



THE ANGUILLA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

QUESTION PAPER

TWENTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE FIRST SESSION
THE ELEVENTH ANGUILLA HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
Tuesday 6th September, 2016 at 10:00AM

QUESTION 1

The Honourable Member for Island Harbour to ask the Honourable Member for Valley South, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance:

- (a) on what basis, by what authority and with what rights of appeal, property valuations for the purposes of property tax have been revised without proper or due notice to the public;
- (b) why has his government chosen to impose increased tax liabilities on taxpayers while failing to enforce the liabilities of many persons who could afford to but refuse to pay taxes; and
- (c) what plans does his government have for more efficient collection of taxes from those who can afford to pay them?

QUESTION 2

The Honourable Member for Island Harbour to ask the Honourable Member for Valley South, Chief Minister and Minister of Finance:

- (a) what proposals he intends to bring forward, and when, for further taxes;
- (b) does he have proposals for the imposition of a Value Added Tax or a Sales Tax;
- (c) if he has such plans, what rate of tax does he anticipate and what does he estimate will be the revenue from such tax;
- (d) in developing his policy on taxation has the administration considered the hardships already suffered by a large proportion of the Anguilla public and will he provide assurances of these considerations to the people of Anguilla; and
- (e) what savings in government expenditure, including personal sacrifices on the part of elected members of this House of Assembly, he and his colleagues propose.

QUESTION 3

The Honourable Member for Island harbour to ask the Honourable Member for Valley North, Minister of Health:

Considering that the 52nd Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), in 2013 characterised Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD) not related to traditional causes, such as diabetes and hypertension, as a major health concern for the Americas; and, also considering the link made by studies in Sri Lanka between CKD of non-traditional causes and water quality:

- (a) what steps is government taking to protect the integrity of our ground water supply from potential hazards such as the leeching of pesticides used in farming, and leeching of toxins from the Carito landfill among others; and,
- (b) what is the estimated cost of dialysis per patient annually at the Princess Alexandria Hospital?

QUESTION 4

The Honourable Member for Island Harbour to ask the Honourable Member for Road South, Minister of Infrastructure:

- (a) Why was the status of the airport not maintained to international standards, with the consequence that its status has now been downgraded?

QUESTION 5

The Honourable Member for Island harbour to ask the Honourable Member for Valley North, Minister of Education:

Having regard for the March 2016 Report written by Consultant Marcio Carvalho, published by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Office for the Eastern Caribbean Area, entitled: The Situation Analysis of Children in Anguilla;

- (a) what immediate plans does the government already have to address some of the main gaps identified in Annex 1 of the report;
- (b) for which of the "gaps" does it have such plans;
- (c) how soon does it intend to implement such plans; and
- (d) does it have the necessary finances earmarked to do so?