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QUESTION PAPER

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FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon. Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Chief Minister -

Whether the Chief Minister was aware and whether he was in favour of a key Chief Executive being seconded for four months outside the Island during these difficult economic times?

2. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chief Minister -

What recent assessment he has made of the extent of financial reserves and debt of the Isle of Man; whether any of the externally or internally managed funds could be used to supplement the reserve fund in a crisis; and what risks which might entail use of the reserve fund have been identified and how those risks and the reserve fund itself are being managed as a result?

3. The Hon. Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Minister for Community, Culture and Leisure -

In light of the rejection by bus drivers for a second time of their new terms and conditions whether the Minister has prepared a contingency plan to maintain this vital public service should this problem escalate to industrial action?

4. The Hon. Member for Castletown (Mr Ronan) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

What plans he has to grow the tourist industry; and what value he places on the tourist industry as a major part of the future economy?

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

In respect of the Classic Manx Grand Prix races in 2013 -

- (a) how many riders will be paid to attend by way of appearance and prize money;
- (b) how much appearance money there will be for each rider;
- (c) how much prize money there will be for each rider;
- (d) which riders have been signed up to date; and
- (e) what the total budget is and where this money will be found?

6. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Quirk) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

If he will make a statement on the policy to generate 15% of the Island's electricity from renewable sources by 2015?

7. The Hon. Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

What the financial cost has been of segregating pre-school children from mainstream children at those primary schools that have retained a pre-school facility in the last twelve months?

8. The Hon. Member for Middle (Mr Quayle) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

Why pre-school children are being segregated from mainstream children at local primary schools, when previously this was not the case?

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

What new initiatives have taken place in the last twelve months to reduce bureaucracy and speed up delivery of frontline medical services?

10. The Hon. Member for Douglas South (Mrs Beecroft) to ask the Minister for Health -

What recent safeguards the United Kingdom authorities have or plan to put in place for better supervision of the Liverpool Care Pathway; and whether this involves two doctors, one of whom will be the most senior doctor available, in the decision to place a patient on the Pathway?

11. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

Whether his Department has sought any advice with respect to any issues relating to a termination, extension or assignment of the User Agreement following the discussions started in January 2012 about future investment in Douglas Harbour and the Steam Packet's fleet, destination ports in the UK and Ireland and frequency and quality of service provided by the Steam Packet, as well as structure and future ownership of the Company?

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

How he will solve the shortfall with effect from 1st April 2012 affecting new disability allowance claims which are involved in the motability scheme?

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

When the contractors handed over Meary Veg sewage treatment works to Isle of Man Government control; what the annual tonnage output of sludge pellets was until the end of 2007; whether the population number whose bio solids were treated at Meary Veg sewage treatment works in 2011 was 70,630 residents plus 4,166 visitor load making 74,796 total; what the average dry bio solid recovery, in grams per person per day, was for 2011; what estimated weight of bio solids, in grams per person per day, was discharged into the sea in 2011; and whether all food producing companies in Peel fish yards have been consulted for their opinion on how the proposed sewage treatment works might affect their business?

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

How many people will be served by the proposed new regional sewage treatment works at Peel; what type of treatment works he is considering; how much the proposed treatment works will cost; how savings have been arrived at to meet this cost; what projects have been over costed to achieve such capital savings; whether Tynwald has been consulted as to whether this is the best use of the new found savings; whether the Water and Sewerage Authority intends to ask Tynwald for its approval to use newly found savings to build a sewage treatment works at Peel; and whether surplus savings could be more beneficially used elsewhere in Government?

FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

15. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chief Minister -

How many (a) letters and (b) electronic messages from Members were received by his office in each month since assuming the post of Chief Minister; and how many (i) letters and (ii) electronic correspondence from Members were responded to in:

- (1) less than two weeks;
- (2) between two weeks and one month;
- (3) between one and two months;
- (4) between two and three months;
- (5) more than three months and still outstanding; and

what his target time is to respond to correspondence from Members?

16. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Chief Minister -

Further to the Written Answer to Question 34 in July -

- (a) when he intends to provide the full answer; and
- (b) what data protection issues prevent the answer being fully provided?

17. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chief Minister -

If he will make a statement on his plans for reform of the Attorney General's Chambers; who is acting as the Government's chief legal adviser, in the absence of the Attorney General; and what arrangements can be put in place to allow Tynwald and Legislative Council to have legal advice normally provided by the Attorney General?

18. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Chief Minister -

What the Government's legislative programme is for the coming four years; how this varies from the priority list published in February 2012; and what the reason is for each variance between the February 2012 and the October 2012 priority lists?

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

What recent independent surveys have been conducted into the purpose of Manx Radio as compared to its Manx based competitors; and, if so, what retention of listeners on a percentage basis can be attributed to Manx Radio?

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

How much Government intervention was paid to Manx Radio in each of the past five financial years and of each annual payment how much was dedicated to speech based programmes?

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

What consideration he has given to the redistribution of capital intervention from Treasury currently paid to Manx Radio because of the perceived reduction of listeners to that station?

22. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

If he will list the dates and location of all meetings in respect of the decision to purchase a stake in Pinewood Shepperton Studios and the role of adviser of the Island's film and television investment fund, the officials and persons present, matters discussed, and the cost of the meetings to the public purse, since (a) his appointment as Minister (b) Tynwald approval at the June 2012 sitting, and (c) prior to his appointment as Minister; and whether any professional independent external consultants have been engaged or appointed to investigate the financial and commercial activities of Pinewood Shepperton Studios in connection with the proposed purchase since (a) his appointment as Minister, (b) Tynwald approval at the June 2012 sitting, and (c) prior to his appointment as Minister; and if so (1) the name of the professional organisation/consultants; (2) what costs were incurred to the public purse; and (3) what recommendations were made and what the resultant outcome was?

23. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

How many Tax Information Exchange Agreement (TIEAs) requests have been made by -

- (i) United States of America
- (ii) Canada
- (iii) Mexico
- (iv) Poland
- (v) Netherlands
- (vi) Sweden
- (vii) China
- (viii) France
- (ix) Norway
- (x) Iceland
- (xi) Greenland
- (xii) Finland
- (xiii) Faroes
- (xiv) Denmark
- (xv) Republic of Ireland
- (xvi) United Kingdom
- (xvii) Australia
- (xviii) India
- (xix) Germany
- (xx) Portugal
- (xxi) New Zealand
- (xxii) Japan
- (xxiii) Indonesia
- (xxiv) Slovenia

for the first half of 2012 and in each year since 2000?

24. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for the Treasury -

What issues and share purchases he has discussed with Mr Whittaker and Peel Holdings during the last four years; and whether any proposals additional to the Pinewood Shepperton Studios share purchase and Media Development Fund external fund management contract might happen as a result?

25. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

In respect of official travel by his Department, how many UK visits and international visits were made by (i) Ministers; (ii) Political Members; (iii) officers; and (iv) special advisers, in each year since the Department's inception; and (a) what the cost to the public purse was of each such visit; (b) what the purpose of each visit was; and (c) what assessment he has made of

the tangible benefits to the Isle of Man and its economy of each such visit; and what steps he is taking to minimise departmental spending on travel for official visits?

26. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Quirk) to ask the Minister for Economic Development -

What action his Department takes to support local businesses from the effects of the increasing trend to shop off-Island, in particular using internet shopping?

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

What estimate he has made of the cost of establishing the Isle of Man as an approved veterinary border inspection post (BIP) for the purposes of bringing non-commercial domestic pets direct into the Isle of Man via private aircraft or boat from outside the United Kingdom; what staffing would be required to provide for compliance with requisite standards; how long the process would take; what recent assessment he has made of the number of such movements into the Isle of Man via border inspection posts in the UK; and if he has not, if he will give a commitment to conduct appropriate research?

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

- (a) In which stretches of which rivers and streams can an other waters fishing licence holder fish;
- (b) which private fisheries have leased which public land from whom to exclude general other waters fishing licence holders from fishing, and what obligations, if any, these private fisheries have arising from their leases with public bodies;
- (c) how the Department is involved in registering private, coarse and commercial fisheries and then in monitoring and enforcing fishing in waters controlled by them; and
- (d) where each of the Island's sea estuaries or harbours become inland waters for the purposes of the Island Fisheries Regulations and how this corresponds to the tidal limit and tidal flood zones?

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

If he will provide a breakdown of waiting lists and associated timescales for knee, hip and other local operations?

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

Whether his Department has received complaints from patients travelling for medical treatment in Liverpool about cancelled flights; and, if so, whether the patient transfer contract with the airline has been breached; and if he will make a statement?

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

How many incidents of inappropriate access to the Department of Health computer systems have been investigated in the last 12 months; and what the outcomes of these investigations were?

32. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

What financial evidence he has that there are economies of scale from amalgamating local authorities, and that local authorities are more efficient than Government bodies in delivering some services; how many staff there are, broken down by each of the 24 local authorities, with annual compensation including pension contributions and other benefits in the following bands - (a) £100,000+; (b) £80,000 - £100,000; (c) £60,000 - £80,000; (d) £40,000 - £60,000; (e) £20,000 - £40,000; (f) less than £20,000; and which services are provided by each of the 24 local authorities?

33. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

Whether the Energy from Waste plant uses domestic burning oil for its operation and, if so, how much has been used in the (a) primary and (b) secondary energy from waste incinerator in each of the past 12 months; and what estimate he has made of the associated costs of burning such oil?

34. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Social Care -

Whether the national minimum standards for care homes for older people which are currently applied by his Department to private residential care homes in the Isle of Man are based on the 2001 Care Homes Regulations of the UK; and

- (a) whether these regulations are applied as a matter of "best practice" but have no equivalence in secondary legislation which has been passed by Tynwald, and therefore cannot be enforced;
- (b) whether he intends to update the existing Isle of Man Nursing and Residential Home Regulations 1988;
- (c) what recourse to the Department there is for a person who wishes to complain about the standard of care a relative has received within a private care home; and
- (d) if any such complaints have been considered?

35. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Social Care -

Further to his Answer to Question 31 in the April 2012 Tynwald, when he intends to release to Tynwald Members and the public the report by the Serious Case Review Panel into the grievous bodily harm and wilful neglect/ill treatment of a child?

36. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Social Care -

How many incidents of inappropriate access to the Department of Social Care computer systems have been investigated in the last 12 months; and what the outcomes of these investigations were?

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

In respect of all referrals to Children and Families Social Services in the last 12 months -

- (a) how many led to the identification of a child suffering, or likely to suffer, significant harm as defined in section 23(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 2001;
- (b) how many led to the identification of a child in need as defined in section 23(2) of the Children and Young Persons Act 2001; and
- (c) of the children identified in (b) above, how many were provided with a service listed in section 23(3) of the Children and Young Persons Act 2001; and

of the number of children subject to a Child Protection Plan -

- (a) how many children had previously been subject to a Child Protection Plan or listed on the child protection register, or were previously known to Social Services;
- (b) how many children were on the child protection register or subject to a Child Protection Plan at the end of each month;
- (c) how many families with children on the child protection register or subject to a Child Protection Plan there were at the end of each month?

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

In respect of all contacts and referrals to Children and Families Social Services in the last 12 months to list, broken down by case type -

- (a) how many times there was a log of a concern about a child or children from an agency or member of the public;
- (b) how many contacts resulted in a referral to Social Services; how many referrals warranted a more detailed investigation; and
- (c) how many initial assessments warranted a more detailed investigation?

(using the same criteria and format as used on page 14 of the report 'information in support of the case for additional resources for Children and Families Services' presented to Tynwald on 29th June 2011).

39. The Hon. Member for Garff (Mr Speaker) to ask the Minister for Social Care -

With respect to the report on the Review of Children's Legal Services received by the Department of Social Care from Geoff Gildersleeve Consultants -

- (a) when he intends to release the report to Tynwald Members and the public;
- (b) if he intends to follow all of the report's recommendations;
- (c) when he anticipates all the report's recommendations being fully implemented; or
- (d) if he does not intend to implement fully all the report's recommendations, which recommendations he will not implement and why?