstances and business risks; d) how the revised reimbursement mechanism is fairer between different types of customers; e) what measures are included to mitigate fuel poverty; f) how the proposed gas pricing and regulatory arrangement include the evolving policy response to decarbonisation; and g) how the proposed agreement is integrated in any new regulatory approach?

27. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Chief Minister –

If he will lay before Tynwald the directions and other secondary legislation made in the emergency powers continuation period?

28. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Chief Minister –

If he will update the coronavirus indicators last published in July 2020; and if he will make a statement about how the key indicators of the virus, health, society, and the economy are monitored and assessed?

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

What work he has commissioned to detect (a) fraud and (b) error in COVID-19 support payments?

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

How much from COVID-19 support scheme payments has been returned to the Treasury, broken down by scheme and reason for return; and how much Treasury is in the process of recovering?

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

What the implications for the Isle of Man's borrowing costs are of the most recent credit rating by Moody's (a) in the remainder of the financial year and (b) for the forthcoming financial year?

32. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for the Treasury –
- What the unaudited projected surplus on the Government accounts is when produced in accordance with FRS 102?
33. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –
- Who undertook the review of national statistics; how their independence was ensured; and whether the recommendations were altered by a person in elected office?
34. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –
- Whether the recent changes to national statistics will allow the number of people in poverty to be calculated?
35. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –
- How significant the undersupply of new housing from the proposed Area Plan for the East allocated sites and projected from conversions to that expected should be before the normal population trigger for the release of strategic reserve sites for predominantly residential use is set aside; and how Cabinet Office will obtain evidence on the deliverability of sites including a) landowner/developer ability to comply with the principles of the development briefs set out in this Plan, and b) the willingness of the landowner/developer to pursue a planning application, develop-out the site, as well as any other material considerations relevant at that time?
36. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –
- How the proposed Gas Agreement 2020 complies with the Climate Change Bill principles of just transition and climate justice?
37. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –
- How many staff (FTE) in each Government Department were working from home because of COVID-19 on the first day of each month since April 2020?

38. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Peake) to ask the Minister for Policy and Reform –

When the Urban Housing Capacity Study for the East was undertaken; who produced it; and what the findings were?

39. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask HM Attorney General –

Which statutory functions the Department of Infrastructure and Cabinet Office exercise which will be delegated to the Communications Commission to enable it to undertake the obligations it would assume under the proposed Gas Agreement; and what the legal basis is for the Communications Commission being able to receive these delegated functions and to undertake the proposed obligations?

40. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask HM Attorney General –

By whom, and in what way, it will be determined whether a) passage of the Climate Change and Competition Bills as drafted represents a change in the law or b) implementation of any part of the Climate Change Action Plan constitutes the implementation of policy relating to climate change which renders any provision of the Proposed Gas Agreement impossible or which has a material impact upon the supply of gas to consumers in the Isle of Man as anticipated by the Proposed Agreement; and if he will make a statement about the implications and consequences of such a legislative or policy change for gas consumers and the wider Manx public?

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

What proportion of staff at Noble's Hospital were fully up to date with their mandatory training at a) 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019, b) 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, c) 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020 and d) 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020; and what the estimated costs were for absence?

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

Pursuant to his Answer 51 in October Tynwald, how the independence of the community mental health survey was assured; whether the expected return rate for the survey was achieved; and what steps are being taken to improve on each outcome measured?

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

Pursuant to his Answers in October Tynwald and the announcement in 2018 of a target of delivering an 18 weeks referral to treatment standard, whether the Department can measure current performance against this measure, and what progress has been made to date?

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

Whether DATIX records form part of an individual's patient record; whether any incident report would be released (in whole or part) as part of a subject access request or medical records request; and whether DATIX information is considered as part of the complaints process?

45. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

What the cost for the integrated care pilot in the West has been; and when a report will be laid before Tynwald?

46. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

What additional (a) financial and (b) non-financial assistance was provided to GP practices during the coronavirus emergency period, broken down by practice and region?

47. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Minister for Health and Social Care –

Who has access to use the theatre in Ramsey Cottage Hospital; what it is being used for; and for how much time the facilities have been unused since the change of management?

48. The Hon. Member for Arbory, Castletown and Malew (Mr Moorhouse) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –

What the age at the time of conviction was of each person convicted of breaking self-isolation rules since 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020; and in which jurisdiction their permanent place of residence was?



49. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Ms Edge) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –  
If he will make a statement on local authority (a) waiting lists and (b) rent arrears, broken down by authority, at the end of (i) February and (ii) October 2020?
50. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –  
When the integrated transport strategy will be laid before Tynwald?
51. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –  
How much (a) has been spent to date, b) was budgeted to be spent to date, and c) is expected to be spent to completion above the original budget on the Liverpool landing stage; and what the expected completion date is?
52. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Hooper) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure –  
How many a) private sector and b) public sector rental properties are below the standards set in the draft proposed Landlord Registration (Private Housing) (Minimum Standards) Regulations 2020?
53. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office –  
On how many occasions over the last four months mail has been held up or not delivered next day; and what the delay has been on each occasion for each round affected?
54. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading –  
What contributions to the reduction in costs would allow Manx Gas to make a refund of £93 to natural gas domestic and small business customers on their 2020 bills, as announced by Manx Gas on its Facebook page on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020; and what percentage reduction this would represent in the annual household bill for gas?
55. The Hon. Member for Douglas Central (Mr Thomas) to ask the Chairman of the Office of Fair Trading –

What responsibilities the OFT assumed when the Equality Act 2017 came into force; what use has been made of the OFT's staff under this Act; and how many complaints have been made to the Employment and Equality Tribunal subsequent to an OFT attempt to conciliate under this Act?