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10.00am

1. QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

1. The Hon. Member for Rushen (Mr Skelly) to ask the Chief Minister -

How much of the £8M fund for the 2009 Town and Village Regeneration Scheme has been spent and allocated, broken down by town and village; whether the scheme has been successful for the towns and villages; and if he will ring-fence the funds and extend the Scheme?

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

To what extent his Department has recently revalued the Reserve Capital Portfolio; and

- (a) what the total amount was following revaluation;
- (b) when and how the revaluation took place;
- (c) when the previous revaluation was undertaken;
- (d) what the total valuation was at that time; and
- (e) what the variance is?

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

With regard to his November press release statement that Government is successfully delivering its 5-year rebalancing plan which is on track -

- (a) when the '5-year rebalancing plan' was formulated and precisely what period it covers;
- (b) what adjustments have been made to the plan to compensate for the reduced Treasury income arising from the 2011 revisions to the revenue sharing arrangements with the UK;
- (c) what the target outcome is, on the basis of the applicable figures for each year of the plan and at the end of the 5-year rebalancing period; and
- (d) if he will publish the latest versions of the plan and the evidence demonstrating that Government is on track in successfully delivering it?

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

- (a) What discussions he had with Standard and Poors (S & P) before downgrading of the Island's rating;
- (b) when and to what extent S & P was made aware of the changes to the Island's revenue sharing with the UK and Government's 5-year rebalancing plan and the progress in achieving it; and when, and to what extent, data was provided to S & P that clearly reflect the Island's external position along with evidence of the economy's ability to diversify further away from financial-sector related activities;
- (c) what measures he is undertaking to address the Island's 'external vulnerabilities' as referred to in the report S & P published to explain the downgrade;
- (d) whether S & P are correct that the Island's 'lack of monetary flexibility' because the Island uses 'the currency of a larger sovereign' is a credit weakness for the Isle of Man and, if so, what the Government strategy is to address this; and
- (e) what other measures is he taking to enable an upgrade of the Island's sovereign credit rating and whether he plans to make data available that clearly reflect the country's external position, along with evidence of the economy's ability to diversify away from financial sector related activities, as suggested by S & P?

5. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Economic Development –
 - (a) What contracts his Department has with photographers to photograph the TT and its associated events and other motorsport events;
 - (b) whether these contracts have been awarded to Island-based photographers; and
 - (c) whether the employees of off-Island photographers are required to have work permits?

6. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Economic Development –
 - (a) Who serves on the Motorsport Development Group;
 - (b) what their individual salaries are; and
 - (c) what their former occupations were?

7. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Economic Development –
 - (a) How many people work in the Motorsport Development Group;
 - (b) what the total cost is of employing them;
 - (c) whether these employees work on a full-time or consultancy basis; and
 - (d) why it was necessary to spend £57,000 on consultants to study a possible TT World Series?

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

Whether the contractor for film rights for the TT is North One (now in receivership); and, if so, what contractual rights North One has to the TT brand and how many **unexpired** years remain?

9. The Hon. Member for Ramsey (Mr Singer) to ask the Minister for Infrastructure -

Whether farmers and contractors are obliged to wash their vehicles before entering a highway from a field or site; and, if so,

- (a) what enforcement action his Department takes against those who fail to comply;
- (b) how many times his Department has taken enforcement action in the last 5 years; and
- (c) who is held responsible if an accident occurs on the highway because of mud or other waste being deposited on roads by farm or contractors' vehicles?

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

- (a) How much the Isle of Man Government will receive by way of capital payment and annual royalty for approving the application by NGET/SPT Upgrades Ltd under the Submarine Cables (Application for Authorisation) Regulations 2004 for consent to install marine power cables in Isle of Man waters as part of the proposed Western High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Link marine cable route between Ardneil Bay in North Ayrshire, Scotland and Leasowe in the Wirral, England; and
- (b) if he will publish any contracts proposed to be entered into by Government in connection with this project, including the amount of money expected to be received, and seek approval for them from Tynwald Court prior to consent being granted?

11. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Minister for Community, Culture and Leisure -

Whether his Department will operate a bus service on Boxing Day?

12. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Houghton) to ask the Chairman of the Post Office -

What the recent pay deal with the Post Office management is; and how it correlates with overtime claims and severance payments during this fiscal year?

13. The Hon. Member for Michael (Mr Cannan) to ask the Minister for Environment, Food and Agriculture –

- (a) Who the newly appointed executive directors of the Isle of Man Fatstock Marketing Association are;
- (b) what their objectives are; and
- (c) what timescales have been implemented in respect of their objectives?

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

What progress his Department has made in re-establishing contact with the Care Quality Commission; and what progress the Department has made in investigating the extent to which the Isle of Man can become part of the Care Quality Commission's system of monitoring care?

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

What his Department's Sexual Health strategy is to reduce infection rates of HIV and AIDS with particular reference to younger people?

16. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –

Whether the joint working party looking at the possible introduction of Sarah's Law will report before Christmas; and whether this group has received all relevant information?

17. The Hon. Member for Douglas North (Mr Henderson) to ask the Minister for Social Care –

How many staff are: (a) off sick; (b) off long-term sick; (c) off sick who have previously been off sick in the preceding 12 months; (d) suspended; (e) suspended for over one month; and of those suspended, how many are on (i) full pay and (ii) reduced pay at Glenside, Reayrt ny Baie and Cummal Mooar residential homes?

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

What impact staff shortages in residential homes are having on

- (a) resident/patient care;
- (b) staff morale; and
- (c) staff health and safety;

whether care levels have fallen below acceptable care levels; and what action he wishes to take?

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

What representations unions have made to him about dangerously low staffing levels at residential homes; and why managers are not employing temporary staff to cover any shortfall where his full time staff are operating in dangerous health and safety situations, or where residents are not receiving the care or nursing care that they should be receiving?

20. The Hon. Member for Douglas East (Mrs Cannell) to ask the Minister for Education and Children -

What plans the Department has for Park Road School and land once the school has been vacated?

2. QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

How much his Department spent on Legal Aid in each year between 2000 - 2001 and 2010 -2011 on:

- (a) criminal cases, broken down by:
 - (i) advice;
 - (ii) general gaol delivery cases (and higher);
 - (iii) summary court cases; and
 - (iv) juvenile court cases; and

(b) civil and family cases, broken down by:

- (i) advice/help; and
- (ii) representation?

2. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Health –

How much his Department spent on NHS hospital food in each of the last 3 years:

- (a) in total; and
- (b) per patient per meal?

3. The Hon. Member for Onchan (Mr Hall) to ask the Minister for Home Affairs –

How much the Prison Service spent on food in each of the last 3 years;

- (a) in total; and
- (b) per prisoner per meal?

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

What the ‘special circumstances’ are under Article 13(2) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Procedure) Order 2005 that would permit the Department to approve a planning application with an expiration date for the commencement of development that exceeds four years?

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

Whether requests to extend planning applications under Article 13(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Procedure) Order 2005 are subject to the notice of application procedures as set out in Article 5 of the Order; if not, how the public is made aware that the expiration date for the commencement of development on an approved planning application has been extended; if there is no public notification, if he will list the approved planning applications for which the Department has extended the period for the commencement of development under 13 (3) of the Order?

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

Whether planning officers are required under Article 13(3) of the Town and Country Planning (Development Procedure) Order to consider the provisions of the Isle of Man Strategic Plan, where the original planning application was granted prior to the implementation of the Strategic Plan on 1st August 2007?

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

Whether the Planning and Building Control Division has used external consultants for the fiscal year 2010-11 and the six months to September 2011, and, if so:

- (a) how many consultants were employed;
- (b) how long each consultant was employed (to the nearest number of months);
- (c) what work was undertaken;
- (d) how much they were paid;
- (e) whether any of the consultants were former employees of any Government Department and, if so, of which Departments?

Unless the House otherwise determines, the above business will be considered in the order shown.

Roger Phillips
Secretary of the House