



## **Working from home or swinging the lead?**

Our recent Freedom of Information request to the Cabinet Office about the number of Government employees working from home (WFH) has been met with yet more *Yes Minister* obfuscation.

Perhaps management is too busy hoeing cabbages in the vegetable patch or nibbling cheese from the fridge or laid back on the sofa watching *Countdown*, to research and properly answer this question.

The Chief Minister's recent pronouncements on changing the culture and ethos of the Manx Civil Service have clearly not filtered through to the Cabinet Office. This is a little strange, given that his very own room is adjacent to the Cabinet Office on the third floor of Government Office Building, Bucks Road, Douglas!

Even more curious is why, despite so called herd immunity being achieved, all legal requirements having been lifted and Covid-19 declared as now endemic in the community (i.e. will be present circulating for decades to come), it is considered rational and appropriate for so many to still be WFH.

This is particularly so bearing in mind that for the vast majority of people Covid-19 presents as with no more than temporary and mild cold like symptoms.

On the Peloton to national bankruptcy?

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