

NO. 478 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Can Government state whether they have now concluded their consideration of the Consultant's report in respect of the Sewage Treatment Plant?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The Consultant's report remains under consideration by Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 478 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Minister say how long they have been considering it and how much longer they are going to need before they can come to a decision?

HON J J NETTO:

In previous answers I did say that the preliminary study and assessment of this project was received in early January of this year. I could not really tell him how long it will take at this precise moment.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is there a particular problem with the report that is creating difficulties in coming to a decision?

HON J J NETTO:

Not as I understand it, at the end of the day the reasons for undertaking this public sector comparative exercise is to arrive at estimates for the balance of risks and optimising powers as the assessment and quantification of risks and uncertainties which form a central element of the project appraisal. I am just repeating what I said previously, the result of this study will enable Government to better assess the multiplex proposal and any other proposal that they may receive, as the study will

provide the basis against which financial submissions qualification will be assessed. In answer to his question, I am not in a position to tell him when exactly we will be ready to decide on the options taken.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is this something that technical people are doing and then they make a recommendation to the Government?

HON J J NETTO:

Well, what the UK consultants are doing is reviewing UK Treasury guidelines for values of risks and optimism buyers in procurement methods. Basically they are tabulating all the various risks that can be taken by Government, risks that can be taken by the developer and in relation to all the various surveys that have been conducted, flow and load surveys, main sewers studies, the site selection, the sea outflow study, financial assessments, all of these form part of the study.

ORAL

NO. 479 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SMITH DORRIEN BRIDGE

Can Government state when they propose to complete the maintenance works to Smith Dorrien Bridge and provide a figure for the cost of the works?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The first phase of maintenance works to Smith Dorrien Bridge currently being undertaken is programmed for completion by mid-August 2006 at an estimated cost of £165,000.

NO. 480 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL

Can Government now state the date on which they propose to open Dudley Ward Tunnel for vehicular traffic and what is the latest estimated cost of the project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Government have considered in some detail the various recommendations and options that were submitted in the report prepared by the appointed engineering consultant on the work that is considered necessary as having to be undertaken in this area before a through-flow of traffic can be re-established. A preferred solution was identified from the various alternatives that were submitted. However, before a final decision can be taken on this, ground investigation works need to be undertaken to confirm the viability and constructability of the preferred option. Such exploratory works additionally provide the necessary data for use in the design.

Several elements of this investigation have already been undertaken but there is still a need to complete this exercise. The Technical Services Department is currently proceeding with this process which is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 2007. Until such time as all the required data is obtained, we will not be in a position to confirm the full viability of the preferred option and as such will be unable to provide an estimated cost for the project nor the anticipated construction period.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 480 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

So definitely the opening will probably happen some time late in 2007 or the beginning of 2008?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes, once the design is finally taken on board if we take that preferred option, obviously we will have to make a commencement and it will proceed in 2007 and probably 2008.

HON L A RANDALL:

Will these dates coincide with the termination of the developments in the South Area such as Nelson's View et cetera? There is quite a traffic problem with cars coming from the south into the Town Area and we feel that the opening of the tunnel would go a long way towards alleviating the congestion that happens, particularly and especially when it rains.

HON J J NETTO:

Well indeed, if it were to coincide it would be of great benefit to the area.

HON L A RANDALL:

Will Government then use their endeavours to ensure that the dates do coincide?

HON J J NETTO:

We always do.

ORAL

NO. 481 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SOUTH BARRACK ROAD

Can Government now provide an indication of when the road works being carried out outside the entrance to the car park of the GibTelecom premises at South Barrack Road will be concluded and when they propose to resurface the stretch of road from the entrance to the garage at Brympton to the top of Sunny Side Steps?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The trenches that were excavated outside the GibTelecom premises at South Barracks Road are not Government works. Representations were made to the original contractor and the entity responsible for the works to have these completed given the time that was being taken. GibTelecom engaged a second contractor to deal with the problem and the programmed completion date is the end of June 2006.

The resurfacing of the stretch of road from the entrance to the garage at Brympton Estate to the top of Sunnyside Steps is programmed to be undertaken during the first quarter of 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 481 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

By that does the Minister mean the resurfacing of the whole road or just the trenches that have been dug?

HON J J NETTO:

As I have answered the question, it is from the entrance to the garage of Brympton Estate to the top of Sunnyside Steps.

NO. 482 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ROAD WORKS

Can Government state the areas of Gibraltar's Public Highways that were resurfaced during the period March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The following areas of Gibraltar's Public Highway were resurfaced during the period of March, April and May 2006.

1. Little Bay Access Road;
2. Witham's Road north, from the junction of St John's Court to Rosia Road;
3. Transport Road, full re-construction at several locations;
4. Sandpits Access Road, from Europa Road to Witham's Road;
5. Access to St Theresa's car park;
6. South Barrack Ramp, patchwork;
7. Naval Hospital Road, patchwork next to retaining wall and by St Joseph's School;
8. Varyl Begg Estate northern entrance, patchwork.

NO. 483 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

THEATRE ROYAL – RODENT INFESTATION

Will Government agree to immediately clear or fumigate the site of the works at the Theatre Royal to deal with an infestation of rodents in the area which is causing some neighbours of that site to have to suffer the effects of mice and rats infesting their homes?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

No recent complaints of rodent infestation at the Theatre Royal site have been received. If there is an infestation at present, the site will be adequately treated.

It would be helpful if the hon Member or the person who complained to him, would contact the Environmental Agency and provide details of their complaint so it can be properly investigated and followed up as necessary.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 483 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

I shall communicate that to the person who informed me of this. Can the Minister confirm that his answer suggests that there has previously been such an infestation brought to his attention?

HON J J NETTO:

He will have to give me notice of that question. I can say that in relation to this particular question, not only have there been no complaints, if there would have been a complaint it would have been investigated but I dare add that some of the people who live very close to the site are many of the employees of the Environmental Agency who would nevertheless find it extremely helpful for themselves, if not for others, to be treated accordingly.

HON F R PICARDO:

I cannot understand much of what the Minister has said. Can he confirm that the first three words of his answer were 'no recent complaints'?

HON J J NETTO:

My first three words were that he would have to give me notice, and what I meant by that is that I cannot recall right now whether there have or have not been any complaints of infestation in the area.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Minister confirm that the first three words of the answer that he gave me when he first got up to answer, not in respect of my supplementary, were 'no recent complaints'?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes.

HON F R PICARDO:

In those circumstances, can the Minister tell me when was the previous complaint?

HON J J NETTO:

If the hon Member writes to me I will certainly look into it.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Minister please accept that if he said that there have been no recent complaints there has obviously previously been a complaint of such an infestation?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is not even semantically correct. The fact that the Minister says that there have been no recent complaints is capable of meaning, and I believe does mean, that insofar as his memory is able to recall there have not been any within the span of his memory. If there have been any further back and his memory takes them they will not be recent and therefore he will not remember them, which in neither event means that there have necessarily been any at all.

HON F R PICARDO:

There was no need for the defendant's counsel to get up and explain his answer. If the Minister is saying that there are no recent complaints, is it not obvious and does

the Minister for the Environment not agree with me that clearly there have obviously been previous complaints about this type of infestation from the building site that is the Theatre Royal?

HON J J NETTO:

I think I have answered the question.

HON F R PICARDO:

He has not but I doubt whether I will get anything else out of him.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not see why the hon Member thinks that he can make fun of my hon Colleague and then complain when I get up to tell him that that is what he was doing.

HON F R PICARDO:

I would be grateful if the Chief Minister would suggest where exactly it is that I am making fun of someone, if all I am saying is 'if he is saying in his answer that there have been no recent complaints does that mean that there have previously been complaints?' – that is not to make fun of people, that is to try and get to the bottom of issues in this House.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

He has had the answer from me. As a matter of normal, linguistic sense it does not mean that, whether or not he has one hand on his hip when he asks the question.

HON F R PICARDO:

Whether I have a hand on my hip or a hand on my lapel, I do not accept that the language can be interpreted to mean what the Chief Minister would like it to mean.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member can interpret it as he pleases, what he is asking us is requiring us to agree with his interpretation and we do not. Notwithstanding that we do not agree with his interpretation, he is free to think and believe whatever he likes.

HON F R PICARDO:

In that case let me suggest it in this way. Perhaps the Minister could tell us when the most recent rat infestation at the Theatre Royal site was.

MR SPEAKER:

I think I will allow the Hon Mr Picardo to have the last with that question, the answer was that he has no recollection and he will look into it, so I think that answers the last question.

ORAL

NO. 484 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

STEELMAC LTD

When during the present financial year does Government now expect to be in a position to publish the tender for the recycling service that is not longer to be pursued with Steelmac Ltd?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Tender documents for the recycling of certain items of waste are now ready. These are currently being audited internally and we expect to be in a position to invite tenders within the next few months.

ORAL

NO. 485 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

WELLINGTON FRONT - ASBESTOS

Can Government confirm that employees of Community Projects have been exposed to asbestos in the works undertaken by them at the top level of Wellington Front, what action was taken when the presence of asbestos was detected, what type of asbestos was present, what tests, if any, were carried out on any asbestos found and what protective clothing was provided to the workers involved in the works?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Employees of Gibraltar Community Projects have not been exposed to asbestos during the clearing works carried out at Wellington Front. Items encountered during the execution of these works and which were initially thought as being asbestos have subsequently been analysed at a specialist laboratory in the UK and found not to contain any asbestos fibres.

ORAL

NO. 486 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CASTLE STEPS

Why has Government still not done anything about the unsightly and unhygienic refuse dumping facility at the bottom of Castle Steps which is in such a state of disrepair that rubbish is strewn all around it daily and especially on weekends?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Answered together with Question No. 487 of 2006.

NO. 487 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CALPE MARRIED QUARTERS

Why has work not already commenced on the completion of a new permanent and airtight rubbish dump opposite Calpe Married Quarters?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

As already answered in reply to Question No. 10 of 2006 of the last House, a review of the refuse receptacle areas was already under way. In relation to the existing bin area at the bottom of Castle Steps, the decision has now been taken to re-site this facility at a nearby location and plans are shortly to be prepared for this.

In relation to the two existing bin cubicles at Calpe, once again, as reported in answer to Question No. 9 of 2006 of the last House, I informed the hon Member that a disused underground water cistern had been discovered and that this had necessitated a complete redesign of the bin holding area. The design work was actually completed but the resulting works would have proved too costly due to the additional works that would have had to be undertaken due to the existence of the tank beneath. In view of this and the fact that this area will form part of the Government's overall Urban renewal programme, the decision was taken to proceed immediately with the erection of the temporary enclosure of an identical design to that used at Willis' Road and which has proved very successful and effective. It was decided to also afford this same treatment to the second bin receptacle in that area with works on both cubicles having already started and which were scheduled for completion by Friday 9th June.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 486 AND 487 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

To what nearby location are the Government expecting to re-site the dumping facility at the bottom of Castle Steps?

HON J J NETTO:

Very close within the area of the people down in Castle Steps.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is it still on that eastern side of the road?

HON J J NETTO:

We seem to have a debate here whether it is easterly or northerly, what I can say is that it will not be more than 20 metres from where the existing one is on the same side of the road.

HON F R PICARDO:

Moving the installation 20 metres north but still on the easterly side of the road will mean that that rubbish facility will now be potentially directly under the windows of some people, has that been given consideration by the Government?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes it has been given some consideration.

HON F R PICARDO:

What are the Government going to do to ensure that there is not any noxious smell or anything like that going straight up to peoples' houses, because literally there are peoples' windows 20 metres up from where that rubbish facility is going to be? At the moment where the rubbish facility is there are not windows directly above it but there will be.

HON J J NETTO:

The hon Member speaks in plural, my recollection is not in plural it is singular but then again the interest of one person is just as important as the interests of many people. Consideration will have to be given to that as well.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is the Minister saying that consideration is to be given to that or has been given to that, because he is telling the House that the facility will move there?

HON J J NETTO:

I cannot recall whether it has been or will be but it will have to be taken into account, definitely.

ORAL

NO. 488 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

What are the differing views (to which the Minister for the Environment referred in answer to question 8 of 2006) that are held about whether the buildings from which OESCO operates, and which are to be insulated against noise pollution, belong to Government?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Answered together with Question No. 489 of 2006.

NO. 489 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Is Government now in a position to state what are the details of the works for the noise insulation of OESCO power station, what costs the works will entail and when the works are expected to commence?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Government are not yet in a position to state what the exact works will be or the cost of the insulation of the OESCO power station as details have yet to be finalised and this work is likely to be the subject of a future tender. Funding has however been made available this year for this work and the Department of the Environment is now actively pursuing the matter with the consultants so that the scope of works document can be finalised and specifications and necessary tender documents completed.

The exact scope of the works to be undertaken is subject to the consultant's report and recommendations and depending on this, responsibilities will be apportioned between the parties in accordance with the contract, although Government clearly remain responsible for the maintenance of the building.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 488 AND 489 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

One of the things that the Chief Minister said in answer to supplementaries last time was that there were different views being held about whether the buildings belonged to the Government. Can the Chief Minister tell us, because this is specifically the subject of my Question No. 488, what are those different views? Perhaps he can elucidate.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I cannot answer for what anybody else might have said in the past, I do not see what different views there can be. This is a Crown therefore a Government owned building leased to OESCO for the duration of their contract, which lease contains an

obligation on the Government to repair the roof which is what we said in the past. Under the lease it is the Government's obligation to repair but I do not think there is any doubt about the ownership of the building.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am grateful to the Chief Minister for clarifying that because in fact his words were, and this is the beginning of the sentence, 'there are different views being held whether the building belongs to the Government and there are views held about whether the machines obviously are owned by the company'. I am grateful that he has cleared that up because I think there can be no room for any view other than that the buildings were owned by the Government. Can the Chief Minister tell us when the consultant's report to which he refers will be finalised?

HON J J NETTO:

I am afraid I have not got the information available right now for that.

HON F R PICARDO:

Does he have an indication or can he recall perhaps whether he expects to have it within the next couple of months or the cryptic 'soon' that he used last time that he was answering this question?

HON J J NETTO:

I can try and find out and pass the information on to the hon Member.

HON F R PICARDO:

I would be grateful if he would. Now, am I to assume that given that he does not know when the consultant's report is expected, that he is not in a position to give us an indication of when works are likely to commence, other than to say that he expects them to commence in this financial year?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes I have already indicated that in my substantive answer that provision has been made in this financial year in order for works to commence.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is it fair to say that without the consultant's report the Minister is not yet in a position to confirm what the cost would be and therefore whether enough provision has been made in this financial year, or whether in fact this is financially viable?

HON J J NETTO:

It is the former, that the extent of the cost is not yet concluded.

NO. 490 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES

Can Government state of the applicants who were selected for homeownership at Waterport Terraces on a 100 per cent basis, how many have been allocated equivalent size accommodation under the Housing Allocation Scheme?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

I think the answer to that has to be none but any accurate Government housing scheme allocation information, linked to the Waterport Terraces Project, should be available subsequent to completion.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 490 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

Is the Minister aware that there are, according to reports that have reached my office, some purchasers, single people, one individual who had bought on a 100 per cent basis a four bedroom or three bedroom apartment?

HON C BELTRAN:

Well I do not know the specific case, obviously no names are mentioned. I am aware of two cases and the question asks about actual allocations being made, as far as I know it is none. I know that there was one case of an offer of a Government flat which was withdrawn when the person through whom the offer was being made admitted, 'look I am buying a flat at Waterport Terraces'. Then there was also another case of somebody who was allocated a flat before GRP Investments informed that person that he had been successful, and on accepting the purchase of the flat at Waterport Terraces he gave up his flat that Government had offered him previously. So that is the situation as far as I know it.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I ask the Minister, in the process of awarding peoples' bids for the properties that came up for sale, has any account been taken of the requirements in terms of the criteria of the Housing Allocation Scheme for rented accommodation?

HON C BELTRAN:

The eligibility criteria were very clearly laid out in the booklet that was issued at the time that applications were invited from the public in general. As far as I can recall, I do not have it in front of me, the only criteria in any way related to that was that some sort of priority would be given to people who were on the list or eligible to be on the list.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Perhaps the Minister can confirm, because I think perhaps the way the question has been drafted has set him off down the route that was not the intended as to the information sought. The question really is, if somebody was say on the waiting list for a one bedroom flat, was there anything to stop him making a bid for a three bedroom or not, in terms of the scheme now?

HON C BELTRAN:

The scheme is one thing and application for Waterport Terraces was another. The applications for Waterport Terraces, the criteria did include persons who might want to upgrade, that is as near as it gets to what the hon Member is saying, somebody having a 1RKB and wanting a bigger flat. That is not quite the question as it stands in front of me.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I accept that but the question of upgrading was, as I understood it, for somebody that was already a homeowner and therefore the upgrading meant that he would have to sell the existing property to the Government at zero profit, basically, for the same as he was buying the other one per square foot. My question is, in terms of peoples' entitlement to Government accommodation on a rented basis where people are put on one of several lists for one bedroom, two bedrooms, three bedrooms depending on the family composition, did any of that have an effect in terms of what they were entitled to buy? That is to say, could a single person if he chose, come to the Waterport Scheme and say, 'well although I am single I wish to have a 3 bedroom house', is there anything to stop this happening?

HON C BELTRAN:

I do not think so, no.

ORAL

NO. 491 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LIST

Can Government state how many applicants on the Housing Waiting List, to date, are medically recommended, giving a breakdown of their medical category?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 492, 493, 502 and 503 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 492 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – PERSONS MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED

Can Government state how many persons, to date, are medically recommended, apart from those who are described as applicants on the Housing Waiting List, giving a breakdown of their medical category?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 491, 493, 502 and 503 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 493 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – SOCIAL CATEGORY ‘A’ LIST

Can Government state how many persons are currently on the Social Category ‘A’ List?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 491, 492, 502 and 503 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 494 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – POST-WAR FLATS

Can Government state how many post-war housing units have been allocated to social cases in each of the last two financial years, providing a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 495 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 495 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – PRE-WAR FLATS

Can Government state how many pre-war housing units have been allocated, to date, since the answer given to Question No. 29 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The hon Member is being given a schedule containing the information he has requested.

Answer to Question 495

Answer to Question 494

A total of six post-war housing units have been allocated to social cases in each of the last two financial years broken down as follows:

Financial year 2004/05

May 2004	-	2
June 2004	-	1
September 2004	-	1
October 2004	-	1
March 2005	-	1

Financial year 2005/06

August 2005	-	1
October 2005	-	2
November 2005	-	1
January 2006	-	1
March 2006	-	1

Answer to Question 495

A total of four pre-war flats have been allocated, to date, since the answer given to question 29 of 2006. A further four pre-war flats are currently under offer.

ORAL

NO. 496 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – REPOSSESSED FLATS

Can Government state how many Government flats have been repossessed, to date, since the answer given to question 30 of 2006, giving a breakdown of pre-war and post-war?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

A total of three post-war flats have been repossessed to date since the answer given to Question No. 30 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 497 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have applied for rent relief in March, April and May 2006 and how many were approved?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 498 to 501 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 498 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households were on full rent relief in March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 497 and 499 to 501 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 499 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have received rent relief in March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 497, 498, 500 and 501 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 500 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households on rent relief have had this benefit terminated in March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 497 to 499 and 501 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 501 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have had the level of rent relief reduced in March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The hon Member has been handed a schedule containing the information requested.

Answer to question 501

Answer to Question 497

The number of households that have applied for Rent Relief in March, April and May 2006, and the number that were approved is as follows:

March	-	8	(6 approved)
April	-	6	(6 approved)
May	-	8	(6 approved)

Answer to Question 498

The number of households on full rent relief in March, April and May 2006 is as follows:

March	-	70
April	-	70
May	-	65

Answer to question 499

The number of households that have received rent relief in March, April and May 2006 is as follows:

March	-	705
April	-	703
May	-	694

Answer to Question 500

The number of households on rent relief that have had this benefit terminated in March, April and May 2006 is as follows:

March	-	7
April	-	10
May	-	20

Answer to Question 501

The number of households that have had the level of rent relief reduced in March, April and May 2006 is as follows:

March	-	57
April	-	54
May	-	56

ORAL

NO. 502 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – PRE-LIST

Can Government state how many applicants are currently on the pre-list for housing giving a breakdown of their flat requirements?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 491 to 493 and 503 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 503 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LIST

Can Government state how many applicants are currently on the Housing Waiting List giving a breakdown of their flat requirements?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The hon Member has been handed a schedule containing the information requested.

Answer to Question 503

Answer to Question 491

A total of 69 applicants have been medically categorised, to date, as follows:

A+	-	1
A	-	19
B	-	24
C	-	25

Answer to Question 492

A total of 235 persons, who are non-applicants, have been medically categorised, to date, as follows:

A+	-	15
A	-	75
B	-	63
C	-	82

Answer to Question 493

A total of 85 persons are currently on the Social Category 'A' List.

Answer to Question 502

A total of 426 applicants are currently on the pre-list as follows:

1RKB	-	286
2RKB	-	27
3RKB	-	74
4RKB	-	34
5RKB	-	5

Answer to Question 503

A total of 777 applicants are currently on the Housing Waiting List as follows:

1RKB	-	405
2RKB	-	58
3RKB	-	203
4RKB	-	98
5RKB	-	10
6RKB	-	3

ORAL

NO. 504 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LIST

Can Government state how many applicants for housing were rejected on the grounds that they were homeowners who had chosen to sell their homes, giving a breakdown by month, since Question No. 39 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 505 to 507 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 505 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LIST

Can Government state how many applicants for housing were accepted because in the judgement of the Housing Allocation Committee the sale was genuinely necessary, giving a monthly breakdown, since Question No. 40 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 504, 506 and 507 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 506 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LIST

Can Government state in respect of applicants already on the housing list, for each category of list and for each month since Question No. 41 of 2006, how many applicants had overcrowding points disallowed because other people who had sold their homes had moved in with them?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 504, 505 and 507 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 507 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LIST

Can Government state in respect of applicants already on the housing list, for each category of list and for each month since Question No. 42 of 2006, how many applicants were allowed points for overcrowding when other people who had sold their homes had moved in with them?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested.

Answer to Question 507

Answer to Question 504

Since question 39 of 2006, two applicants for housing were rejected on the 26th April 2006 on the grounds that they were homeowners who had chosen to sell their homes.

Answer to Question 505

A total of four applicants for housing were accepted on the 26th April 2006 because in the judgement of the Housing Allocation Committee the sale was genuinely necessary.

Answer to Question 506

None.

Answer to Question 507

None.

ORAL

NO. 508 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – MINOR WORKS

Can Government state how many Government tenants are currently listed as requiring work to be done in their homes by the Housing Department as landlords?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 509 of 2006.

NO. 509 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – DWELLINGS BEING REFURBISHED

Can Government state how many empty Government dwellings are presently refurbished or in the hands of Buildings and Works for refurbishment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answer to Question No. 508 of 2006

There are 1,934 tenants awaiting works to be done in their homes.

Answer to Question No. 509 of 2006

Buildings and Works have 27 flats awaiting refurbishment.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 508 AND 509 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

Can the Minister for Housing give me an indication as to how long these dwellings have been empty? The ones awaiting refurbishment.

HON C BELTRAN:

I do not have that information in front of me. They are not always the same 24 or 27, the figure tends to be around the 20's but obviously some come in and go out into the market and others needing refurbishment enter the system, but it always remains around that figure.

ORAL

NO. 510 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ARREARS OF RENT

Can Government state how many tenants have entered into agreements to pay arrears of rent in March, April and May 2006, and what is the total of arrears covered by such agreements?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information he has requested.

Answer to Question 510

The number of tenants that have entered into agreements to pay arrears of rent in March 2006, April 2006 and May 2006, and the total amount of arrears covered by such agreements is as follows:

Month	No. of Tenants Entering Agreements	Amount
March 2006	8	£27,185.80
April 2006	7	£17,323.12
May 2006	10	£57,135.55
TOTAL	25	£101,644.47

NO. 511 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – LONDON HOUSE

Can Government state what provision is being made for re-housing persons who are being evicted from London House, Devil's Tower Camp, due to its impending demolition?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

No one is being rehoused by reason of any impending demolition of London House by the Ministry of Defence, if indeed such demolition be impending. We do not have any notice of a demolition.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 511 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

The reason for this question is to give me an opportunity of course to highlight the plight of at least 15 families who live in London House, one I think has already received an eviction order and the others of course, originally from Chilton Court, are now awaiting the same kind of judgement. These are mostly social cases so I would request the Minister for Housing to check with his Department so that these people can be considered for rehousing as soon as possible when the time comes.

HON C BELTRAN:

If and when courts issue these persons, and the total is nine in London House that we would look into, with eviction notices they would obviously be prioritised in terms of allocation.

ORAL

NO. 512 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – INSPECTION OF VACANT HOUSING

Can Government state what is the procedure followed to inspect vacant housing units prior to making them available to the Housing Allocation Committee?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Once any keys to vacant housing are returned to the Ministry for Housing, a Housing Inspector will visit the premises and then assess the condition they are in. That is really the answer to the question.

NO. 513 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

HOUSING – MACFARLANE HOUSE

For what purpose has a scaffolding been erected around MacFarlane House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Scaffolding is being erected at MacFarlane House to investigate complaints by tenants of dampness problems.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 513 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

The Minister will be aware that the whole of MacFarlane House is now surrounded by scaffolding, is that necessary more to investigate the problem or is that necessary to resolve the problem?

HON C BELTRAN:

It is certainly necessary in part to investigate the problem but if one is going to do something about it afterwards, the scaffolding has to be set up properly and with the correct safety conditions. That is why it is taking a bit longer to erect properly. The Housing Department has insisted on certain aspects of safety to make sure that it is erected properly so that if works are required, it could be a possibility, because there is evidence of this dampness, then the scaffolding is there. One does not put it up, get it down and then put it up again.

HON F R PICARDO:

Does the Minister know how long it is expected that the scaffolding will be there or that the works will take?

HON C BELTRAN:

Not at this stage, there has to be a scope of work. Really once it is determined, once the nature of the difficulties being encountered is determined, then there will be a scope of works prepared and then we will know at that point how long it will need to be up.

HON F R PICARDO:

Does the Minister know how much the investigatory aspect of this work will cost?

HON C BELTRAN:

No I do not, I do not have that figure with me.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can he tell us who exactly is providing the scaffolding and at what cost?

HON C BELTRAN:

I do not have that, I would need notice of that precise information.

HON F R PICARDO:

Even in respect of who is providing it or just in respect of the cost?

HON C BELTRAN:

With the full question asked.

ORAL

NO. 514 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND

Can Government state what was the Opening Balance as at 01 April 2005, the total value of the Receipts and Payments for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 and the Closing Balance as at 31 March 2006 of the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 515 to 521 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 515 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND

Can Government state what were the Opening Balances, the total value of the Receipts and Payments and the Closing Balances of the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund for the months of April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 514 and 516 to 521 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 516 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SOCIAL INSURANCE – SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what were the Opening Balances, the total value of the Receipts and Payments and the Closing Balances of the Social Insurance (Short-Term Benefits) Fund for the months of April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 514, 515 and 517 to 521 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 517 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SOCIAL INSURANCE – SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the Opening Balance as at 01 April 2005, the total value of the Receipts and Payments for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 and the Closing Balance as at 31 March 2006 of the Social Insurance (Short-Term Benefits) Fund?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 514 to 516 and 518 to 521 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 518 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SOCIAL INSURANCE – CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFIT FUND

Can Government state what was the Opening Balance as at 01 April 2005, the total value of the Receipts and Payments for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 and the Closing Balance as at 31 March 2006 of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 514 to 517 and 519 to 521 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 519 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SOCIAL INSURANCE – CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what were the Opening Balances, the total value of the Receipts and Payments and the Closing Balances of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for the months of April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 514 to 518 and 520 to 521 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 520 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what were the Opening Balances, the total value of the Receipts and Payments and the Closing Balances of the Social Insurance Open Long-Term Benefits Fund for the months of April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 514 to 519 and 521 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 521 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SOCIAL INSURANCE – LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the Opening Balance as at 01 April 2005, the total value of the Receipts and Payments for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 and the Closing Balance as at 31 March 2006 of the Social Insurance (Long-Term Benefits) Fund?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006

Answer to Question No.514 of 2006

The opening balance as at 1 April 2005, the tentative value of receipts and payments for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 and the tentative closing balance as at 31 March 2006 of the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund is as follows:

EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND

Fund Account -

<u>Opening Balance - 1 April 2005</u>	£4,967,003.27
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Receipts	£472,848.54
	<u>£5,439,851.81</u>

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Payments	<u>(£1,123,530.22)</u>
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<u>Closing Balance - 31 March 2006</u>	<u>£4,316,321.59</u>
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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006

Answer to Question No.515 of 2006

The opening balances, the total value of receipts and payments and the closing balances of the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund for the months of April and May 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND

	<u>30-Apr-06</u>	<u>31-May-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>		
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£4,316,321.59	£4,241,490.32
<u>Add</u>		
Receipts	<u>£21,930.07</u>	<u>£2,862.84</u>
	£4,338,251.66	£4,244,353.16
<u>Less</u>		
Payments	<u>(£96,761.34)</u>	<u>(£73,498.20)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£4,241,490.32</u>	<u>£4,170,854.96</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006

Answer to Question No.516 of 2006

The opening balances, the total value of receipts and payments and the closing balances of the Social Insurance (Short-Term Benefits) Fund for the months of April and May 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:-

SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>30-Apr-06</u>	<u>31-May-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>		
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£1,155,653.05	£1,180,460.49
 <u>Add</u>		
Receipts	£78,500.44	£81,556.89
	<u>£1,234,153.49</u>	<u>£1,262,017.38</u>
 <u>Less</u>		
Payments	<u>(£53,693.00)</u>	<u>(£70,433.77)</u>
 <u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£1,180,460.49</u>	<u>£1,191,583.61</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006

Answer to Question No.517 of 2006

The opening balance as at 1 April 2005, the tentative value of receipts and payments for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 and the tentative closing balance as at 31 March 2006 of the Social Insurance (Short-Term Benefits) Fund is as follows:

SOCIAL INSURANCE (SHORT-TERM BENEFITS) FUND

Fund Account -

<u>Opening Balance - 1 April 2005</u>	£6,075,861.68
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Add

Receipts	£981,907.52
	<u>£7,057,769.20</u>

Less

Payments	<u>(£5,902,116.15)</u>
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<u>Closing Balance - 31 March 2006</u>	<u>£1,155,653.05</u>
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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006

Answer to Question No.518 of 2006

The opening balance as at 1 April 2005, the tentative value of receipts and payments for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 and the tentative closing balance as at 31 March 2006 of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund is as follows:

CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

<u>Fund Account -</u>	
<u>Opening Balance - 1 April 2005</u>	<u>£478,297.46</u>

"Local Account"

Opening Balance	£19,958.99
<u>Add</u>	
Transfers from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund	£11,260,000.00
Other Receipts	<u>£33,580.79</u>
	£11,313,539.78
<u>Less</u>	
Pension Payments	<u>(£11,234,992.68)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£78,547.10</u>

"Spanish Account"

Opening Balance	£458,338.47
<u>Add</u>	
Receipts from DFID	<u>£5,620,000.00</u>
	£6,078,338.47
<u>Less</u>	
Pension Payments	<u>(£5,852,472.28)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£225,866.19</u>

<u>Fund Account</u>	
<u>Closing Balance - 31 March 2006</u>	£304,413.29

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006

Answer to Question No.519 of 2006

The opening balances, the total value of receipts and payments and the closing balances of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for the months of April and May 2006 is per the following tentative statement:

CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>30-Apr-06</u>	<u>31-May-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>		
<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>£304,413.29</u>	<u>£197,417.39</u>
<u>"Local Account"</u>		
Opening Balance	£78,547.10	£6,815.69
<u>Add</u>		
Transfers from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund	£800,000.00	£950,000.00
Other Receipts	<u>£1,053.82</u>	<u>£119.12</u>
	£879,600.92	£956,934.81
<u>Less</u>		
Pension Payments	<u>(£872,785.23)</u>	<u>(£930,687.70)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£6,815.69</u>	<u>£26,247.11</u>
<u>"Spanish Account"</u>		
Opening Balance	£225,866.19	£190,601.70
<u>Add</u>		
Receipts from DFID	<u>£170,000.00</u>	<u>£170,000.00</u>
	£395,866.19	£360,601.70
<u>Less</u>		
Pension Payments	<u>(£205,264.49)</u>	<u>(£196,710.23)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£190,601.70</u>	<u>£163,891.47</u>
<u>Fund Account</u>		
<u>Closing Balance</u>	£197,417.39	£190,138.58

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006

Answer to Question No.520 of 2006

The opening balances, the total value of receipts and payments and the closing balances of the Social Insurance Open Long-Term Benefits Fund for the months of April and May 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>30-Apr-06</u>	<u>31-May-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>		
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£13,391,564.28	£13,428,422.14
<u>Add</u>		
Receipts	£938,892.52	£976,703.31
	<u>£14,330,456.80</u>	<u>£14,405,125.45</u>
Payments	<u>(£902,034.66)</u>	<u>(£1,055,402.90)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£13,428,422.14</u>	<u>£13,349,722.55</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006

Answer to Question No.521 of 2006

The opening balance as at 1 April 2005, the tentative value of receipts and payments for the financial year ended 31 March 2006 and the tentative closing balance as at 31 March 2006 of the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund is as follows:

OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

<u>Fund Account -</u>	
<u>Opening Balance - 1 April 2005</u>	£9,289,396.25
<u>Add</u>	
Receipts	£16,589,068.28
	<u>£25,878,464.53</u>
<u>Less</u>	
Payments	<u>(£12,486,900.25)</u>
<u>Closing Balance - 31 March 2006</u>	£13,391,564.28

ORAL

NO. 522 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

HM PRISON

Can Government state what was the number of receptions into HM Prison in the first quarter of 2006 and the population in custody as at 31 March 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The number of receptions into HM Prison in the first quarter of 2006 was 60. The population in custody as at 31st March 2006 was 29.

ORAL

NO. 523 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND

Can Government state what was the income, expenditure and balance of the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund in each of the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 524 to 527 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 524 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the income, expenditure and balance of the Short-Term Benefits Fund in respect of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 523 and 525 to 527 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 525 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the income, expenditure and balance of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for March, April and May 2006, showing the amount from UK and local funds and the expenditure to former Spanish workers and to pensioners from local funds?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 523, 524, 526 and 527 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 526 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the income, expenditure and balance of the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund in respect of the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 523 to 525 and 527 of 2006.

NO. 527 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN/CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what transfers have been made from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund to the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund giving the amounts for March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answer to Question Nos. 523 to 526

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

Answer to Question No. 527 of 2006

The transfers made from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund to the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for March, April and May 2006 are as follows:

March 2006	£1,000,000
April 2006	£ 800,000
May 2006	<u>£ 950,000</u>
	£2,750,000
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ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 527/2006**Answer to Question No.523 of 2006**

The income, expenditure and balance of the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund in each of the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND

	<u>31-Mar-06</u>	<u>30-Apr-06</u>	<u>31-May-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>			
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£4,381,618.39	£4,316,321.59	£4,241,490.32
<u>Add</u>			
Receipts	<u>£28,628.80</u>	<u>£21,930.07</u>	<u>£2,862.84</u>
	£4,410,247.19	£4,338,251.66	£4,244,353.16
<u>Less</u>			
Payments	<u>(£93,925.60)</u>	<u>(£96,761.34)</u>	<u>(£73,498.20)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£4,316,321.59</u>	<u>£4,241,490.32</u>	<u>£4,170,854.96</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 527/2006

Answer to Question No.524 of 2006

The income, expenditure and balance of the Short-Term Benefits Fund in respect of March, April and May 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>31-Mar-06</u>	<u>30-Apr-06</u>	<u>31-May-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>			
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£1,143,524.19	£1,155,653.05	£1,180,460.49
 <u>Add</u>			
Receipts	£88,380.44	£78,500.44	£81,556.89
	£1,231,904.63	£1,234,153.49	£1,262,017.38
 <u>Less</u>			
Payments	(£76,251.58)	(£53,693.00)	(£70,433.77)
 <u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£1,155,653.05</u>	<u>£1,180,460.49</u>	<u>£1,191,583.61</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 527/2006

Answer to Question No.525 of 2006

The income, expenditure and balance of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for March, April and May 2006, showing the amounts from UK and local funds and the expenditure to former Spanish workers and to pensioners from local funds is as per the following tentative statement:

CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>31-Mar-06</u>	<u>30-Apr-06</u>	<u>31-May-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>			
<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>£366,984.01</u>	<u>£304,413.29</u>	<u>£197,417.39</u>
<u>"Local Account"</u>			
Opening Balance	£70,501.81	£78,547.10	£6,815.69
<u>Add</u>			
Transfers from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund	£1,000,000.00	£800,000.00	£950,000.00
Other Receipts	<u>£2,336.25</u>	<u>£1,053.82</u>	<u>£119.12</u>
	£1,072,838.06	£879,600.92	£956,934.81
<u>Less</u>			
Pension Payments	<u>(£994,290.96)</u>	<u>(£872,785.23)</u>	<u>(£930,687.70)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£78,547.10</u>	<u>£6,815.69</u>	<u>£26,247.11</u>
<u>"Spanish Account"</u>			
Opening Balance	£296,482.20	£225,866.19	£190,601.70
<u>Add</u>			
Receipts from DFID	<u>£890,000.00</u>	<u>£170,000.00</u>	<u>£170,000.00</u>
	£1,186,482.20	£395,866.19	£360,601.70
<u>Less</u>			
Pension Payments	<u>(£960,616.01)</u>	<u>(£205,264.49)</u>	<u>(£196,710.23)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£225,866.19</u>	<u>£190,601.70</u>	<u>£163,891.47</u>
<u>Fund Account</u>			
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£304,413.29</u>	<u>£197,417.39</u>	<u>£190,138.58</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 527/2006**Answer to Question No.526 of 2006**

The income, expenditure and balance of the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund in respect of the months of March, April and May 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>31-Mar-06</u>	<u>30-Apr-06</u>	<u>31-May-06</u>
Fund Account -			
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£13,218,655.40	£13,391,564.28	£13,428,422.14
Add			
Receipts	<u>£1,279,965.44</u>	<u>£938,892.52</u>	<u>£976,703.31</u>
	£14,498,620.84	£14,330,456.80	£14,405,125.45
Payments	<u>(£1,107,056.56)</u>	<u>(£902,034.66)</u>	<u>(£1,055,402.90)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£13,391,564.28</u>	<u>£13,428,422.14</u>	<u>£13,349,722.55</u>

ORAL

NO. 528 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – NUMBER OF PENSIONERS

Can Government state what was the number of pensioners being paid or with entitlement to payment in March, April and May 2006 from the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund, giving a breakdown of pre-1969 Spanish pensioners and locally funded pensioners, showing the number of Gibraltarians/UK Nationals, Moroccans and Other Nationals for each of the months in question?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 529 and 530 of 2006.

NO. 529 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – NUMBER OF PENSIONERS

Can Government state, of the pensioners being paid or with entitlement to payment from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund, how many were also being paid or with entitlement to payment from the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund giving the numbers for each month since March 2006 and a breakdown by nationality as follows:

- (a) UK/Gibraltar pensioners;
- (b) Spanish pensioners;
- (c) Moroccan pensioners; and
- (d) Other Nationalities?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 528 and 530 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 530 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – NUMBER OF PENSIONERS

Can Government state what was the number of pensioners being paid or with entitlement to payment for each month since March 2006, from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund, giving a breakdown of:

- (a) UK/Gibraltar pensioners;
- (b) Spanish pensioners;
- (c) Moroccan pensioners; and
- (d) Other Nationalities?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 530/2006

Answer to Question No. 528 of 2006

The following pensioners were being paid or with entitlement to payment in from the Closed Long-term Benefits Fund for the months of March, April and May 2006

	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06
<i>Pre-1969 Spanish Pensioners</i>	5954	5945	5910
<i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i>	5083	5111	5117
<i>Moroccan Pensioners</i>	1690	1694	1698
<i>Other Nationalities</i>	469	470	478
Total	13196	13220	13203

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Answer to Question No. 529 of 2006

The following pensioners were in receipt of payments from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund and also in receipt of payments from the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for the months of March, April and May 2006.

	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06
<i>Spanish Pensioners</i>	104	105	109
<i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i>	2323	2357	2375
<i>Moroccan Pensioners</i>	614	617	621
<i>Other Nationalities</i>	33	33	33
Total	3074	3112	3138

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Answer to Question No. 530 of 2006

The following pensioners were in receipt of payments from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund for the months of March, April and May 2006.

	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06
<i>Spanish Pensioners</i>	109	112	116
<i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i>	2331	2369	2387
<i>Moroccan Pensioners</i>	614	617	621
<i>Other Nationalities</i>	33	33	33
Total	3087	3131	3157

ORAL

NO. 531 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Can Government state what was the number of persons receiving social assistance in March, April and May 2006 giving a breakdown by age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 532 to 534 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 532 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE – DISABILITY ALLOWANCE

Can Government state how many persons were in receipt of a Disability Allowance under the Social Assistance Arrangements for March, April and May 2006, giving a breakdown of their age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 531, 533 and 534 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 533 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Can Government state how many persons receiving social assistance in March, April and May 2006 have been employed since and how many are still receiving social assistance, giving a breakdown of age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 531, 532 and 534 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 534 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE

Can Government provide a breakdown for the number of pensioners in receipt of the Minimum Income Guarantee showing the number receiving the single and married rates in bands of £5 up to the full amount as at end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 534/2006

Answer to Question No.531 of 2006

PERSONS RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IN MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 2006
GIVING A BREAKDOWN BY AGE AND SEX

2006	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
MARCH	170	291	461	64	150	112	135
APRIL	169	289	458	62	149	115	132
MAY	164	290	454	62	152	113	127

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 534/2006

Answer to Question No.532 of 2006

PERSON RECEIVING DISABILITY ALLOWANCE UNDER THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MARCH, APRIL AND MAY 2006, GIVING A BREAKDOWN OF THEIR AGE AND SEX?

Months	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	Total	Male	Female
Mar-06	24	26	25	12	18	11	0	116	81	35
Apr-06	24	25	26	12	18	10	1	116	81	35
May-06	24	25	26	13	17	11	2	118	81	37

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Answer to Question No.533 OF 2006

PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2006

MONTH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
Mar-06	170	291	461	64	150	112	135
Apr-06	169	289	458	62	149	115	132
May-06	164	290	454	62	152	113	127

PERSONS EMPLOYED DURING MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2006

MONTH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
Mar-06	11	3	14	4	7	2	1
Apr-06	6	2	8	4	0	1	3
May-06	5	0	5	1	1	3	0

AS AT	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
6-Jun-06	164	285	449	59	151	114	125

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 534/2006

Answer to Question No.534 OF 2006

NUMBER OF PENSIONERS IN RECEIPT OF THE MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE, RECEIVING THE SINGLE AND MARRIED COUPLE RATES IN BANDS OF £5 UP TO THE FULL AMOUNT AS AT END OF MAY 2006.

				SINGLES	COUPLE	TOTAL
				No	No	No
FROM	£131.00	TO	£135.00	1	1	2
FROM	£126.00	TO	£130.00	0	0	0
FROM	£121.00	TO	£125.00	0	0	0
FROM	£116.00	TO	£120.00	0	0	0
FROM	£111.00	TO	£115.00	0	0	0
FROM	£106.00	TO	£110.00	0	0	0
FROM	£101.00	TO	£105.00	0	0	0
FROM	£96.00	TO	£100.00	20	0	20
FROM	£91.00	TO	£95.00	2	0	2
FROM	£86.00	TO	£90.00	0	0	0
FROM	£81.00	TO	£85.00	0	0	0
FROM	£76.00	TO	£80.00	1	0	1
FROM	£71.00	TO	£75.00	0	0	0
FROM	£66.00	TO	£70.00	0	0	0
FROM	£61.00	TO	£65.00	22	0	22
FROM	£56.00	TO	£60.00	1	0	1
FROM	£51.00	TO	£55.00	2	1	3
FROM	£46.00	TO	£50.00	7	0	7
FROM	£41.00	TO	£45.00	13	1	14
FROM	£36.00	TO	£40.00	11	0	11
FROM	£31.00	TO	£35.00	15	0	15
FROM	£26.00	TO	£30.00	14	2	16
FROM	£21.00	TO	£25.00	37	1	38
FROM	£16.00	TO	£20.00	17	4	21
FROM	£11.00	TO	£15.00	228	1	229
FROM	£6.00	TO	£10.00	24	4	28
FROM	£0.00	TO	£5.00	18	7	25
				433	22	455

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 531 TO 534 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

In the bracket of £131 to £135 it shows one case of a single pensioner and one case of a couple, is not that rate only for married couples?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes that is correct, there must be some mistake somewhere, I will have to look into it.

HON J J BOSSANO:

What is the maximum rate now for the single person, because I thought £95 was the top rate, am I right?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, I believe from memory that it is £98.20.

NO. 535 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

GOVERNMENT HOSTEL

Can Government state whether, following the answer given to Question No. 78 of 2006, they are now in a position to confirm that there will be 200 beds in the new Government Hostel?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The position remains as previously stated in answer to Question No. 78 of 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 535 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

Would the Minister just refresh my memory, what was the position at the time?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes, the answer was that there are provisional plans to provide a 200 bed hostel. Obviously the plans are still provisional, the situation is the same.

ORAL

NO. 536 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

MOUNT ALVERNIA

Can Government state how many elderly citizens are awaiting a place at Mount Alvernia, and how many of these are occupying a bed at St Bernard's Hospital as at the end of May 2006, giving a breakdown of sex and age?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

As at the end of May 2006:

- 113 Elderly Citizens are in the waiting list for Mount Alvernia
- 31 are occupying a bed at St Bernard's Hospital

I hand the hon Member a written schedule giving a breakdown by age and sex.

Answer to Question No.536/2006

Breakdown by Age and Sex of those occupying a bed in Hospital

SEX	AGE			
	60-70	70-80	80-90	90+
MALE	0	2	5	2
FEMALE	1	5	12	4

Breakdown by Age and Sex of all others in Waiting List

SEX	AGE			
	60-70	70-80	80-90	90+
MALE	1	9	8	3
FEMALE	2	17	32	10

Breakdown by Age and Sex of all in Waiting List

SEX	AGE			
	60-70	70-80	80-90	90+
MALE	1	11	13	5
FEMALE	3	22	44	14

ORAL

NO. 537 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD WELFARE REPORTS

On what date were each of the child welfare reports set out in answer to Question No. 83 of 2006 requested?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 538 to 541 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 538 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD WELFARE REPORTS

Is Government aware that in some proceedings in which Child Welfare reports are required the parties and the Courts are being told that the waiting time for the completion of “expedited reports” is nine and a half months?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 537 and 539 to 541 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 539 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD WELFARE REPORTS

Can Government state how many pre-sentence and child welfare reports have been prepared in each full month of 2006 to date by Social Services in both the Magistrates and Supreme Courts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 537, 538, 540 and 541 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 540 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD WELFARE REPORTS

Is Government satisfied that the backlog of Child Welfare reports has now been dealt with?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 537 to 539 and 541 of 2006.

NO. 541 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

SOCIAL WORKERS – CHILD WELFARE REPORTS

What are the qualifications of the two new social workers which Government told the House have been employed in order to deal with the backlog of Child Welfare reports?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answer to Question No. 537 of 2006

I hand the hon Member a list with the information requested for January to December 2005. The information for January and February 2006 was provided in answer to Question No. 82 of 2006.

Answer to Question No. 538 of 2006

Presently all expedited reports requested by the courts are being prepared within 8 and 12 weeks. Neither the Government nor the Social Services Agency are aware of the parties or courts being told that expedited reports will take nine and a half months to complete.

Answer to Question No. 539 of 2006

I hand the hon Member a list containing the information requested in Question No. 539 of 2006. The information for the months of January and February 2006 on child welfare reports was provided in answer to Question No. 83 of 2006.

Answer to Question No. 540 of 2006

Currently all reports in backlog have been allocated except two, these will be allocated in July. All will be completed by September 2006. As from September 2006, all reports requested will be completed and the backlog will have been eliminated.

Answer to Question No. 541 of 2006

One of the new social workers has a masters diploma in social work and the other has a diploma in social work.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 541/2006

Answer to Question No.537 of 2006

Dates in which the child welfare reports set out in answer to Q.83 of 2006 were requested

October 2003

January 2005

March 2005

January 2004

April 2004

November 2004

March 2005

March 2004

April 2004

May 2004

June 2004

June 2004

March 2005

April 2005

April 2005

June 2005

July 2005

July 2004

February 2004

May 2004

October 2004

August 2005

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 541/2006

Answer to Question No.539 of 2006

List of child welfare reports prepared

March 2006	0
April 2006	3
May 2006	6

List of pre-sentence reports prepared

January 2006	10
February 2006	9
March 2006	5
April 2006	3
May 2006	14

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 537 TO 541 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Minister tell me how it is that she says I should co-relate the answer she has given me now in answer to Question No. 537 of 2006 to the answer that she gave in answer to Question No. 83 of 2006?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I do not understand what I am being asked. How to co-relate Question No. 83 of 2006 with which question? Question No. 537 of 2006 asks for the date in which child welfare reports as set out in Question No. 83 of 2006 were requested and the lists I have given him are the dates when these specific reports were requested.

HON F R PICARDO:

Yes, but I do not know whether the Minister has with her a copy of the answer that she gave me to Question No. 83 of 2006. Question No. 83 of 2006 set out each of the months of the year 2005 and the two first months of the year 2006. The answer which she has given me simply sets out a list without saying to which of the months of 2005 or 2006 they relate. The only thing that I can try and deduce is that because they are grouped, more or less in keeping with the number of reports given, for example, the first one that is on its own relates to the first month of 2005, is that how I should read it?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes that is correct.

HON F R PICARDO:

In that case the Minister will agree with me that it was entirely unacceptable that the report requested in October 2003 should have taken 15 months to complete.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Well, actually there is a reason for that specific one. The report was delayed because the parent was in the UK and so the assessment could not be made fully.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is a similar reason or a similar good reason relevant to the delay of also 15 months or 12 months in respect of the two reports delivered in April 2005 which date from January 2004 and April 2004?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

The hon Member will note that it is more or less exactly a year after they were requested that they were prepared, if I am not mistaken, more or less one of them at least, prepared in April 2005 requested in 2004. The reason for this is that they were annual supplemental reports.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is that the case in respect of both of them or just the annual one, because the one of January is 15 months from date of request to date of delivery?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

In relation to the one requested in April 2004 and submitted, the other one I do not have a reason but we all know that delays have been experienced.

HON F R PICARDO:

Absolutely, that is why this set of questions in the House I am sure is concentrating the minds of those responsible for these reports. So, if there is not a good reason, as good as the one that there was for the previous 15 month delay, namely that one of the parents was unavailable, the Minister will agree with me that that 15 month delay for the January 2004 report delivered in April 2005 is unacceptable.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

If I had found the delays acceptable Government would not have taken the policy decision of employing two extra social workers to deal with the backlog.

HON F R PICARDO:

Absolutely right but the question is why did it take 15 month delays for the Government to take action? Could the Government not have taken action sooner?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

He asked a similar question the last time and I am not prepared to answer again.

HON F R PICARDO:

Let me phrase my question this way although I do not accept that I asked a similar question the last time or that I am labouring a point that does not require labouring. Should the Minister not have been on top enough of her Ministry to have realised when reports were four, five or six months delayed and that delays should not have got to the extent that they got before action was taken?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I am more on top of my Ministry than the hon Member realises. He can rephrase his question as many times as he likes, I am not willing to answer.

HON F R PICARDO:

Well, I am sure that the Minister's attitude is not an attitude which commends itself to the House. I do not think this House simply accepts Ministers standing up and saying that they are not willing to answer. They may answer as they have answered before that they are not willing to give a further explanation and for that I am sure that they will answer at the ballot box, not necessarily in this House. Does the Minister not accept that issues like this are of serious concern, especially to the parents of children and to those who are supposed to be caring for the welfare of these children and that it is simply not good enough for her to say 'of course I am on top of my Ministry', these delays have arisen on her watch. She is doing something about it now, why did she not do something about it sooner?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

It is not a question of not wanting to answer his question, what I have said is that I have already answered it within a space of three months and there is no reason for me to answer it again.

HON F R PICARDO:

That is the rule that applies to written questions in this House not to supplementary questions which lead to the same conclusion as a result of answers which have been provided in this House. Perhaps something could help to concentrate the mind. In respect of the reports delivered in July 2006 and February 2006 one of them was requested in February 2004. In that respect unless the Minister knows that there is a real good reason why that report should have taken close on 23 months, is she not ashamed that her Ministry is responsible for such lethargic inactivity when it comes to this type of report?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

There are much worse things that I can think of that the hon Members should be ashamed of during their time in office.

HON F R PICARDO:

First of all I have never been in office. Secondly, the Minister is not in this House at Question Time to score political points, although that may be the type of politics that her party does. The Minister is in this House to answer questions about her Government and her Government's record and to answer questions of policy. So I ask her again, is she ashamed of the fact that the February 2004 report delivered in January 2006 took 23 months to be delivered on her watch? She has been Minister for all of that time.

MR SPEAKER:

I think she did give an answer to that, the hon Member may not like the answer but there was an answer, he is repeating the question.

HON F R PICARDO:

Well, with the very greatest of respect there has not been an answer to that, simply to try and avoid the answer by referring to previous administrations and what they say are other embarrassing things which may have happened during that time. This is a very specific question and a very specific issue, now if the Minister simply wants to leave the record reflecting her answer to that question on a 23 month delay on a child welfare report, can I at least take it that there is in fact no good reason disclosed to her that she can refer to the House and that she would rather simply leave it at that?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No I am not leaving it at that, I answered his question three months ago and I have no intention of answering it again.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am sorry, I did not ask a question about the 23 month delay three months ago. I did not have the information three months ago, this is a very specific question about obviously a very specific case where in respect of child welfare there has been a delay of 23 months. Does the Minister not have a good excuse why that report should have taken 23 months?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

There might be a good excuse but I have not got it in front of me. I have given reasons for the delay in others, there might be a good excuse, I have not got it. As I say, the general question about the delays, we all accept that there have been delays and as I say that is why Government took a policy decision to employ two more social workers. I did answer the general question three months ago whether he likes it or not.

HON F R PICARDO:

I have not got a problem with her saying that she answered the general question three months ago, I have no difficulty with that, I still think I can ask it because the Rules of the House do not cover supplementaries. But if the answer is simply that she does not have another reason why that 23 month delay has been occasioned, if she does not have it she does not have it. Can the Minister undertake to look into whether the delay of 23 months in respect of that particular report is for any good reason and perhaps even write to me, there is no need to come back into the House in respect of that particular delay?

MR SPEAKER:

My recollection is that this line of questioning has been examined at the last sitting in March or thereafter but specifically I have no recollection of the question relating to the 23 month delay of the February 2006 report. That is the question that has been put, the Minister has answered and I do not think I have power to force or compel a Minister to answer in any particular manner.

HON F R PICARDO:

I accept that wholeheartedly but if I am asking the Minister simply at this stage, not trying to be combative in respect of this question, simply at this stage to look into because she tells us that she does not have the answer with her today, to look into how that 23 month delay has arisen and ask her to come back to me on it, is she not prepared to even rise to say that she will not answer in respect of that specific question. It is not an attempt to be combative, when she has given a reasonable answer I have accepted it, if the parents are away they are away, if it is an annual review it is an annual review, will she at least address this issue?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I will not undertake to do what the hon Member is asking me to do because it will serve absolutely no purpose. It will serve no purpose because at the end of the day the matter has been resolved and two more social workers have been employed and all the backlog will be cleared by September.

HON F R PICARDO:

It will obviously serve no purpose because the Minister thinks it will be embarrassing. I give her notice that I will be asking a specific question in this House next time so she had better ask her officials to start preparing the answer, however embarrassing or useless she thinks it may be.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I am shaking in my shoes.

HON DR B A LINARES:

As a point of order, with reference to one of these cases where there was a delay, the hon Member initially came out with the accusation that this was unacceptable. When the reason for the delay was given by the Minister, I think it was a question of the parents being away in the UK, then the hon Member accepted that this was a good reason. Would he now withdraw the accusation of unacceptability that he started off?

HON F R PICARDO:

Of course, I withdraw the allegation of unacceptability for a very simple reason. It is unacceptable for any report to take a particular period of time unless there is a specific reason. If a court requests an annual report it is always going to take 12 months, if a court requests a report but it is impossible for a parent to attend for the purposes of social workers to undertake the report then it is impossible for the report to be completed sooner, especially if Social Services is so understaffed that they cannot file a short report with the court answering that one of the parents is away in the United Kingdom. So it is not unacceptable, I agree with the Minister, in circumstances where the parties are not available but where there is no such reason then unacceptability must continue to be the criteria. I am happy to make that clear.

MR SPEAKER:

Yes, I got the impression that the hon Gentleman was gracious enough to accept the explanations regarding the absence of parents and the one annual report.

HON DR B A LINARES:

The point of order I made is that that was initially condemned as being an unacceptable delay and I am asking the hon Member, as a matter of form and of order, to withdraw that initial accusation, which he has done.

MR SPEAKER:

He has, let us move on.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am quite happy also to clarify that I would not consider a 23 month delay unacceptable if the court has asked in February 2006 to receive a review report in January 2006, which courts sometimes do. But if what there is, is a request in February 2004 and no reply for no good reason, and this is why I was asking the Minister whether there was a good reason, until January 2006 that would in my view be totally unacceptable.

HON DR B A LINARES:

It was a point of order.

HON F R PICARDO:

Yes, but as Mr Speaker had specifically said, I was withdrawing it by accepting that it was a good reason.

MR SPEAKER:

If I may just end this discussion by saying as Parliamentary behaviour goes, the accusation of unacceptability is not the worst accusation one has heard. We move on to the next question.

ORAL

NO. 542 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE FUND – ACTUARIAL REVIEW

Can Government state when the actuarial review of the Social Insurance Funds took place and the period covered by the review?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question No. 543 of 2006.

NO. 543 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE FUND – ACTUARIAL REVIEW

Can Government confirm when the report of the actuarial review of the Social Insurance Fund was received and whether it is intended to publish the result?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answer to Question No. 542 of 2006

The actuarial review of the Social Insurance Fund has not been finalised. The period covered by the review is from 1st January 1986 to 31st March 2000.

Answer to Question No. 543 of 2006

The final report has not yet been submitted. Due to the exceptional extended period of the review and the lapse in time since the 1981/1985 report, the Department of Social Security has encountered some difficulties in collating 15 years of data manually, thus the reason for the delay in the final submission of the report. As far as the Government are aware the report is of a confidential nature and as such has never been published.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 542 AND 543 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, I do not know why the Government are aware of that because in fact what we are talking about is the actuarial review which deals simply with the ability of the funds to meet its liabilities. How can that be confidential, it does not mention anybody's names, it just deals with numbers of income and expenditure?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I do not know whether the hon Member is aware that the last report to be undertaken dated back a very long time ago, even before their time, it was in the days of the AACR when one was conducted. Obviously, the Department basing itself on the few that have been available since then, have told me that they were not published at the

time. The reasons why they were not published I do not know why it is, they said it is because it is confidential, I would not be able to shed any more light on the confidentiality of it or not.

HON J J BOSSANO:

When was this report commissioned?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

In late 1999.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it the case that the Social Insurance Funds were reinstated as a new Ordinance in 1997? How can one have an actuarial review spanning from 1986 to the year 2000 when in fact, in the interim, the funds were dissolved and the whole structure was changed and new legislation was brought to the House in 1996 and 1997 which made a provision for an actuarial review, which presumably is the basis upon which this is being conducted?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

The notes that I have in front of me prepared by my officials say that the last review was in respect of the period 1981 to 1985. I understand that no further reviews were carried out after this date due to the fact, as the hon Member has just mentioned, that the Social Insurance Fund was wound up in 1993. Since then there have been no further reviews.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, and I am asking, surely the Minister must know that in 1985 the frontier opened and that in 1986 Sir Geoffrey Howe gave the Spanish pensioners the opportunity of collecting £46 a week for every tuppenny hapenny they had paid before 1969. This is now well documented and common knowledge. A millstone that has been round the British taxpayers' necks for the last 15 years. What I am saying is, if the Fund was dissolved in the middle of all of this and the Government brought legislation to this House setting up a new Fund, the old legislation prior to any of this happening was that there was a quinquennial actuarial review, that is why there was one in 1981 and one in 1985. The new legislation presumably applies to the new funds created in 1993, so how can it be going back to 1986, if the Minister says it spans from 1986 to the year 2000?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I would not know the answer to his question. This is the information that has been passed on to me, that the period covered by the current review, which as I say the final report of which has not yet been submitted, it covered 1st January 1986 to 31st

March 2000 and I will try and give him an explanation of the question he has just asked. I do not know the answer to that question.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It says that it is the Minister that decides whether there should be an actuarial review in the legislation, is this a policy decision taken by the Government to carry out this actuarial review? Perhaps I can phrase by way of a question that the Minister must surely be aware that the reason for the reviews in the past, before 1985, was because the pensions went up every year, they were not frozen. Therefore, because they were not frozen, projections were made of future pension increases related to wage levels because before 1985 the pension was based on 50 per cent of the average earnings of a weekly paid full-time worker. We are now in a situation where pensions have been frozen since 1989 and therefore the entire concept of an actuarial review, which is for an expert in that field to project future liabilities, does not arise when pensions are frozen. Is this an indication that they are about to be unfrozen?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I gather from the hon Member's question that he actually objects to a review being carried out at all, is that the case?

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, it is just that if the Government take a policy decision to conduct a review given that one needs to spend money on an actuary, because it is not possible with a pocket calculator to do a projection when one is talking about rates of payment that change over the passage of time. If there is a situation where there are 5,000 pensioners, the average pension is the same every year, then it is very easy to do the calculation and that is why no actuarial review has taken place since the pensions were frozen, because what was the actuary to do? I am surprised that the Minister says an actuary was appointed in 1999, which is seven years ago, and they still have not finished the work. This has been going on since 1999, has it?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Apparently, in late 1999 before my time, my Department the Department of Social Security actually first contacted the UK Government actuaries to consider how to proceed with the next review, given that we had to go back for an exceptional period of time back to 1986 which was the date of the last review. Now in view of the lapse in time and the fact that most of the information required had to be collated manually, the Department was faced with a mammoth task in having to provide 15 years of historical data. Thus the delay by the actuaries in finalising the report which means that although it was requested in 1999, as the hon Member rightly points out, it still has not been finalised. That is the reason behind the delay that I have been given.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think in the last House the Minister said, perhaps she just thought it was there, but she told me that in fact the report had arrived but it had not yet been studied. Does she remember saying that?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, I recall saying and I think this was the case, that at the time I had recalled asking for it and because of the fact that it had not been produced to me, I was assuming that it was not ready.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Does the Minister have any idea whether this is now near completion?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I have been told that we can expect to receive the report within the next four months.

ORAL

NO. 544 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

MUSIC CENTRE

Can the Minister for Culture state where persons or groups wanting to make use of the facilities of Music Centre have to go either for an application or to be allocated times and days when the facilities are available?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 545 to 547 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 545 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

MUSIC CENTRE

Can the Minister for Culture state how many times and on what days he has visited the Music Centre in the last 5 months?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 544, 546 and 547 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 546 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

MUSIC CENTRE

Can the Minister for Culture state how many meetings have been held with the trustees of the Music Centre to work out its usage?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 544, 545 and 547 of 2006.

NO. 547 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

MUSIC CENTRE

Can the Minister for Culture state whether he is satisfied that the monies given to the trustees for the replacement of shutters and general refurbishment to the exterior of the Music Centre has been spent for that purpose?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

I will reply to the questions posed but qualify my reply by restating what has already been explained and repeated to the hon Member in answer to a number of questions. Namely, that the Gibraltar Music Centre is a charitable trust, not one appointed by Government, run by its Trustees, and it is up to the Trustees to decide how their business is managed. Government are therefore not answerable to the House on most of the matters raised in the questions.

Notwithstanding that qualification, we obviously have an interest in ensuring that the Music Centre provides adequate tuition for the benefit of Culture generally and of course an interest in ensuring that public funds are used adequately and for the purpose intended. It is on this basis that I now reply as follows:

The Music Centre Trust has informed my Ministry that the condition of the Centre does not allow for greater use at present. I am informed that the Trust will re-address the question of use before September.

I have not visited the Centre in the last five months in an official capacity. I hope to do so shortly. I have however been in the vicinity on several occasions and have had sight of the façade of the building.

I have had one meeting with a Trustee where a number of issues were discussed, including the one the hon Member raises, that is to say its usage. A follow-up meeting is being arranged.

The question of the funding for refurbishment was also raised at the meeting I had with the representative of the Trust and I was assured that the funds have been spent for the purpose they were approved, that is, for general refurbishment.

I have not yet seen the inside of the building but am advised there has been extensive refurbishment works carried out. As far as the façade of the building is concerned, this is something I will be raising with representatives of the Trust when I meet with them, which I hope will be shortly.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 544 TO 547 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister for Culture then state where, because Question No. 544 of 2006 was where groups and persons have to go for the usage of the Music Centre, can the Minister state where they have to go and who do they have to approach?

HON F VINET:

That really ought to be a question that has to be addressed to the Trust itself. I have sought that information from the Trust, the information they have given me as I have explained, is that the condition of the Centre at present does not allow for greater use, although that issue will be re-addressed before September by the Trust.

HON S E LINARES:

As I know it, because I have tried to investigate where people have to go, and they have all been directed to the Ministry of Culture and that is why I have posed the question because people have gone to different individuals, Trustees and a person who is actually supposedly running the place, and they are all directed to the Ministry of Culture. So there is either mis-communication between the Ministry of Culture and the Trustees, which is obvious, or the Minister should state 'look this Music Centre, people should go to the Ministry of Culture or approach this person or other'. I understand that the Minister has said that the place is still not adequate for its usage, greater usage because it is being used currently, but people are wanting to use it.

HON F VINET:

There is certainly no mis-communication as far as the Ministry is concerned. It is not up to the Ministry to make arrangements for attendance to the Centre nor have they received any request for this to be the case. If such a request were to come in the future it is something that we can consider but at the moment arrangements have to be made directly with the Trust, and we have not received any request for those arrangements to be altered.

HON S E LINARES:

The Minister stated that he had gone to or by the vicinity, is the Minister happy with the state of the exterior of the building?

HON F VINET:

No, that is an issue I would like to raise with the Trust when I meet with them which I hope will be shortly.

HON S E LINARES:

Is the Minister aware that the monies given were for part of the exterior to be done, that is, the shutters?

HON F VINET:

Yes, the funds that were provided by Government were for the general refurbishment of the Centre, including shutters, including the façade and including the inside. Having had sight of that façade, I certainly am of the opinion that there is further work to be done to it and that will be raised when I meet with the Trust.

HON S E LINARES:

Does the Minister then envisage that more monies will be given to the Trustees in order to refurbish the place more adequately, because the Minister has just stated that it needs further refurbishment? Will the Minister not agree then that more monies need to be given to the Trustees?

HON F VINET:

No, at this stage I would not like to express an opinion either way, that would mean pre-empting the outcome of the meeting with the Trustees, so any possible decision to be taken in the future will be dependent on the discussions with the Trust.

HON S E LINARES:

Will the Minister meet a Trustee or all the Trustees when he has the next meeting?

HON F VINET:

Well, as was the case when I met with the one Trustee, certainly my preference would be to meet with as many Trustees as possible. On this particular occasion only one Trustee was available, I believe others were either not available, not in Gibraltar or they may have been ill and that was the reason why they were unable to attend. Certainly, my preference would of course be to meet with all the Trustees if possible.

ORAL

NO. 548 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government provide a copy of the last structural report made by engineers on the condition of the Theatre Royal and what is the date of the last such report?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question No. 549 of 2006.

NO. 549 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government state when the next rent review in relation to the Theatre Royal will take place with the owners and by what percentage is the rent envisaged to increase?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

The last report is dated 27th April 2006. Government do not consider it appropriate to provide the hon Member with a copy.

As for the Review Date, this is set at each and every fifth anniversary. It was last reviewed on 1st September 2005 and the next review date is 1st September 2010. The terms of the Agreement provide that the Lessors may by notice in writing given to the Lessee require the rent to be reviewed. The Agreement also provides that if there is no such request for a review or if there is one but no agreement is reached, the increase shall be the greater of either 15 per cent of the yearly rent or the Gibraltar Index of Retail Prices increase during the five years prior to the Review Date.

No request for a review was submitted by the Lessors for the last review date and therefore a 15 per cent increase of the yearly rent was made as per the agreement.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 548 AND 549 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state who conducted the 27th April report?

HON F VINET:

Yes, as has been notified in previous answers to the House, those reports are prepared by the Technical Services Department.

HON S E LINARES:

So basically, the Minister is saying that it is an internal report it is not an independent report, it is a report done by Government by Government employees.

HON F VINET:

Yes, as has been explained previously, it is a report carried out by the experts at the Technical Services Department for Government.

ORAL

NO. 550 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY - OESCO

Can Government state the number of units and the value of electricity purchased from OESCO in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 551 to 558 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 551 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY - MOD

Can Government state the number of units and the value of electricity purchased from MOD in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 550 and 552 to 558 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 552 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED

Can Government state the number of T3 (Domestic Consumers) units of electricity invoiced to customers in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 550, 551 and 553 to 558 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 553 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY – CUSTOMERS BILLED

Can Government state the number of customers invoiced in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 550 to 552 and 554 to 558 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 554 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED

Can Government state the total value invoiced to customers in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 550 to 553 and 555 to 558 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 555 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY – REVENUE COLLECTED

Can Government state what were the amounts collected in respect of electricity in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 550 to 554 and 556 to 558 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 556 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED (STANDING CHARGES)

Can Government state the total value invoiced to Domestic Customers in respect of Electricity Standing Charges in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 550 to 555, 557 and 558 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 557 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED (FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT)

Can Government state the total value invoiced to Domestic Customers in respect of Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 550 to 556 and 558 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 558 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED

Can Government state what were the amounts billed in respect of electricity in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule I hand to him.

Answer to Question 558/2006

Question 550/2006

Purchases from OESCO Ltd.

	March 2005	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
Units (kWh)	3,725,940	6,470,580	5,589,730	5,705,990
Value	£370,152.96	£769,052.98	£771,032.33	£773,054.77

Question 551/2006

Purchases from the MOD

	March 2005	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
Units (kWh)	712,126	with April 06	869,023	492,380
Value	£64,389.97	with April 06	£89,177.98	£50,876.84

Question 552/2006

Units invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	March 2005	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
Units	5,490,382	4,944,899	4,246,509	3,712,326

Question 553/2006

Number of Consumers invoiced under Tariff 3 Domestic

	March 2005	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
Consumers	12,616	12,636	12,629	12,627

Question 554/2006

Total value invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	March 2005	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
Invoiced	£536,953	£583,333	£506,988	£448,858

Question 555/2006

Amounts collected in respect of electricity

	March 2005	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
Collected	£1,781,921.16	£1,513,656.06	£987,875.16	£1,469,329.83

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Contd Answer to Question 558/2006

Question 556/2006

Standing Charges invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	March 2005	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
Invoiced	£25,844	£50,784	£49,940	£51,082

Question 557/2006

FCA invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	March 2005	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
Invoiced	£154,234	£166,627	£142,806	£123,064

Question 558/2006

Amounts billed in respect of electricity

	March 2005	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
Billed	£1,309,785	£1,270,421	£1,311,654	£1,163,667

ORAL

NO. 559 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY – POWER FAILURES

Can Government state the number of power cuts that affected whole districts in the months of March, April and May 2006, providing a breakdown of the areas affected and the reason why they occurred?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

There were two power cuts affecting whole districts in the period March to April 2006. The detailed information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule I hand to him.

Answer to Question 559/2006

Number of Power Cuts affecting whole districts in the months of March, April and May 2006

YEAR 2006	Date	Duration	Districts affected	Cause
1	Sat 15 April 06 07.29hrs	7mins to 10mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10,13,14,18 One District supplied from OBDC, 9	Generator set no. 3 at WPS Tripped manually Turbocharger fault.
2	Thu 27 April 06 02.13hrs	2mins to 16mins	Eight districts supplied from WPS, 10,11,12,13,14,15,17,18 Five Districts supplied from OBDC, 1,7,9,21,23	Generator set no. 2 at WPS Lub oil trip elec fault.

The districts fed from Waterport Power Station (WPS) comprises parts of Queensway, Line Wall Road, Casemates, Marina Bay, Glacis Road, Waterport, North Mole and the whole of the Westside reclamation area.

The districts fed from Orange Bastion Distribution Centre (OBDC) comprises Laguna, Bayside, British Lines Area, Devil's Tower Road, Catalan Bay, Sandy Bay, Town Area, Moorish Castle area and parts of Queensway.

ORAL

NO. 560 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED

Can Government state the number of units of Domestic Primary Units of water invoiced in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 561 to 566 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 561 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED

Can Government state the value of Domestic Primary Units of water invoiced in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 560 and 562 to 566 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 562 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED

Can Government state the number of units of Domestic Secondary Units of water invoiced in the months of March 2005, and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 560, 561 and 563 to 566 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 563 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED

Can Government state the value of Domestic Secondary Units of water invoiced in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 560 to 562 and 564 to 566 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 564 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

AQUAGIB – CUSTOMERS BILLED

Can Government state the number of customers that were invoiced for Domestic Secondary Units of water in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 560 to 563, 565 and 566 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 565 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED (STANDING CHARGES)

Can Government state the values in respect of Water Standing Charges invoiced to Domestic Customers in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 560 to 564 and 566 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 566 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

AQUAGIB – REVENUE COLLECTED AND BILLED

Can Government state what were the amounts collected and the amounts billed in respect of water in the months of March 2005 and March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule I hand to him.

Answer to Question 566/2006

Answer to Question 560/2006

POTABLE WATER BILLED BY UNITS DOMESTIC (Primary)	Mar-05		
	365,294		
	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06
	372,330	381,670	373,748

Answer to Question 561/2006

POTABLE WATER BILLED BY VALUE (Primary Units)	Mar-05		
	£65,753		
	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06
	£78,189	£80,151	£78,487

Answer to Question 562/2006

POTABLE WATER BILLED BY UNITS DOMESTIC (Secondary Units)	Mar-05		
	205,277		
	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06
	184,638	202,967	186,293

Answer to Question 563/2006

POTABLE WATER BILLED BY VALUE DOMESTIC (Secondary)	Mar-05		
	£92,375		
	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06
	£96,012	£105,543	£96,873

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Contd Answer to Question 566/2006

Answer to Question 564/2006

No. of Consumers of Domestic Secondary Units	Mar-05		
	5,189		
	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06
	5,187	5,500	5,226

Answer to Question 565/2006

Standing Charges (Domestic)	Mar-05		
	£17,666		
	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06
	£35,789	£35,190	£35,258

Answer to Question 566/2006

Billing and Collections Potable water		Amount Billed	Total Collections
	Mar-05	£291,059.17	£303,743.35
	Mar-06	£371,152.24	£376,054.28
	Apr-06	£377,150.51	£236,881.72
	May-06	£413,329.37	£416,712.06

NO. 567 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE – VICTUALLING YARD

Has Government now taken a policy decision to include the Victualling Yard as a listed structure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

No, Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 567 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does the Minister have any idea as to the time scale in which such a decision will be taken? My understanding is the Government have not yet decided whether to include it or not, is that the position?

HON F VINET:

Well, in fact the first stage of that has to be the formal application for listing by the Trust, which has not yet occurred. In fact, I was looking through Hansard and perhaps there may have been a mistaken idea of what has happened. There was what the Chief Minister referred to as 'a request for the listing' by the Trust, but I had spoken to the Trust at a recent meeting where we discussed the listing of possible monuments and buildings and that was not a formal request. It was simply more a notification of an intention to apply for a request. I know that the Trust is presently compiling their list of properties they would like to see included in the schedule to the Ordinance, among them is the Victualling Yard. In fact, I explained to them that if they so wished they could first of all apply for the Victualling Yard so as not to delay that particular application, and then once they have the remainder of the list ready they can do so likewise. My understanding is that the Trust will very shortly be making that formal request for the listing of the Yard but they have not yet done so.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I know there are questions on the Order Paper which may overlap on what we are discussing now, but was it not the case that the Trust already submitted a detailed list of structures in relation to the draft Heritage Ordinance?

HON F VINET:

No, although that in fact forms the entire basis of my reply to, I think, the next Question so perhaps it can wait until then.

ORAL

NO. 568 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE

How often and on what dates has the Heritage Action Committee met since 24 January 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

On three occasions, they tend to meet every two months or so. The dates were 24th January, 28th March and 30th May 2006.

NO. 569 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE ORDINANCE

Further to the answer to Question No. 235 of 2006, can Government say whether they have now completed their search in old files for listings requested by the Heritage Trust in the context of past discussions for a possible new Heritage Ordinance?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

As I have just explained, I met with the Gibraltar Heritage Trust on the specific issue of the listing and we have agreed, by which I mean that the Trust has accepted, that no formal proposal was made to Government in the past. A number of reports, with varying levels of detail, have circulated in the past years and this may have led to the confusion that a formal proposal had been put forward but I can confirm this was not the case.

NO. 570 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE ORDINANCE

Can Government confirm whether the draft Heritage Ordinance which had been in circulation prior to 2003 will no longer be proceeded with?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

The position remains exactly as given in answer to Question No. 236 of 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 570 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The first answer given to Question No. 236 of 2006 simply said the Government would make announcements about any new Ordinance which they may wish to bring forward when they decide whether to bring such an Ordinance, and if so, what it should contain. No such decision has yet been made. The question now relates to whether the draft Ordinance which existed before 2003 is going to be proceeded with or is not going to be proceeded with and we will have the new Ordinance instead. I do not think the answer given to Question No. 236 of 2006 answers Question No. 570 of 2006.

HON F VINET:

We can beg to differ, I would argue that it does. Looking at the substance of the reply given by the Chief Minister and thereafter replies to supplementaries, where the Chief Minister went on to explain this was not a legislative priority for the Government and that it would be dealt with on that basis, I think what is implied by that is that no confirmation can be given that that draft of the Ordinance will or will not be proceeded with. What I ought to clarify perhaps, because I think the central issue of the updating of the Ordinance was the schedule to it, the part that contains the listed monuments and buildings and so on, and certainly Government have no problem whatsoever, we have indicated quite firmly that we are very willing to consider any request for the updating of that list and we shall do so independently of any amendments to the Ordinance that may happen in the future.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the policy of the Government to produce a new Heritage Ordinance or not?

HON F VINET:

It continues to be Government policy, as it has been, to continue assessing the contents of the Ordinance and we shall consider any possible amendments to it in due course. There is certainly no policy taken by Government not to amend the Ordinance. As the Chief Minister also explained in supplementaries to Question No. 235 of 2006, the draft or any possible draft of the Ordinance has not reached Ministers, it has not been discussed at Council of Ministers, when the need arises to amend the Ordinance that will be the case.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

There are two different issues here. One is whether amendments are carried out to the existing Ordinance, which is I think what the Minister is saying, and another one is whether there is a completely new Heritage Ordinance. Can the Minister clarify which of the two is Government policy, to have a completely new Heritage Ordinance or to amend the existing one?

HON F VINET:

Really it is a question of methodology, it does not really matter one or the other. What matters is the substance of those amendments, whether it happens to be in the form of a completely new Ordinance or whether the existing one is amended, that is not really a question which we attach great importance to. What we do attach importance to is the substance of any possible amendments.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to the time scale in which this is expected to happen, is it still not a legislative priority for the Government so this could really take quite a while?

HON F VINET:

Precisely, which is why my original reply is that the position remains exactly the same as given in answer to Question No. 236 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 571 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GIBRALTAR SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY

Can Government state how many persons were employed by the Gibraltar Sports Authority as at the end of May 2005 and 2006, providing a breakdown by grade, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE, YOUTH AND SPORT

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule that I now hand to him. Perhaps I ought to add that having had sight of the schedule I notice that there are not any totals for the two months requested, I have taken the liberty of adding them up. Fourteen is the total as at the end of May 2005, and 23 as at the end of May 2006.

Answer to Question No 571/2006

PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SPORTS AUTHORITY
As at end May 2005

NO.	GRADE	SEX	NATIONALITY
1	Chief Executive Officer	Male	British
1	Finance and Administration Manager	Male	British
1	Sports Development and Training Officer	Female	British
1	Office Manager	Female	British
1	Administrative / Clerk	Female	British
1	Secretarial / Typist	Female	British
2	Supervisory Groundsman	Male	1 British 1 Moroccan
2	Groundsman	Male	British
3	Duty Managers	Male	British
1	Cleaner	Female	British

PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SPORTS AUTHORITY
As at end May 2006

NO.	GRADE	SEX	NATIONALITY
1	Chief Executive Officer	Male	British
1	Finance and Administration Manager	Male	British
1	Facilities and Resources Manager	Male	British
1	Sports Development and Training Officer	Female	British
1	Asst Sports Development and Training Officer	Male	British
1	Office Manager	Female	British
2	Administrative / Clerk	Female	British
1	Secretarial / Typist	Female	British
2	Supervisory Groundsman	Male	1 British 1 Moroccan
2	Groundsman	Male	British
3	Duty Managers	Male	British
5	Sports Assistants	Male	British
1	Sports Assistant	Female	British
1	Cleaner	Female	British

ORAL

NO. 572 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – XANIT HOSPITAL

Can Government state the result of the meeting held recently between the Director of the Instituto del Corazon del Hospital Xanit de Benalmadena and the Minister for Health?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Two meetings have been held between the GHA and the Xanit Hospital Internacional de Benalmadena, where discussions about the tertiary medical needs of Gibraltar patients were initiated.

ORAL

NO. 573 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT

Can Government confirm that senior members of the Medical Team at St Bernard's Hospital, such as Consultants, are involved in the decision process culminating in the acquisition of new specialist equipment for St Bernard's Hospital by GHA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Yes Sir.

ORAL

NO. 574 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT

Can Government provide a list of the specialist equipment that was acquired for St Bernard's Hospital by GHA from the donation of approximately £800,000 made by the Bonita Trust?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The medical equipment acquired, as agreed by the specialist advisers of the donors, is contained in the schedule that I now hand to the hon Member.

Answer to Question 574 of 2006

Equipment	Designated Use	Manufacturer	Model	Qty
Computer Tomography CT	Radiology	Philips X-Ray	Brilliance CT	1
Mammography Unit	Radiology	Philips X-Ray	MammoDiagnost	1
Mammography Processor	Radiology	AGFA Radiology	DryStar 5500	1
Anaesthesia Delivery Unit	Theatres	Datex-Ohmeda	i4ADVANCE / AESPIRE 7900	3
Bloodgas Analysers	Intensive Care	Radiometer	ABL 725	1
Bloodgas Analysers	Intensive Care	Radiometer	ABL 77	1
Blood & Fluids Warmer	Intensive Care / Theatres	Smith's Industries	Hotline HL-90	4
High End Patient Ventilator	Intensive Care	Drager	Evita 4	1
Ventilatory Support System	Intensive Care	Respironics	Bipap Vision + Masks	1
Transport/Fixed Monitor	Intensive Care/Paeds/Maternity	Philips	MP30 with ETCO2 Microstream	2
Fibreoptic Intubation	A&E / Intensive Care	Karl Storz	1024324 & 1025000	2
Syringe Driver	Anaesthesia/Intensive Care	Alaris	PCA IVAC 5001GB01	3
Syringe Driver	Anaesthesia/Intensive Care	Alaris	Asena TIVA 80043UN00	3
Hemofiltration	Intensive Care	Fresenius	Multifiltrate M200701	1

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Cont Answer to Question 574

Transport Ventilator	Neonatal Transport Ventilator	Smiths Medical	BabyPac Neonatal Ventilator	1
Portable Ultrasound	Intensive Care/Theatres*	ESOATE	Awaiting Confirmation*	1
Oxygen Saturation Monitor	Paediatrics	Datex-Ohmeda	Ohmeda 3900	1
NeoNatal Hearing screening equipment	Paediatrics	Welch Allyn		1
Mucous Extractor	Paediatrics	Welch Allyn		2
Audiometer/Otoscope	Paediatrics	Welch Allyn	Audioscope 3	2
Tympanometry Equipment	Paediatrics	Welch Allyn	Microtomp 2	2
Infusion Pump	Paediatrics	Alaris	Gemini PC1	2
Transport Incubator	Neonatal	Drager	ITI 5400	1
Neonatal Ventilator	Neonatal	Sechrist	IV 100B	1
Jaundice Treatment Equipment	Neonatal	Datex-Ohmeda	Biliblanket	2
Weighing Scales (Electronic)	Neonatal	Seca	Seca 336	1
Jaundice meter	Neonatal	Air-Shields	JM-103 Awaiting Confirmation*	1

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 574 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Can the Minister say whether the £800,000 donation was credited to GHA non-recurrent expenditure?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I do not keep the books of GHA, so therefore where the amount was credited to is not possible for me to answer on my feet. But because this is a capital sum, it is a donation, that figure would have gone into the Capital Expenditure of GHA and not the recurrent expenditure. Let me go slightly further, the hon Member understands the question he has asked, I presume. This money has gone to buy equipment and this is the equipment that has been bought so it may have been credited on one side and it has gone out on the other.

HON L A RANDALL:

Surely the money goes to the GHA and the GHA then makes the purchase so at some stage it has to be accounted for by the GHA, and I would think that perhaps wrongly, the proper way of accounting for that would have been to credit the GHA non-recurrent revenue, because it is a one time off. Unless Bonita is going to give a donation of £800,000 every year to the GHA.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is exactly what I have said, that it had been credited to the Capital Account which is non-recurrent expenditure.

HON L A RANDALL:

Would the Minister confirm that the equipment acquired is new equipment and not equipment to replace that bought at the opening of the hospital and found to be not fit for purpose?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am not aware that any equipment bought at the opening of the hospital has been found not fit for purpose. This is all new equipment, yes.

HON L A RANDALL:

Thanks very much, I just wanted the Minister to confirm that.

NO. 575 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – LOCALISATION OF SENIOR POSTS

Can Government state whether they propose to localise any of the senior Government posts presently held by the incumbents under non-pensionable and non-permanent contracts, and if so, which are these posts and can they confirm that they have a Succession Plan in place to this effect?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The policy of the Gibraltar Health Authority, which is fully supported by the Government, is that recruitment to all posts in the GHA is driven firstly and foremost by the need to ensure the quality and safety of our health service and thus the interests of its patients and users.

That said, it is also the policy of the GHA and of the Government that the posts be filled by longstanding residents of Gibraltar, whenever there is such a candidate that meets the required standard of skill, competence and suitability. Such local candidates would be preferred in those circumstances, but local candidates will not be preferred (simply because they are local) at the expense of the healthcare interests or safety of the patients of the GHA.

The above policy applies to all healthcare management posts in the GHA at all levels.

The GHA has made no commitment to alter the present senior management arrangements, save the natural application of the general policy which I have just described, that is, when Government are satisfied that the different arrangements can and should be made, and that is a matter for the Government.

In accordance with these policies, and also in accordance with the Authority's duty to patients, the Authority will recruit staff with the required skills from whatever country it considers necessary and desirable to do so in the interest of the patients, the health service and the safety of the healthcare that the Authority provides.

An active Management Development Programme is under way involving various programmes, including some in conjunction with Durham University. The GHA is committed to equal opportunity and has developed, and is continuing to develop staff, so that they are able to be effectively promoted and to be able to acquire greater skills, thereby improving their job satisfaction.

A performance assessment programme has been introduced and by August, all GHA Managers will be in individualised programmes. This is fundamental for succession planning. It is important that any succession plan gives opportunity for benefit to all rather than to a few hand-picked individuals.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 575 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Can the Minister expand on what he means by 'longstanding residents'?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Certainly not those who have been on their feet for a long time. It means people who have been resident in Gibraltar for a reasonably long period of time, which is not necessarily only Gibraltarians but may also be other nationalities which have been here for a reasonable period of time.

HON L A RANDALL:

What may be reasonable to the Minister may not be reasonable to me, but what I would like to know is what he considers a reasonable period for longstanding? What would be a reasonable period, three years residence in Gibraltar which is as long as a contract there is or longer?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, if the hon Member thinks I am trying to say that someone who has been here on a three year contract is a longstanding resident that is not what I am saying. By longstanding residents is phraseology that has been used in the past to allow people to vote in referenda and to allow for a number of things. It can vary depending on the criteria used. I am not the person to set the criteria for either this or for other things. It might change depending on what the objective of the exercise is but I would say anything between five and twenty years depending on the particular circumstances to which the criteria is being applied. I would not on my feet say on behalf of the Government what would be longstanding criteria for this particular purpose. It would be completely different for a messenger than it would be for a consultant in brain surgery, for example.

HON L A RANDALL:

The question said 'senior Government posts' so the question of the messenger would not come into play. What I mean is consultants, even senior nurses, people of that order. Anyway, the Minister would say it is between five and twenty years, okay.

NO. 576 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS

Can Government state whether they have recently contracted two new Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeons, and if so, when are they scheduled to start work at St Bernard's Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

I can confirm that two new Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeons have been contracted and will be taking up their appointment one on 1st July 2006 and the other on 1st September 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 576 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Could the Minister say how many candidates were interviewed for the two posts?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, not without notice, but speaking purely from memory I think it was in the order of five or six, it was not one or two or 500, that sort of scale but I cannot guarantee the accuracy of that answer.

HON L A RANDALL:

Can the Minister confirm that no financial incentive was offered in order to attract them to start work in Gibraltar?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am not sure what the hon Member means by financial incentives. If he means money over and above their pay and normal conditions of service then the answer is

no. They were offered the same terms as per the consultant contract, which is available to all other consultants that are already in employment in Gibraltar.

HON L A RANDALL:

Then the Minister confirms that there was no payment up front in order to attract them to come and work in Gibraltar?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Absolutely not, it is not the policy of the GHA or the Government to do that.

HON L A RANDALL:

Can the Minister also confirm that these two Orthopaedic Surgeons will not be allowed to carry out private practice?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Of course I can confirm that, it seems hardly necessary for me to be asked to confirm that. Private practice has been abolished in the GHA now for two years since 1st December 2004, it has been abolished since then. There is no private practice and anybody who is engaged is engaged on those terms, that private practice is not possible within GHA, within GHA premises and within contracted hours. It is different once the medical staff are outside the GHA during their own time, there of course they can do whatever they like but not within contracted hours.

HON L A RANDALL:

If they carry out contracted work outside their contracted hours it would not be using hospital facilities?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Absolutely right, I have just said, it would be outside GHA, outside GHA premises and outside contracted hours. So by definition it is not using GHA equipment or GHA staff to assist.

ORAL

NO. 577 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – MEDICAL APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government state the date on which the last meeting of the Medical Appeals Tribunal was held?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 578 and 579 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 578 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – MEDICAL APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government state how many cases were pending reference to the Medical Appeals Tribunal for determination of medical questions as at end March 2006 and as at end May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 577 and 579 of 2006.

NO. 579 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – MEDICAL APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government state the date that the next meeting of the Medical Advisory Tribunal has been scheduled to take place?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answer to Question No. 577 of 2006

The last meeting of the Medical Appeals Tribunal was held on 13th June 2003.

Answer to Question No. 578 of 2006

There were 13 cases pending as at the end of March 2006 and 15 as at the end of May 2006.

Answer to Question No. 579 of 2006

The Medical Advisory Tribunal does not exist. If the hon Member is referring to the Medical Appeals Tribunal, a specific date has not yet been set.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 577 TO 579 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Can the Minister provide an acceptable reason for the almost, in fact it will be three years tomorrow, since the last meeting of the Medical Appeals Tribunal? What was the reason for the inordinate delay?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

There have been various reasons for the delay, whether the hon Member finds them acceptable or not is a matter of opinion. Firstly, the RNH doctors who sat on these Tribunals indicated their refusal to sit on it, so Government had to identify suitably

qualified specialists who could carry out this task. This took considerable time. Then there was disagreement over the fees which should be paid to the specialists that we were going to use locally, which was significantly more than what had been paid to RNH doctors. Then Government had to carry out an exercise to determine how the fees requested by the local specialists compared to similar tribunals elsewhere. The exercise has only been concluded recently.

HON L A RANDALL:

I think that to have 13 people, one of whom I know who is in a distressed financial position, waiting three years for this is totally unacceptable. I think it was also unacceptable to the Ombudsman in the report which he issued in December 2005, and in fact I issued a press release pointing to the situation and the Chief Minister was very quick to come out and say that the Appeals Tribunal would be set up within 30 days, so it seems that the Chief Minister can set up in 30 days what the Minister was not able to set up in three years.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Maybe he can perform miracles. I could accept if the hon Member had told me that the appellant's right to a speedy hearing of the Appeals Tribunal had been curtailed because of this delay, but I do not accept that necessarily this is causing the person hardship because at the end of the day if it is a question of hardship, the hardship might not necessarily be resolved by the fact that the Appeals Tribunal meets. At the end of the day nobody can guarantee that the Appeals Tribunal will either up what the Medical Board has actually recommended or even lower it, so I do not think it is a question of hardship.

HON L A RANDALL:

I can say that the gentleman in question comes to my office and he tells me that he is in financial distress. Perhaps if they had met three years ago and they had turned down the appeal that would have been the end of it but this man is holding on in the hope that the Appeals Tribunal will come out with a positive decision to his case.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

If we are talking about the same case I do not know whether the hon Member is aware that the amount that was recommended not by the Appeals Board but by the Medical Board has already been paid to this gentleman. That is why I say that the provisional recommendation made by the Appeals Board I think was 5 per cent more, the 20 per cent has already been paid to this gentleman so I do not see how it can be a question of hardship.

HON L A RANDALL:

Does the Minister think it is fair for anybody to wait for three years to have an appeal heard? Surely, as the Ombudsman rightly pointed out, it is both against the Human Rights Convention and also our legislation, which sets a time limit by which the appeal has to be heard. So the Minister was basically in contravention of the law.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes, unfortunately that is what the Ombudsman says and I assume he is right if he says it. As I say, I can argue as the hon Member has just rightly pointed out that the appellant's right to a speedy hearing was curtailed. What I can not agree is that he was suffering financial hardship because of that.

HON L A RANDALL:

I would invite the Minister to call in the gentleman in question and let him state to her whether he was or whether he feels that he is or is not in financial distress.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I think we are both talking about the same gentleman. When he finally comes before the Appeals Tribunal hopefully next month, which I sincerely hope they will be able to get together for the first meeting next month, and the Tribunal decides to award the same amount that the Medical Board has recommended he will still carry on suffering the same hardship.

HON L A RANDALL:

But he will have no expectations that his situation is going to improve as a result of the appeal being favourable. If what the Minister is telling me is that three years is a reasonable period of time for somebody to wait for an appeal to be heard, then I would say no more and just sit down.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, I am not saying that is a reasonable period of time, I have never said that. I have done my utmost to get the process moving but unfortunately that is the period of time that it has taken. But I am not saying that it is acceptable by no means.

HON L A RANDALL:

Then how can the Chief Minister, he has not got a magic wand, how can the Chief Minister then do in 30 days what she has been unable to do in three years?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Maybe he can ask the Chief Minister when he is next in the House.

HON L A RANDALL:

I am sure if he had been in the House he would already have intervened.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I am sure he would have, that is why I am asking the hon Member to ask him when he is back in the House.

ORAL

NO. 580 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – OUT-PATIENTS ATTENDANCES

Can Government state the total number of outpatient attendances at the Primary Care Centre in the months of March, April and May 2006, keeping to the format given in Answer to Question No. 66 of 2005 and additionally giving details of other departments if they are not shown there?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 581 to 583 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 581 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES

Can Government state the total number of outpatient attendances at the Primary Care Centre including the number of outpatients being attended to by District Nurses, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists in the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 580, 582 and 583 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 582 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – NUMBER OF HOUSE CALLS

Can Government state how many House Calls were attended to by Health Centre Doctors in the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 580, 581 and 583 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 583 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – GP ATTENDANCES

Can Government state what was the total number of GP attendances at the Primary Care Centre in the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that I now hand to him.

Answer to Question 583 of 2006

Answer to Questions 580, 581, 582 and 583 of 2006

DEPARTMENT	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	TOTAL
AUDIOLOGY	187	96	160	443
DIETICIAN	86	89	79	254
CLINIC SISTER	2181	1715	1736	5,632
SCHOOL HEALTH	380	207	328	915
SPEECH & LANGUAGE	135	97	136	368
MENTAL WELFARE	186	172	184	542
GP CLINIC	8304	5888	7187	21,379
HOUSE CALLS *	659	467	457	1,583
DENTAL	1575	1049	1359	3,983
CHILD WELFARE	1149	690	1109	2,948
NURSE PRACTITIONER	1142	737	1012	2,891
DERMATOLOGIST	No Clinics	No Clinics	83	83
CRYOTHERAPY	154	108	126	388
TOTAL	16,138	11,315	13,956	41,409

COMMUNITY

PHYSIO	229	175	200	604
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	259	161	219	639
DISTRICT	2329	1370	2336	6,035
TOTAL	2,817	1,706	2,755	7,278

GRAND TOTAL	18,955	13,021	16,711	48,687
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*Calls received during working hours are recorded until 4.00p.m. Night calls do not form part of these statistics.

ORAL

NO. 584 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – MRSA INFECTION

Can Government state whether cases of MRSA infection were detected at St Bernard's Hospital in the months of March, April and May 2006 and whether any were fatal?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

A total of six cases were detected at St Bernard's Hospital during the months of March, April and May 2006, five of which were hospital acquired and one was intrinsic, that is, when a person arrived at hospital he or she was already infected.

During these months there have been no fatal cases due to MRSA.

ORAL

NO. 585 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – AVIAN FLU

Can Government confirm that to date no cases of Tamiflu have been detected in Gibraltar?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Tamiflu is a drug not a disease. Therefore the only cases that have been detected were the packing cases that arrived in Gibraltar containing the drug Tamiflu and which have been received in Gibraltar as part of contingency planning by the Government in preparation for the possibility of Avian Flu. In any case, I can confirm that there have been no cases of Avian Flu detected in Gibraltar.

ORAL

NO. 586 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – NON-ENTITLED PATIENTS

Can Government state how many non-entitled patients have been admitted to St Bernard's Hospital during the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 587 to 593 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 587 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES

Can Government state what was the total number of out-patient attendances at St Bernard's Hospital during the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 586 and 588 to 593 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 588 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – IN-PATIENT ADMISSIONS

Can Government state what was the total number of in-patient admissions and the average number of patients per day at St Bernard's Hospital during the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 586, 587 and 589 to 593 of 2006.

NO. 589 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – ELDERLY CARE PATIENTS

Can Government state during the months of March to May 2006 of the beds occupied by Elderly persons who have been formally discharged from St Bernard's Hospital how many fell into each of the 3 categories identified by the Government specifying sex and age:-

1. Elderly persons living alone;
2. Elderly persons needing support; and
3. Others able to be looked after?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 586 to 588 and 590 to 593 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 590 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – ELDERLY CARE PATIENTS

Can Government state how many long stay elderly care patients there were at St Bernard's Hospital during the months of March, April and May 2006, giving a breakdown by sex and age?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 586 to 589 and 591 to 593 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 591 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – NUMBER OF OPERATIONS

Can Government state how many operations were performed in St Bernard's Hospital at Europort in the months of March, April and May 2006, by specialists, specifying which were elective and which were emergencies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 586 to 590, 592 and 593 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 592 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – ELECTIVE SURGERY

Can Government state how many persons were waiting for Elective Surgery in each Specialty as at end May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 586 to 591 and 593 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 593 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – PHYSIOTHERAPY TREATMENT

Can Government state how many patients were on the Waiting List for physiotherapy treatment as at the 31 May 2006, specifying those that were referred by a Doctor at the Primary Care Centre?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that I hand to him.

Answer to Question 593 of 2006

Answer to Question 586 of 2006

The number of non-entitled patients admitted to St Bernard's Hospital during the period in question were as follows:

March	2
April	2
May	0

Answer to question 587 of 2006

The total number of Out-Patient attendances during the period in question were –

2006	Clinics	A&E			Physiotherapy
		Clinics	Dressings	Plasters	
MARCH 06	1840	2196	427	52	730
APRIL 06	1572	1925	342	43	546
MAY 06	1924	2213	424	56	599
Totals	5336	6334	1193	151	1875

Answer to Question 588 of 2006

The total number of admissions during the months of March, April and May 2006 is as follows:-

March	-	387
April	-	375
May	-	414

Average number of admissions per day in the months of March, April and May 2006 is as follows:-

March	-	12.5
April	-	12.5
May	-	13.4

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Continued Answer to Question 593 of 2006

Answer to Question 589 of 2006

1: The total number of elderly patients formally discharged who live alone and occupying a bed in St Bernard's Hospital during the period in question was as follows :-

March		
Age	Male	Female
71-80	2	1
81-90	1	3

April		
AGE	Male	Female
71-80	2	1
81-90	1	3

May		
AGE	Male	Female
71-80	2	0
81-90	1	2

2: All elderly patients require some sort of support be it physical, psychological or social.

3: All patients who have been formally discharged are able to be looked after.

Answer to Question 590 of 2006

The number of elderly patients at St Bernard's Hospital as at the end of March, April and May 2006 were as follows:-

Month: March

Age	Male	Female
65-70	8	16
71-80	19	23
81-90	9	20
91-100	0	2

Month: April

Age	Male	Female
65-70	7	7
71-80	14	17
81-90	10	22
91-100	1	2

Month: May

Age	Male	Female
65-70	7	13
71-80	17	19
81-90	9	20
91-100	1	2

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Continued Answer to Question 593 of 2006

Answer to Question 591 of 2006

Elective operations performed:

Speciality	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
General Surgery	66	56	69
General Surgery Initiative	-	-	9
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	23	16	22
Ophthalmology	32	26	29
Oral Surgery	28	14	26
Orthopaedics	40	31	34
Knee Initiative	10	11	10
Otorhinolaryngology	11	15	11
Otorhinolaryngology Initiative	10	8	12
Pain Relief	4	-	4
Plastic Surgery	-	13	-
Psychiatry	1	3	-
Spinals	2	-	-
Total	227	193	226

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Continued Answer to Question 593 of 2006

Continued Answer to Question 591 of 2006

Emergency operations performed:

Speciality	March 2006	April 2006	May 2006
General Surgery	6	3	11
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	8	4	5
Oral Surgery	1	-	2
Orthopaedics	8	11	6
Otorhinolaryngology	1	-	-
Plastic Surgery	-	1	-
Total	24	19	24

Answer to Question 592 of 2006

Elective Surgery Waiting Lists

General Surgery	305
Gynaecology	62
Ophthalmology	68
Orthopaedics	272
Otorhinolaryngology	78
Plastic Surgery	181

Answer to Question 593 of 2006

On the 31 May 2006 there was a waiting list of 291 patients who had been referred to Physiotherapy treatment. 226 of these were referrals from doctors at the Primary Care Centre.

ORAL

NO. 594 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS

Can Government give a breakdown of the total number of prescriptions issued, the number of items and the cost of the medicines covered by such prescriptions under the GPMS for the accounting periods 11 to 13 of 2005/06 and 1 and 2 of 2006/07?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 595 to 598 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 595 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – PAYMENTS TO PHARMACISTS

Can Government confirm how much has been paid to Pharmacists for periods 11 to 13 of 2005/06 and 1 and 2 of 2006/07?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 594 and 596 to 598 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 596 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – PAYMENTS TO PHARMACISTS

Can Government say what was the amount paid to Pharmacists for the periods 12 to 13 of 2005/06, the comparable figure for the same periods in the previous year and periods 1 and 2 of 2006/07 in respect of £1.80 per item prescription charged, regarding the medicines to which the sum applied?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 594, 595, 597 and 598 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 597 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS

Can Government state the total number of prescriptions issued, the number of items and the cost of the medicines covered by the GPMS prescriptions for accounting periods 12 to 13 of 2005/2006 and 1 and 2 of 2006/07 in respect of which £2.50 per item was paid by patients to the dispensing pharmacists?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 594 to 596 and 598 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 598 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – NUMBER OF ITEMS

Can Government state the number of items that have been issued, that exceed the three items and which pay a total of £7.50 for the accounting periods 12 to 13 of 2005/2006 and 1 and 2 of 2006/07?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that I hand to him.

Answer to Question 598 of 2006

Answer to Question 594 of 2006

	Financial Year 05/06		
Period	11	12	13
Scripts	13,897	13,665	14,427
Items	53,419	51,255	53,715
Cost	£560,944.78	£541,373.78	£560,555.66

Period 1 and 2 of financial year 2006/2007 are incomplete.

Answer to Question 595 of 2006

	Financial Year 05/06		
Period	11	12	13
Paid to Pharmacy	£627,501.48	£602,492.78	£625,522.66

Period 1 and 2 of financial year 2006/2007 are incomplete.

Answer to Question 596 of 2006

	Financial Year 05/06	
Period	12	13
Dispensing Fee	Nil	Nil

	Financial Year 04/05	
Period	12	13
Dispensing Fee	Nil	Nil

Periods 1 and 2 of 2006/2007 are incomplete.

Answer to Question 597 of 2006

	Financial Year 05/06	
Period	12	13
Number of Items	4,266	4,143

Period 1 and 2 of financial year 2006/2007 are incomplete.

Answer to Question 598 of 2006

	Financial Year 05/06	
Period	12	13
Scripts	6,278	6,533
Items	12,456	12,688

Periods 1 and 2 of 2006/2007 are incomplete.

ORAL

NO. 599 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – PATIENT REFERRALS

Can Government state the number of patient referrals to the UK in the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 600 and 601 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 600 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – SPONSORED PATIENTS

Can Government state what has been the number of Sponsored Patients treated in the UK in the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 599 and 601 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 601 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – SPONSORED PATIENTS

Can Government state how many patients have been treated in Spain as opposed to the UK, as Sponsored Patients, in the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that I hand to him.

Answer to Question 601 of 2006

Answer to Questions 599, 600 and 601 of 2006

Statistics below are for the months of March, April and May 2006:-

Patient referrals to the UK	355
Sponsored patients treated in UK	311
Patients treated in Spain	118

ORAL

NO. 602 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – MALAGA CLINIC

Can Government state how much was spent by the GHA with regards to patients being sent to Malaga Clinic for Scans in March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question No. 603 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 603 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – CT SCAN

Can the Government state how many CT Scans were undertaken at St Bernard's Hospital and how many were undertaken in Spain in the months of March, April and May 2006, providing a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

All CT Scans are now carried out in Gibraltar. However, and for the avoidance of doubt, Scans other than CT Scans (for example, MRI's, ENG's and PET Scans) still need to be carried out in Spain. The cost of such scans undertaken in Malaga Clinics and the remainder of the statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that I now hand to him.

Continued Answer to Question 603 of 2006

Answer to Question 602 of 2006

The amount spent by the GHA with regard to patients being sent to Malaga Clinics for scans in March, April and May 2006 was as follows:

March	=	£0.00
April	=	£3,052.64
May	=	£2,935.90

Answer to Question 603 of 2006

The total number of CT Scans undertaken at St Bernard's Hospital during the period in question were as follows:

2006	<u>CT SCANS LOCAL</u>	<u>CT SCANS SPAIN</u>
March	131	0
April	127	0
May	144	0

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 602 AND 603 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Could the Minister repeat the last category of scan? I have got MRI's, ENG's and the third category?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

PET. It is nothing to do with animals.

ORAL

NO. 604 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Can Government confirm whether they have now finalised the discussions with the General Practitioners regarding their job description?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The position remains as stated in answer to Question No. 1181 of 2005 and Question No. 118 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 605 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – NUMBER OF NURSES

Can Government state how many nurses were in post as at the end of May 2006, giving a breakdown by grade?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 606 and 607 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 606 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – CONTRACT NURSES

Can Government state the number of contract nurses employed by the GHA as at the end of May 2006, listing the speciality in which they are employed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 605 and 607 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 607 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – NUMBER OF NURSES

Can the Government state as at end of May 2006 what was the distribution of nurses by Wards and Departments at St Bernard's Hospital, Europort, specifying their grades?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that I now hand to him.

Answer to Question 607 of 2006

Answer to Question 605 of 2006

The following is a breakdown by grade of nurses in post as at the end of May 2006.

Director of Nursing & Patient Services	1
Deputy Director of Nursing Services	1
Clinical Nurse Managers	6
Education Development Officer	1
Senior Nurse Tutor	1
Nurse Lecturer	1
Nurse Practitioners	2
Charge Nurses	33

Staff Nurses

115 Full-timers + 9 Knee Initiative	}	139.5
7 Part-timers (3.5 Full-time equivalents)		
Midwives		
10 Full-timers		
4 Part-timers (2 Full-time equivalents)	}	

Operating Department Practitioners 5

Senior Enrolled Nurses 5

Enrolled Nurses

71 Full-timers	}	78
14 Part-timers (7 Full-time equivalents)		

Nursing Auxiliaries

8 Full-timers	}	96
1 Part-timer (0.5 Full-time equivalent)		

Nursing Assistants

75 Full-timers + 6 Knee Initiative	}	96
9 Part-timers (4.5 Full-time equivalents)		
3 (28 hours) (2 Full-time equivalents)		

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Continued Answer to Question 607 of 2006

Answer to Question 606 of 2006

The following is a breakdown within nursing specialities of the contract nurses employed by the Gibraltar Health Authority, at the end of May 2006:

Director of Nursing & Patient Services	1
Education Development Officer	1
Nurse Lecturer	1
Nurse Practitioners	2
Charge Nurses	3
Staff Nurses 18 + 9 (Knee Initiative)	27
Staff Nurses (Part-time)	1
Registered Sick Children's Nurse	5
Registered Mental Nurse	7
Theatre Nurses	2
Midwives	7
Midwives (Part-time)	2
Operating Department Practitioners	5
Nursing Assistants (Knee Initiative)	6

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Continued Answer to Question 607 of 2006

Answer to Question 607 of 2006

	DNS	DDNS	Operating dept prac	Clinical Manager	Sister/ Charge Nurse	Staff Nurse	Staff Midwife	Enrolled Nurse	Nursing Ast	Aux nurse	Senior enrolled
CSSD	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
Dudley Toomey	-	-	-	-	2	13	-	6	11	-	-
Captain Murchison	-	-	-	-	1	14	-	4	12	-	-
Knee Initiative Ward	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	2	5	-	-
Rainbow Ward	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	4.5	1	1	1
A & E Dept	-	-	-	-	2	11.5	-	10.5	-	-	-
Maternity Ward	-	-	-	-	2	-	12	1	3	-	-
Clinics	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	10	-	-	1
Management	1	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blood Dept	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	-	-	-	-	-
Infection Control	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
John Ward	-	-	-	-	2	9	-	7	11	-	-
Victoria Ward	-	-	-	-	3	8	-	9	10.5	-	-
ICU	-	-	-	-	2	19.5	-	7	-	-	-
Eye Dept	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	.5	-	-
Night Sister	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Theatre	-	-	4	-	2	9	-	-	-	1	-
Total	1	1	4	6	25	103.5	12	61	60.5	2	2

ORAL

NO. 608 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government state what has been the expenditure in the months of April and May 2006 on the maintenance of the KGV hospital by the GHA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Major works valued at approximately £25,000 were completed in this financial year as a continuation of the on-going programme of maintenance initiated in the previous financial year. This valuation does not include the cost of materials supplied by, or the labour employed by or seconded to the GHA.

Routine maintenance is carried out in all GHA premises as required. This includes items such as lift maintenance and repair, painting, plumbing, masonry, electrical, cleaning and other requirements for the upkeep of GHA premises. As the hon Members may be aware, it has never been the practice to identify separately the cost of such items of routine maintenance. It is therefore not possible to identify these costs in respect of KGV only.

ORAL

NO. 609 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government state what has been the number of beds provided in the KGV hospital Acute Ward at the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 610 to 613 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 610 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

How many of the beds in the KGV hospital Acute Ward were occupied at the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 609 and 611 to 613 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 611 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government state what was the number of beds provided in the KGV hospital Long Stay Ward at the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 609, 610, 612 and 613 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 612 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government state how many of the beds in the KGV hospital Long Stay Ward were occupied at the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 609 to 611 and 613 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 613 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – PSYCHO-GERIATRIC PATIENTS

Can Government state how many psycho-geriatric patients have been admitted in KGV during the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that I hand to him.

Answer to Question 613 of 2006

Answer to Question 609, 610, 611 and 612 of 2006

Statistics below are as at end of May 2006:-

KGV Acute Ward bed provision	25 + 2 high security
Occupied beds at KGV Acute Ward	14
KGV Long Stay Ward bed provision	29
Occupied beds at KGV Long Stay Ward	28

Answer to Question 613 of 2006

Statistics below are for psychogeriatric patients admitted in the KGV:-

March 2006	1
April 2006	2
May 2006	0

NO. 614 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – SHOWER SEATS

Can Government confirm that McDermott's (the company sub-contracted by Fitzpatrick Rotary) has now provided the GHA with a formal certification that all shower seats at St Bernard's Hospital have been fixed to design specifications as per industry norms?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The situation remains as given in answer to Question No. 136 of 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 614 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

In other words, they have still not got the formal certification?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

We have received verbal confirmation from McDermott's but we are still awaiting the formal certification through the main contractor Fitzpatrick.

ORAL

NO. 615 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – TV SETS

Can Government state whether they still expect all of the TV sets for patients at St Bernard's Hospital to be fully operational before the 12th June 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

A total of 100 TV sets were functioning out of 120 bed heads as at 5th June. The works are scheduled to be completed within the week beginning 19th June 2006.

ORAL

NO. 616 OF 2005

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Can Government provide the breakdown of Laboratory confirmed notifiable diseases for 2005?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that I now hand to him.

Answer to Question 616 of 2006

INFECTIONS 2005

Organism Isolated	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Adenovirus									1				1
Bartonella sp (Cat scratch fever)													0
Campylobacter	2	0	5	8	4	0	1	3	5	6	1	3	38
Chlamydia	1	3			1	2	1			1	1		10
Clostridium difficile		1		1									2
Cryptococcus neoformans				1									1
Cryptosporidium								2	1	2		1	6
Enteropathogenic E coli		1											1
Giardia lamblia								2	1	2		1	6
Hepatitis A					1				1		1		3
Hepatitis B				2	1	1				3			6
Hepatitis C							1						1
Influenza A virus			1										1
Influenza B virus	1												1
Mycobacterium tuberculosis							1						1
Mycoplasma pneumoniae			1		1			4	2			1	9
Neisseria meningitidis B								1					1
Pathogenic E coli								1					1
Rotavirus	32	14	3								1		50
Respiratory Syncytial Virus	5	4	2	3		1		1		2		11	29
Salmonella	2				1	6	3	6	1	2			28
Shigella													4
Streptococcus pneumoniae (BC/CSF)			3										3
Trichomonas vaginalis					1			2					3
Grand total	43	24	14	15	10	9	7	22	12	18	4	17	206

ORAL

NO. 617 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – CAUSES OF DEATH

Can Government provide the percentage distribution for causes of death for the year ended 31st December 2005?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The data to provide the statistical information requested by the hon Member is still being validated as part of the preparations for the GHA's 2005 annual report.

ORAL

NO. 618 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – LEGAL CLAIMS

Can Government state the quantum it has paid in respect of legal claims settled against the Health Authority in the period March to May 2006, providing a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that I now hand to him.

Answer to Question 618 of 2006

Quantum paid by GHA in respect of legal claims.

MARCH 2006	£50,000
APRIL 2006	£8,500
MAY 2006	-

ORAL

NO. 619 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – SUB-HEAD 22

Can Government state what is the actual expenditure figure for the Financial Year 2005/06 and the figure for this Financial Year as at end May 2006 for accommodation under Subhead 22?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question No. 620 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 620 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – STUDY LEAVE

Can Government state what was the actual expenditure for study leave for the Financial Year 2005/06 and the figure for this Financial Year as at end May 2006, which is included in Subhead 30, School of Health Studies of the GHA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that I now hand to him.

Answer to Question 620 of 2006

Answer to Question 619 of 2006

Financial Year 05/06	£438,200.29
Financial Year 06/07 as at end of May 2006	£84,227.22

Answer to Question 620 of 2006

Financial Year 05/06	£142,306.46
Financial Year 06/07 as at end of May 2006	£26,228.47

ORAL

NO. 621 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

Can Government state how many complaints have been lodged with the new Independent Review Panel in the months of March, April and May 2006, by users of the Health Service, specifying the date of each complaint?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

In the period March to May 2006 one person has given notice to the Ombudsman under Section 6(1) of the Gibraltar Health Authority (Complaints Review Panel) Ordinance 2004 that he wishes his complaint to be referred to the Independent Review Panel for investigation. This complaint is dated 7th April 2006.

ORAL

NO. 622 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – HOSPITAL RULES

Can Government state whether the drafting of the Hospital Rules, which include the schedules of the Hospital Fees, has now been finalised?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The drafting of the Hospital Rules is in its final stages.

NO. 623 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – REFURBISHMENT WORK

Can Government state what was the nature of the refurbishment work carried out for the Gibraltar Health Authority in the last financial year, which was funded by reallocation of I&D funds of £86K?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The reallocation of £86,000 of I&D Funds was in respect of the balance of the cost of construction of the new catering facility.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 623 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

These were the facilities created at the wine factory, is that correct?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Government then say what was the total cost of those facilities, inclusive of the £86,000?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

£111,000.

NO. 624 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – RMN TRAINING

Can Government state how many of the RMN's employed in the health service have also received training as general nurses at registered or enrolled nurse level giving a breakdown as between contract nurses and locally recruited staff?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

There are 18 RMN's employed in the GHA of whom eight have also received training as general nurses at registered or enrolled nurse level. Of these two are contract nurses.

NO. 625 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – BULLYING IN SCHOOLS

Does the Government not agree that bullying is on the increase and is of concern to young people as well as parents of affected children?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

I can say that there is no evidence of any significant increase in the number of bullying incidents in our schools. Nevertheless, of course, bullying in all its forms is totally unacceptable and one incident of bullying is one too many. I can therefore assure the hon Member that the concern among young people and parents to which he refers, is also shared by our teachers and by the Department of Education, as is demonstrated by the enlightened and forceful strategies adopted in all our schools to combat all manner of bullying, and which I have in detail explained to the House in answer to previous questions on this subject from him. (Questions Nos. 147 of 2006, 212 of 2005, 1194 of 2005, 2296 of 2004).

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 625 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

The Minister says that there is no evidence that there is an increase, well from the statistics that the Minister has passed over to me there is an increase and that is why I posed the question. In 2001/2002 there were 26 incidents of bullying whilst in 2002/2003 there were 29, 2003/2004 there were 47 and then it went down in 2004/2005 to 38. We do not know in this academic year what the numbers are but it is definitely on the increase and that is why I am saying that. Does the Minister not agree that it is on the increase. Does the Minister not agree then?

HON DR B A LINARES:

No I do not agree. That is the problem that in spite of my exaltations to the hon Member, that we have to be much more discerning and to qualify the concept of bullying in a much more scientific and sophisticated manner, he still insists on having a blanket general reference to bullying in all its forms. Now, we have discussed this as well before, and those statistics that he is quoting here were actually reference to that blanket proposition that I actually corrected the next time round. The next time

round my statistics were First Schools – 2; Middle Schools – 8; Secondary Schools – 12. Those were the latest statistics and they do not show any significant increase, but as I say, I do not want to give the impression that I am taking this lightly. I have said that any statistic, one incident of bullying, is one too many.

HON S E LINARES:

Although I am aware of what the Minister explained last time, the only thing is that I do not agree with him. I do not agree with him that he can then come to the House, give us another set of statistics which is more favourable to his argument. My arguments are that on the original statistics, which I understand he had a different criteria to the ones used the next time, well I agree with the first criteria that he used and therefore that is why I am using these statistics. The fact is that bullying is rife, it is happening, and not only that, the fact that young people accept it as a problem with many other issues is significant. We need to look at why young people are seeing bullying as a deterrent to further empowering youth and this is why I feel that it is an important issue, much more important than probably other issues that have been brought out. So therefore, it is important to understand that even young people are accepting that bullying is unacceptable and therefore the criteria that was used in the first statistics, I think is what the youth are talking about, because what might seem to be a petty, little bullying calling names and stuff like that, might be seen as the norm. It is not accepted nowadays as the norm, so I urge the Minister to have a look closely at the first statistics and continue to use those statistics rather than the criteria they used the second time. Therefore, what I am saying is, that if young people are accepting that bullying is a problem, the Government should be looking at bullying more seriously than what they do.

HON DR B A LINARES:

So all my explanations before in trying to differentiate between the different levels of seriousness goes to nothing in this debate. I have my information from Headteachers, teachers, the BEST team (Behaviour Modification Team), they have been consulted by me before answering this question because I am concerned. Of course they share the concern of everybody, I cannot repeat it again, one incident is too many for me. Therefore, is the hon Member suggesting that I am not concerned, that the teachers are not concerned, the Department of Education is not concerned, the Educational Psychologist is not concerned? Of course we are concerned, but from that to adopt the position of crisis, what is he getting at? It is important that we do not create an impression of crisis which will only add to the concern, will only disturb the parents and pupils and get things out of proportion. One thing is to be forceful, to combat with enlightened policies and strategies, another thing is to create a vague, general, blanket sort of sense of crisis.

HON S E LINARES:

Well, young people think that it is very important and it may not be at crisis point at this stage but they do feel that it is important. Therefore I ask the Minister, because in previous answers to questions about bullying he has stated that Headteachers would seek guidance from the Department of Education when necessary, can the Minister then state how many times have Headteachers gone to the Department and asked for guidance and help in relation to the issue of bullying?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Countless times.

HON S E LINARES:

It seems as if the countless times has not produced the results that it should produce, because again young people, and I am saying that people in schools, people in the Youth Service, they are saying that bullying is happening and therefore, it seems as if either the Headteachers do not seem to be aware, or that the Government are not responding to the cries of the school.

HON DR B A LINARES:

I am sorry but I am totally confident our Headteachers are very aware.

HON S E LINARES:

Well then, I am also confident maybe that the Headteachers are aware but the Ministry is not aware.

HON DR B A LINARES:

The usual tactic is it not? It is not the people in the field it is the Minister.

HON S E LINARES:

Absolutely, because the buck stops with the Minister.

MR SPEAKER:

Order, order, order the last three interventions by the Hon Mr S E Linares have not ended with a question. It has been assertions of statements, please ask questions.

HON S E LINARES:

Does the Minister not accept that it is his responsibility to look into the bullying issue and to accept that it is on the increase?

HON DR B A LINARES:

I do not accept that there is any significant pattern of increase, this comes from evidence provided to me from people in the field.

HON F R PICARDO:

Does the Minister accept, if he is saying that he is taking this evidence from people in the field, that schools have become almost like a war zone because I do not think we refer to 'the field' unless we are referring to types of problems of that sort? If he were to have said 'from people on the ground who are the teachers', that is one thing but if it is 'in the field' then it gives a completely different understanding of what our schools are becoming in his Ministry.

HON DR B A LINARES:

Nevertheless, it is sheer rhetoric which is barely known in connection with any reality and it is certainly not relevant to what I have been saying, unless he twists my words in the sort of legalistic manner of his.

HON F R PICARDO:

Would the Minister say that also to the children who are the subject of bullying, whether there is one, 20 or 30 children who are the subject of bullying?

HON DR B A LINARES:

I have given the statistics, I quoted them a moment ago, there were two sets of statistics, one based on the blanket generalisation that the hon Member gave initially, I humbly accepted that those statistics did not really show any significant, meaningful reality of what is happening out there in the schools, I then approached all the Headteachers and the teachers, and all the experts dealing with this matter very efficiently, very conscientiously and I gave some further statistics which I quoted. First Schools – 2; Middle Schools – 5; Secondary Schools – 12 in the course of a year and then on top of that I have given a scientific, educational analysis of the whole thing in Question Nos. 147 of 2006, No. 212 of 2005; No. 1194 of 2005; No. 2296 of 2004, detailed, educational, scientific analysis of what bullying is about, how it is tackled, how it should be tackled, how we should have forceful strategies, at the same time a pastoral approach of which we are very proud in our schools, what more can I say to assuage the Opposition Members that I am just as concerned about bullying as anybody on the Opposition?

HON F R PICARDO:

Nothing, because certainly it cannot be right to refer to any of these strategies as being scientific, because this subject does not lend itself to science, first of all. Secondly, the whole issue is that the Minister should accept that if there is an increase, whether we can have a debate about whether it is a significant increase or not, whether we should be using one figure to determine the incidence of bullying or another depending on the criteria that we apply, the long and the short of it is that we will not be bullied into not accepting that the political responsibility lies with the Minister.

HON DR B A LINARES:

I think I have said enough on this subject.

NO. 626 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – ALCOHOL ABUSE

Can Government state under what subjects and at what age is the issue of alcohol abuse tackled at middle schools and at secondary schools level?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The issue of alcohol abuse is tackled through the Government Drugs Strategy Programme. In Years 5 and 7 (Middle Schools) the resources of the RIDE programme, which is generally accepted internationally, are being used. As from September 2006, this programme will be introduced at secondary level. The RIDE programme falls under the umbrella of a subject PSHE (the Personal Social Health Education subject) which is now core of the National Curriculum. On the question of the PSHE there is a further question is there not? In answer to Question No. 644 of 2006 I might be able to afford him details of the syllabus of this subject which are covered as a whole. It covers a whole lot of subjects certainly related to alcohol and drugs abuse.

Additionally, alcohol abuse forms part of the RE and Science programmes in Year 10 at Westside School. It is also covered at Bayside in Years 9 and 10 (in the Health and Safety Module) and in Year 11 (the Social Awareness in Health and Safety Modules).

ORAL

NO. 627 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE NURSERIES

Can Government state what is the pupil/adult and pupil/nursery teacher ratio in private and Government nurseries giving a breakdown by nursery?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 628 and 639 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 628 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – ST MARTIN’S SCHOOL

Can the Minister for Education state what is the pupil/teacher ratio in this academic year giving a breakdown by school including St Martin’s?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 627 and 639 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 629 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE NURSERIES

Can Government state what is the minimum area that each child is entitled to, in square metres in private and Government nurseries?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 630 to 635 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 630 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE NURSERIES

Can Government state what the minimum number of toilets and wash facilities per child attending does a private and Government nursery has to have?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 629 and 631 to 635 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 631 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES

Can Government state what criteria or standards do private nurseries have to adhere to in order to obtain registration as a nursery from the Department of Education?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 629, 630 and 632 to 635 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 632 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES

Can Government state how many courses have been conducted by the Department of Education on Health and Safety to private nurseries?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 629 to 631 and 633 to 635 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 633 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES

Can Government state what is the Health and Safety Policy in private nurseries giving a breakdown by nursery?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 629 to 632, 634 and 635 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 634 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES

Can Government state if there has been any progress in relation to the legislation to regulate nurseries since this question was last asked in this House?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 629 to 633 and 635 of 2006.

NO. 635 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES

Can Government state how many meetings have taken place since the year 2000 to date by teachers from the reception year in Government schools with nursery teachers at pre school level in private nurseries giving a breakdown by year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The area to be allocated per child, including teaching space, is not less than 10 square feet. The Environmental Agency ensures that all nurseries have sufficient and suitable washing and sanitary accommodation whenever they inspect private nursery premises. Prospective nursery owners have to apply in writing to the Director of Education and Training and initially the following information is expected and demanded before any application is considered:

- The qualifications, suitability and number of prospective staff;
- The location and suitability of the premises;
- Intended number of pupils to be catered for;
- Age range catered for; and
- Curricular arrangements.

Health and safety considerations are addressed by having the appropriate Government bodies, that is, the Environmental Agency and City Fire Brigade respectively, inspecting the intended premises and a list of specific requirements is presented to the Nursery owners. After all Health and Fire Safety requirements have been met, the application is then processed.

There have been no courses on Health and Safety provided for private nurseries, or indeed for any other Government schools or nurseries at this stage, since we are currently in the process of carrying out an extensive audit of Health and Safety specific to educational establishments, as I have mentioned in previous questions, following the publication and distribution of the Health and Safety Document to all schools and nurseries and private nurseries.

All private nurseries, as I say, have now been provided with the Department of Education and Training's "Health and Safety Policy Document" for their general guidance. Similarly, we have also provided them with a sample of a Health and Safety policy for a typical nursery in the UK.

As the hon Member knows, some private nurseries have been in existence for over 20 years and are now well established and they are also well run, and countless families depend on their services. It would be wrong to come up with a piece of legislation, ill-thought, which could potentially affect what is, after all, a vital service to working parents, and this is just not this Government's style.

Teachers of Reception children in our schools do not, as a rule, meet with nursery teachers except where the nursery is attached to the school. One should note that nursery education is not a statutory, compulsory obligation and parents enrol their children on a voluntary basis in both Government and private nurseries. It goes without saying that all children are screened for school readiness and undertake a Foundation Stage profiling assessment as soon as they enter formal schooling.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 629 TO 635 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

The Minister stated in relation to Question No. 630 of 2006, that the Environmental Health Agency goes to visit the private nurseries to ascertain whether the toilet facilities and wash facilities are adequate, but the question was what was the minimum as in numbers. There is a minimum, is it one toilet per 20 pupils or is it one to ten, this was the question, can the Minister state whether there is any figure that we can match up to?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes, the Environmental Agency actually adopts some long-standing rules for the standards for nursery school premises. I say long-standing because they have statutory value but it goes back to 1965 and there teaching space, which I have already quoted, is actually defined as 10 square feet; washing and sanitary accommodation for children, in every nursery school and nursery class there shall be provided sufficient and suitable washing and sanitary accommodation. Drinking facilities are defined; furniture, suitable furniture of proper size shall be provided; ventilation, the teaching accommodation shall be adequately ventilated; structural loading, the load bearing structure of all teaching accommodation et cetera; precautions for health and safety; lighting, in all teaching accommodation the lighting, both natural and artificial of each room of other space shall be appropriate to the normal use for which the room or other space is designed, (It actually defines specifically that it should be 15 lumens per square foot.); play space. Those are the rules which carry statutory force which the Environmental Agency carries with it as an instrument in actually inspecting and ensuring all these standards.

HON S E LINARES:

So is the Minister satisfied that all private nurseries actually adhere to all these criteria?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Well, I am certainly not going to question the validity of the inspections and assessments made by the Environmental Agency.

HON S E LINARES:

How many times have people from the Department gone to see that these are adequately in place?

HON DR B A LINARES:

I do not know how many times quantitatively but I know there is, and I have explained this on many occasions when we have discussed private nurseries, that there is regular contact, regular attention through the Environmental Agency and directly. May I actually, I do not know whether I ought to do this, but where does the hon Member stand on this, because in 2004 he actually wrote to all private nurseries where he said, *"what impact does the legislation have on your nursery as a business? The legislation that this Government is to present to the House of Assembly could well have serious repercussions on your establishment. For starters, it is envisaged that this legislation will increase the burden on you, as mentioned above, by demanding more expenses to be incurred. To be able to comply with the standards that could be required with this Bill you might need to adjust premises, physical and human resources, working practices, ratios between children and adults and many others. We have been pressing the GSD Government at a political level to introduce this legislation but we know full well what it means to you as a business trying to keep your head above water"*. So I think, I am trying to find a charitable word for this but the word 'duplicity' keeps coming into my mind and I would hate to use it.

HON S E LINARES:

It is incredible the Minister has come out with these statements when he in answer to Questions, and I can quote from the Hansards, I have asked questions on when he is going to implement legislation in relation to private nurseries and when he is going to regulate nurseries, and he says he has already drafted it out, it is already in the Council of Ministers and it is in the agenda of the Council of Ministers, so I wonder where he stands when he now comes to the House and says that he does not want to bring an ill-thought legislation. Well he had it already ready in Council of Ministers, he has been answering those questions House after House, which I have been posing and accused of duplicity, and accused of asking the same questions as well. Well, I do not know where the Minister stands where he has stated in this House that it is already in the Council of Ministers, that it is ready, it went from the Department of Education back to the Legislation Unit and then back to the Council of Ministers and that they were ready, that was the last time I asked this question which was in 2004. So when I asked the question in 2004, two years ago, it was ready, it was nearly to come to this House and now he says that he does not want to bring an ill-thought legislation. I wonder where he stands on this one.

HON DR B A LINARES:

I wonder where he stands on this one as well, but anyway, we are talking about additional legislation. It is not as if we have no legislation at all, we have legislation in the present Education Ordinance governing conditions of independent schools and independent nurseries. I have quoted to him in detail statutory rules and regulations, which could not be more detailed than what I have read out, so it is not as if there is again a crisis afoot, what we are trying to do is simply what I said before, trying to avoid ill-thought out legislation.

NO. 636 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – NUMBER OF TEACHERS

Can the Minister for Education state what is the complement of teachers in each school, responsibility held and whether they are on supply or on a permanent and pensionable basis?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I hand the hon Member. Please note that this question is the same as Question No. 165 of 2006, statistics which nevertheless I am providing once again.

Answer to Question 636 of 2006

Number of Teachers as at 6 June 2006

School	Complement of Permanent and Pensionable Staff	Responsibilities Held								Supply Staff
		HT	DHT	MA5	MA4	MA3	MA2	MA1		
Governor's Meadow	17	1	1	-	-	-	5	4	1	
Notre Dame	15	1	1	-	-	-	5	2	1	
St Mary's First	10	1	1	-	-	-	4	1	1	
St Bernard's First	11	1	1	-	-	-	4	0	1	
St Paul's First	18	1	1	-	-	-	5	2	1	
St Joseph's First	18	1	1	-	-	-	5	4	1	
Hebrew	5	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	
Bishop Fitzgerald	26	1	1	-	-	4	4	2	1	
St Anne's Middle	22	1	1	-	-	4	5	3	1	
St Joseph's Middle	18	1	1	-	-	-	5	3	1	
Sacred Heart Middle	16	1	1	-	-	-	5	3	1	
Bayside	63+1(pt)	1	3	4	9	8	5	7	-	
Westside	64+1(pt)	1	3	4	6	12	5	8	1	
Gibraltar College	24	1	-	2	-	5	3	3	-	
St Martin's Special	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	

ORAL

NO. 637 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – RESPONSIBILITY POSTS

Can the Minister for Education state how many responsibility posts are currently vacant and on an acting basis giving a breakdown by responsibility and the schools they are held in?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I hand the hon Member.

Answer to Question 637 of 2006

Number of posts currently vacant and on an acting basis – 2005/6

School	Vacant Posts
Governor's Meadow	3
St Joseph's First	2
Notre Dame	1
St Bernard's	0
St Mary's	0
St Paul's	1
Bishop Fitzgerald	1
St Joseph's Middle	1
Sacred Heart	0
St Anne's Middle	1
Hebrew Primary	1
Bayside	14
Westside	10
TOTAL	35

ORAL

NO. 638 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – TEACHERS ON PERMANENT SUPPLY

Can the Minister for Education state whether the Human Resources Department have drawn up a contract for those teachers on a permanent supply basis?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Yes, the Human Resources Department have drawn up a contract for teachers on a long-term supply basis and we aim at issuing these contracts as from the start of the new academic year to the relevant teachers.

ORAL

NO. 639 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

Can the Minister for Education state what is the current average classroom size giving a breakdown by school and by year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I hand the hon Member. May I point out that Question No. 628 of 2006 is exactly the same as Question No. 166 of 2006 which was asked in the meeting of March, and Question No. 639 of 2006 is exactly the same as Question No. 167 of 2006 also in March, therefore the statistics provided are exactly the same. In any case, I have given the statistics once again.

Answer to Question 639 of 2006

Answer to Question 627

Nursery	Pupil/Nursery Teacher Ratio		Pupil/Adult Ratio	
	am	pm	am	Pm
St Paul's	20.0	21.0	10.0	7.0
Varyl Begg	31.0	16.0	10.33	5.3
St Bernard's	40.0	-	10.0	-
St Joseph's	41.0	15.0	10.25	5.0
Notre Dame	30.0	11.0	10.0	3.67

Answer to Question 628

School	<i>Pupil/Teacher Ratio</i>
Governor's Meadow	17.59
St Joseph's First	16.78
Notre Dame	15.85
St Bernard's	12.60
St Mary's	14.60
St Paul's	16.24
Bishop Fitzgerald	19.29
St Joseph's Middle	18.84
Sacred Heart	15.06
St Anne's Middle	19.55
Hebrew	14.00
Bayside	15.11
Westside	15.27
St Martin's	3.83

Answer to Question 639

School	Average Class Size
Governor's Meadow	21.36
St Joseph's First	20.13
Notre Dame	20.60
St Bernard's	15.75
St Mary's	18.25
St Paul's	19.71
Average	19.64
Bishop Fitzgerald	26.39
St Joseph's Middle	23.87
Sacred Heart	20.08
St Anne's Middle	26.88
Average	24.66
Hebrew Primary	16.80

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Although there are variations between schools, the average class size is within the levels agreed with NASUWT (Gibraltar) ie. 20 at first schools and 25 for middle schools.

The average class sizes represent numbers in form groups but actual teaching groups are smaller for the core subjects. This is made possible by providing more staff in each school than the number of classes in the school. (Extra staff also provides for PPA time for teachers)

NO. 640 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – BAYSIDE SCHOOL LOCKERS

Can Government confirm that parents have been asked to purchase lockers for students direct or indirectly in Bayside School?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Parents have not been asked either directly or indirectly to purchase lockers for students in Bayside School.

The Bayside Parents Association organises projects and events to raise funds aimed at enhancing school facilities generally. It generally asks the School Head to suggest items for purchase in order to channel funds into a specific provision.

Recently, the Bayside Parents Association announced in its newsletter that it was asking for donations from local companies to replace many of the old school lockers.

I want to assure the House that whilst very grateful indeed to the Parents Association for their good will and good intentions in this respect, I have to assure the House that ample funds (as evidenced in Head 101 [Subhead 8] of the Current Estimates of Expenditure) are provided for all schools to purchase all necessary furniture as requisitioned yearly by the Headteachers each financial year.

NO. 641 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION - TRUANCY

Can the Minister for Education state whether it is still the policy of his Government to bring legislation to this house in relation to Truancy?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

We have discussed the issue of truancy at length also in answer to previous questions, for example, Question No. 168 of 2006 and I do not think the Opposition Member or anybody else will want me to go into all the details of these discussions. The short answer to the hon Member's question is that at this stage the Government have no plans, no concrete plans, to introduce specific legislation on truancy other than what already exists in the present Education Ordinance, where it establishes the compulsory element of education.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 641 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Then it means that the Government have changed their policy because the policy before was to change the legislation, as stated in Hansards when I have asked this question way back in 2004, 2003, 2002, where the Minister has stated that again it was in the Legislation Unit, they were looking at it, it was being bounced from the Education Department to the Legislation Unit, to the Minister and then it was going to be brought to this House. Now the Minister is stating that they are happy with what is there, so does the Minister not agree that this is a change of policy?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Government have not changed their policy on these issues that he has listed, considerations were in the mind of the Minister of Education, myself. If I am totally frank and honest as I try to be even within the formality of this House, I think the Minister has gone a bit cold on this one as I have been able to study the implications. I mean, the UK legislation which we are looking at as a model, we find totally draconian, these interventions in a very direct manner and the problem of truancy in Gibraltar is, although again important, is on all counts minimal compared with the UK, I think the hon Member must know this, and other European countries. So, the

Department of Education prefers a positive, pastoral and social approach rather than a legalistic approach which very often can be counter-productive. For that purpose the Assistant Education Adviser who has been recently appointed, last week, carries very specific responsibility for (and I quote from the Job Description) 'to investigate the non-attendance of students at school by strengthening links between home and school and Social Services where necessary'.

HON S E LINARES:

This debate came out in relation to the fact that, and the Minister agreed at the time with me, there is a process where if children do not attend school, remember the Welfare Officer going to look at the register and all the process that there is, and I understand that there is a process, and after all that lengthy process we both agreed that there had been incidents where the cases had been taken to court and the maximum sentence is still £5, and that was the issue. Therefore, the parent would easily just bring out £5 from the pocket, 'who do I have to pay this to?', and then start the process again. That was the issue. I do not think it was more the issue of looking at the whole thing, it was more at trying to make the ultimate deterrent more in relation to the times that we live in. I am sure that this legislation was way back in the 1960's and £5 was a lot of money, nowadays £5 does not buy one anything. Does the Minister not agree that that aspect might need a review?

HON S E LINARES:

I do agree that that aspect, as an amendment to the current legislation, might need review as many other bits of legislation where penalties and fines need to be upgraded. In that sense of course yes, everything needs to be looked at in the reality of today.

ORAL

NO. 642 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SEX AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Can the Minister for Education state why Sex and Relationship Education Programmes are not offered at Middle Schools, Bayside and Westside as it is in the UK as part of the National Curriculum?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 643 and 644 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 643 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SEX AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Can the Minister for Education state in what subject areas is sex education taught in schools and whether these tackle the emotional and psychological aspects of sexuality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 and 644 of 2006.

NO. 644 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION - PSHE

Can Government state what is the syllabus of the PSHE which is being taught in Bayside and Westside schools?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Answer to Question Nos. 642 and 643 of 2006

Even if the specific UK Sex and Relationship Education programme which prevails in the UK, referred to by the Opposition Member is not being offered in Gibraltar, our schools, nevertheless, provide very comprehensive sex education to all our pupils more adapted and more suitable to our own mentality and culture locally. This covers all areas of sexuality including the purely physical, emotional, ethical and psychological aspects.

Both comprehensive schools approach the subject in similar fashion. The physical aspects of sexuality are covered in the schools' science programmes of study. Additionally, emotional and psychological issues that relate to sex form part of the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme, which I will be handing him details of the syllabus in a moment, as do other related topics like sexually transmitted diseases. Local doctors are regularly invited to school to address the pupils on these matters. Additionally and very importantly, the religious education syllabi take sexuality in the context of ethics and moral standards, in marriage, contraception, abortion and divorce.

Answer to Question No. 644 of 2006

Both Bayside and Westside Schools follow a comprehensive PSHE programme designed to help students develop into autonomous, independent, healthy, caring human beings who have the knowledge, self-awareness and skills needed to be active citizens.

The topics covered by each school's programme are too numerous to list orally, so I present them in a schedule which I now hand the hon Member.

Answer to Question 644 of 2006

WESTSIDE SCHOOL – PSHE PROGRAMME

Year 8	Year 9
Induction Programme	Drugs
Adolescence	Bullying
Environmental Project*	Child Abuse*
Smoking	Our Community
First Aid*	The Youth Service*
Citizenship	Aids*
Listening Skills	GCSE Options Programme*
Exam Preparation	What Makes a Disciplined Person
Careers Vocabulary	Crime & Punishment
Review Values	Diets*
Year 10	Year 11
Community Care	Drinking and Driving*
Disability*	Teenage Pregnancy*
The Elderly	Risks Having Sex*
Human Rights*	Dating
How to do Better in Exams	Relationships
Fund Raising Activities	Revision Techniques
Work Placement (one week)	Guidelines for Effective Study
Caring for the Elderly	Making Choices in Year 11
Review of the Year	Writing CVs/Interview etc.

NB. All topics followed by a * indicates that a professional in the corresponding field is brought in to address the girls.

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Contd Answer to Question 644 of 2006

Bayside School – PSHE Programme

Theme	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Personal Organisation	Student planner Charities Homework Progress/Monitoring Study habits Review of last two terms Leisure Time	Student planner Charities What are you good at? Keeping options open Girl subjects/ Boy subjects Preparing for final options choices Leisure Time	Student planner Target setting Charities Preparing for work experience Follow up to work experience Review of the academic year Target setting Leisure Time	Student planner Year 10 review Target setting Charities Preparing for choices Preparing CVs Careers Fayre Interview Techniques Exam Techniques Revision Exploring Summer Jobs Decisions on Transitions
Social Awareness	What is Bullying Who can I turn to? School Community Vandalism Homework Clubs/Societies Animal Rights Disability-influence of media Old age-care for the elderly	Bullying through internet, Mobile phones On the Buses About town Youth service Animal Rights Poverty The Media Influences	Bullying – Boff Culture Aspirations Neighbours Hooliganism Sport facilities Clubs Animal Rights Legal System Smuggling Gambling	Bullying at work Consideration for others, parking/noise levels/drunken and disorderly Leisure time Hobbies More than just a 'student' Animal Rights Coping with stress in work environment
Personal Relationships	Student Forum Aggression at home Bereavement Divorce Siblings and family Place in the family Family roles Stereotypes	Who am I? Managing your moods Getting on with others – peers Dealing with situations Relationships with adults/friends/girls Bereavement Divorce Extended families Different families Financial choices Contraceptions	Aggressions vs Assertion Getting on with others – adults Dealing with situations Aggression Violence-Domestic Bereavement Divorce Sexism Racism Illegal Immigrants	Aggression in Sports Law Enforcement-Violence Unsocioable behaviour Aggression Violence-Domestic Bereavement Divorce
Health & Safety	You are what you eat – lunch-box review Changes in Puberty Personal Hygiene Self Image Cancer Environmental Issues Sun Care Food and Diet Media-Image Manners and Etiquette	Fireworks Smoking Personal safety Environmental Issues Sun Care Eating Disorders Manners and Etiquette	Peer Pressure Drinking Drugs Safety at work Mental illness Depression Sun Care Self Image Fitness Manners and Etiquette	Drinking Drugs Safe Sex Keeping safe Coping with stress Self image Eating disorders Sun Care

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 642 TO 644 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

I will carefully analyse the syllabus. Is the Minister aware that it is young people that believe that this subject should be offered, because they believe that it is very loosely touched upon with subjects that the Minister has just mentioned, like sciences and religion? That it should be a specific subject, like it is in the UK, for the reasons that they believe it is not covered as in-depth as it should. Is the Minister aware of this?

HON DR B A LINARES:

I am not aware that the young people are saying that and how many young people say that, and to what extent this is established with any sort of form of trustworthy survey, but I am certainly aware of one thing, that our teachers who are engaged in the teaching of these programmes, RE and in the Personal, Social and Health Education, take their duty very seriously and deal with these programmes of study very conscientiously and thoroughly.

HON S E LINARES:

I mentioned this because it is the young people in their report, the National Youth Council's Report, in which they mention these issues. So therefore, whether they have done a survey I do not know but it is in their report, it is recorded. Therefore, there is recognition from them, or at least it has been recorded by them in this report, that they believe and after talking to them they went through a lot of work trying to discuss it with young people and that was their outcome. So I am not saying this because I believe that there should be, although I do, this type of curricular subject, it is the young people who are saying it and they are saying it through their report. So there is some documentation there that proves that young people are saying it.

HON DR B A LINARES:

Well, I have arranged and am very happy and have already made arrangements to meet with the Youth Council representatives, when I will be absolutely open to study exactly what their feelings are, what their evidence is, and certainly always ready to review our programmes and our methodologies and approaches to this subject. One thing I do want to make a point of is that I do not think this is a subject, such a sensitive area, where we can just simply adopt wholesale whatever is being done in a very different cultural moral context in the UK. I think we have to be more sensitive to the situation locally, minds of parents and young people, and yet be as effective, but I will indeed discuss with the young people of the Youth Council exactly how we can improve.

ORAL

NO. 645 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state how many trainees in the Vocational Training Scheme have obtained employment in the past 3 years in Private Companies or private work places giving a breakdown by Company or private work place?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 646 to 648 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 646 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state how many trainees who successfully completed the Vocational Training Scheme from the year 2000 to date were employed by the employers, to whom they were attached, giving a breakdown by year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 645, 647 and 648 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 647 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state how many trainees in the Vocational Training Scheme are currently attached to Private Companies or private work places giving a breakdown by company or work place and for how long have these trainees been in each company or work place?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 645, 646 and 648 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 648 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state how many trainees applied for the Vocational Training Scheme from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I now hand the hon Member.

Answer to Question 648 of 2006

Answer to Question 645

Date Range	Private Sector
1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004	47
1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005	42
1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006	45
TOTAL	134

Answer to Question 646

Date Range	Private Sector
1 May 2001 to 30 April 2002	20
1 May 2002 to 30 June 2003	43
1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004	49
1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005	54
1 July 2005 to 6 June 2006	49
TOTAL	215

No statistics available for period prior to 1 May 2001

Answer to Question 647

As at 6 June 2006, a total of 101 VTS Trainees were on a Training Placement with Private Sector Companies. The Training Placements can be broken down into the following categories.

Administration/Secretariat	43
Retail Businesses	8
Personal Services	14
Tourism Sector	11
Hotel Catering	6
Skilled Trades	19
TOTAL	101

The length of time Trainees have been on these placements as follows:

Number of Months	Number of Trainees
1	8
2	7
3	5
4	17
5	8
6	10
7	2
8	9
9	12
10	10
11	1
12	2
Over 12 months	10
TOTAL	101

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Contd Answer to Question 648 of 2006

Answer to Question 648

Date Range	Project	Number of Applications	Remarks
1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001	VTS 1	156	
1 July 2001 to 20 June 2002	VTS 2	151	33 Trainees transferred from VTS 1
1 July 2002 to 30 August 2003	VTS 3	217	38 Trainees transferred from VTS 2
1 September 2003 to 31 March 2005	VTS 4	421	111 Trainees transferred from VTS 3
1 April 2005 to 6 June 2006	VTS 5	329	78 Trainees transferred from VTS 4

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 645 TO 648 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

I notice from just looking at the schedule that the Minister has given me that there is no list of the companies in which they are attached to, which was one of the questions.

HON DR B A LINARES:

We did not want to fall foul of the Data Protection legislation and there was some hint that in identifying, naming companies, we would actually identify the individuals themselves without their consent, so we thought it was in any case just as useful to list the areas of employment, retail, services, tourism but if the hon Member wishes, I could provide him in greater confidence with the names of the individual companies.

HON S E LINARES:

If I may indulge in going back to Question No. 648 of 2006, where the Minister gave us a schedule showing a date range. Since the schedule to Question No. 649 of 2006 has been amended and in Question No. 648 of 2006 the following date ranges are given: 1st July 2000 to June 2001, July 2001 to 2002, July 2002 to 2003 and September 2003 to March 2005, is there any reason why 2004 has been omitted and is not given as a breakdown?

HON DR B A LINARES:

I think this may also be a typographical error. I am sorry I have not checked through this before.

HON S E LINARES:

But there will still be a year missing even if that is 2004.

HON DR B A LINARES:

I suppose so, because then we would go from 2005 to 2006, I will look into this.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I ask the Minister the actual periods, the date ranges he has given? In VTS 1 it is a year and in VTS 2 it is a year and then it seems to go to 13 months, then 18 months and then 9 months? The length of the different projects seems to change.

HON DR B A LINARES:

The number of applications come throughout that year, it is not as if all the intake, say in 1st July 2000 there were 156 applications, some applications come later and some go out. So there is a transferral of trainees from one year to another, because the application to join the VTS does not start at 1st July and finish in that year, it comes throughout the year. That may help.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but given that the original Question No. 648 of 2006 is how many trainees have applied from the year 2000 giving a breakdown by year, and the answer is a breakdown by year, and given that a year has 12 months, there is a breakdown giving the number in 12 month periods in 2001 and in 2001/2002 but then the next period is 13 months, and then the period after that is 18 months and the period after that is 9 months, so it is difficult to compare the numbers coming in over a given period if the periods change. Unless there is a particular reason for the change in the length of the periods.

HON DR B A LINARES:

There must be a particular reason and I will have to follow it up.

ORAL

NO. 649 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE

Can Government state how much money has been obtained from the ESF since the year 2000 to date for the Construction and Training Centre giving a breakdown by year?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question No. 650 of 2006.

NO. 650 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD

Can Government state how much money has been obtained from the ESF since the year 2000 to date for the Cammell Laird apprenticeship scheme giving a breakdown by year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I now hand the hon Member. Please note that there is a typographical error in the table for Question No. 649 of 2006, and that Intake 10 should read 25th May 2003 and not 2005.

Answer to Question 650 of 2006

Answer to Question 649

Gibraltar Construction Training Centre

Intake Number	ESF Offer Letter Date	Total Received from ESF as at 6 June 2006
5A	14 Feb 02	£109,435
6	14 Feb 02	£12,643
7	14 Feb 02	£36,624
10	25 May 0 5 3	£115,352
11	30 Nov 04	£104,407
12	12 Oct 05	-
TOTAL		£378,461

Answer to Question 650

Engineering Trades Training Scheme

Intake Number	ESF Offer Letter Date	Total Received from ESF as at 6 June 2006
ETTS 98	14 Feb 02	£17,167
ETTS 99	14 Feb 02	£19,439
ETTS 00	14 Feb 02	£168,478
ETTS 04	30 Nov 04	£41,659
ETTS 05	5 Jul 05	£19,759
TOTAL		£266,502

ORAL

NO. 651 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE

Can Government state how many trainees applied for training places at the Construction and Training Centre from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year and trade?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I hand to the hon Member.

Answer to Question 651 of 2006

GCTC Full Time Trainees

Trade	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
	Applied	Enrolled	Applied	Enrolled	Applied	Enrolled	Applied	Enrolled	Applied	Enrolled	Applied	Enrolled
Tiler	6	0	6	4	5	2	5	4	6	5	4	4
Carpenter	5	5	5	7	7	3	8	6	9	8	5	3
Painter & Decorator	6	5	6	6	8	5	6	2	4	2	2	2
Plasterer	1	1	9	3	5	1	3	3	3	3	1	1
Plumber	3	3	4	4	4	4	7	7	8	5	4	1
Bricklayer	2	2	7	5	6	5	5	2	4	3	1	0
Total	23	16	37	29	35	20	34	24	34	26	17	11

Numbers enrolled are less than number of applicants not only due to unsuccessful application but also due to Potential Trainee deciding not to take up offer of Training

A P E Scheme
(Accreditation of Prior Experience)

Vocational Training
Scheme Trainees also
attending GCTC

Trade	Enrolled 2002
Tiler	0
Carpenter	2
Painter & Decorator	0
Plasterer	1
Plumber	1
Bricklayer	1
Total	5

Trade	Enrolled 2005
Tiler	4
Carpenter	0
Painter & Decorator	1
Plasterer	0
Plumber	0
Bricklayer	0
Total	5

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 651 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

I notice that in the schedule he has given me that there are Vocational Training Scheme trainees who also attend the GCTC, and there is a figure there, five of them apparently do. Is this that the VTS trainees are given time off from the employers in the private company, or does this only apply to trainees who are attached to Government Agencies?

HON DR B A LINARES:

I think in the initial contractual arrangement with an employer, whether it is a public department or a private department, an arrangement is made on a day-release or time-release basis so that they can actually follow-up industrial training in the Construction Training Centre.

NO. 652 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE/CAMMELL LAIRD

Can Government state how the amounts paid to trainees at the Construction and Training Centre and at Cammell Laird are worked out or analogued to?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

As regards the analogue applied to establish these rates of pay, I have written to the hon Member but I will announce it here. I have pointed out to him in writing that trainees in similar schemes in the UK (that is, under ESF sponsored projects) are not paid any such allowances whilst in training. So really the question of analogue is rather nebulous. They can only claim refunds for travelling expenses, luncheon vouchers when they are away from their Training Centre or work placement. I do want to emphasise and stress, that the Government of Gibraltar are committed to enhance the current rates of Trainees' Allowances, despite this lack of analogue. The allowances have been established now for a number of years and we are holding very fruitful discussions with the TGWU Officers to this effect for a review of these rates.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 652 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

I understand the Minister did answer Question No. 178 in writing and I have got it in front of me and the question was specific to the VTS. That is why I posed the question, because the VTS was introduced before 1996. Therefore, in the answer he stated that the previous administration had set a figure. The question here is not the VTS, it is the Construction Training Centre and Cammell Laird, which have been subsequent to the previous administration and therefore, have the Construction Training Centre Trainees been analogued by the Government?

HON DR B A LINARES:

We have just simply adopted the same rates that were already there for the VTS to the Construction Training Centre trainees and the Cammell Laird trainees.

HON S E LINARES:

So the answer to the question that I got in writing applies also for the other two schemes?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes, in fact what I was saying is, and the information that we got from the DSS people in the UK is that it is precisely apprentices in training centres that are not paid like A-level students or college education students of that age, that trainees are not provided with allowances except, as I say, for certain travelling expenses. We cannot find any way of analoguing on a parity type of basis the present rate, so what we have to do is negotiate the rates ourselves locally and this is exactly what we are doing at the moment, making it meaningful and providing the type of incentives that we want to attract good students into these industrial trades.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is there a particular reason why this has not happened until very recently? If the rates were adopted because they were there in 1996, the rates of everybody else have gone up in Gibraltar.

HON DR B A LINARES:

There is always an element of inertia in these things, as the hon Member will know. I think that the realities are that failing to get the demand, as we are now getting it, this is a way of life, they remain static. Certainly I understand and we have actually declared that in the manifesto of the GSD, that we were committed to enhancing these allowances.

ORAL

NO. 653 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD

Can Government state how many trainees who successfully completed the apprenticeship scheme in Cammell Laird from the year 2000 to date were employed by Cammell Laird giving a breakdown by year and trade?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 654 to 657 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 654 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD

Can Government state how many trainees have successfully completed the apprenticeship scheme in Cammell Laird from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year and trade?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 653 and 655 to 657 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 655 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD

Can Government state how many trainees were successful in obtaining places in the Cammell Laird apprenticeship scheme from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year and trade?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 653, 654, 656 and 657 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 656 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD

Can Government state how many trainees applied for training places at Cammell Laird apprenticeship scheme from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year and trade?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 653 to 655 and 657 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 657 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD

Can Government state how much it has paid Cammell Laird for training places from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I now hand to the hon Member.

Answer to Question 657 of 2006

Answer to Question 653

Apprenticeship Completion Date	No. of Apprentices employed by Cammell Laird	Welding & Fabrication	Electrical	Mechanical
2002	5	5	0	0
2003	9	0	6	3
2004	7	3	2	2
2005	4	1	1	2
2006	6 still in training	Estimated completion date November 2006		

The first Engineering Trades Training Scheme Intake commenced in November 1998 and, therefore, the first set of Apprentices to complete their four years Apprenticeship programme did so in 2002.

Answer to Question 654

Apprenticeship Completion Date	No. completing Apprenticeship	Welding & Fabrication	Electrical	Mechanical
2002	5	5	0	0
2003	9	0	6	3
2004	7	3	2	2
2005	6	1	2	3
2006	6 still in training	Estimated completion date November 2006		

The first Engineering Trades Training Scheme Intake commenced in November 1998 and, therefore, the first set of Apprentices to complete their four years Apprenticeship programme did so in 2002.

Answer to Question 655

Intake Start Date	Apprentices commencing Training	Left before allocation of Trade	Welding & Fabrication	Electrical	Mechanical
2000	18	2	3	6	7
2001	10	1	2	4	3
2002	11	0	3	4	4
2003	No Intake	-	-	-	-
2004	12	2	4	2	4
2005	13	5	5	1	2
2006	Start date 18 September 2006				

Contd Answer to Question 657 of 2006

Answer to Question 656

ETTS Intake Year	No. of Applications
2000	22
2001	26
2002	22
2003	No Intake
2004	36
2005	29

Apprentices participating in the Engineering Trades Training Scheme follow a generic training programme during the first 6 months. After initial generic training Apprentices follow specialised training programmes in Welding and Fabrication, Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering, according to the Trainees' ability.

The Answer to Question 655 gives a breakdown of the Trades eventually allocated to Apprentices.

Answer to Question 657

Financial Year	Total Reimbursed
2000/2001	£221,236.88
2001/2002	£274,571.75
2002/2003	£208,635.09
2003/2004	£318,018.29

Unable to provide further information post Financial Year 2003/2004 as Cammell Laird have not provided the ESF Project Auditors with all required information in respect of pending claims.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 653 TO 657 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

In Question No. 657 of 2006 it says 'total reimbursements' and the schedule gives us a breakdown from the year 2000 to date, can I ask the Minister if these reimbursements are coming from the EU projects, in the Estimates of Expenditure? Do they come from that Head? If I remember correctly the Head is Vocational Cadets – EU Projects and there is a sum, do these amounts come from that vote?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes. May I point out, I meant to do this before, that in the table for Question No. 654 of 2006, the dates begin with 2002 because the apprentices came in at 2000, which is what the hon Member was asking, did not complete until 2002 their four years training, that is the reason for omitting that. Also, I am very pleased to note that all apprentices with Cammell Laird over the years listed by the hon Member, have been employed by Cammell Laird excepting 2005, when one mechanical fitter and one electrical fitter were actually employed by the Electricity Authority.

ORAL

NO. 658 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE/CAMMELL LAIRD

Can Government state what canteen facilities are available at the Construction and Training Centre and at the Cammell Laird Training Centre?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 659 and 660 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 659 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE

Can Government state what is the allowance scale used to pay trainees at the Construction and Training Centre and when was the last time that these payments were increased?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 658 and 660 of 2006.

NO. 660 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE

Can Government state how many trainees in the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date from the Construction and Training Centre who have completed courses at NVQ level 2 and NVQ level 3 respectively have obtained employment in:

- (a) the trade they trained for and
- (b) in trades they have not trained for

giving a breakdown by year?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I now hand to the hon Member.

Answer to Question 660 of 2006

Answer to Question 658

The following canteen facilities are available at the two Training Centres:

Gibraltar Construction Training Centre	Cammell Laird Training Centre
1 Fridge/Freezer	<i>Housed within the amenities centre next door to Lecture Rooms</i>
1 Cooker/Oven	2 Microwave Ovens
1 Toaster	Individual Lockers
1 Tea Urn	Tables and Chairs
Sink with fresh running water	Sink with fresh running water
Tables and Chairs	
1 Electric Fan	<i>Housed within the restroom next to the Workshops</i>
1 Microwave Oven	2 Microwave Ovens
1 Kettle	1 Cooker
	1 Tea Urn
	1 Fridge
	Tables and Chairs
	Sink with fresh hot and cold running water
	1 Washing Machine (reserved for the washing of overalls)
	In addition to the above, Trainees may purchase hot meals from Cammell Laird's Amenities Centre through a pre booking system

Answer to Question 659

Gibraltar Construction Training Centre

Age	Gross Monthly
15 and 16	£227.08
17	£254.08
18	£330.00
19 and over	£356.41

These allowances have not been increased since this Government took Office. However, the Government of Gibraltar is committed to enhance the current rates of Trainees' Allowances for Trainees, and we are holding discussions with the relevant TGWU Officers to this effect.

Answer to Question 660

When a Trainee has achieved his NVQ at Level 2 or Level 3 and, subsequently, leaves the Gibraltar Construction Training Centre in order to take up employment, he is not required to give the Training Centre Manager any details in respect of the employment he is taking up. Therefore regrettably, I cannot furnish the Honourable Member with details in respect of employment obtained by our ex-Trainees.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 658 TO 660 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Is the Minister satisfied that these facilities which he has listed here, trainees are able to use it at the times that they have breaks?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes, there has been some confusion about the management of these facilities but this was brought to our attention in our discussions with the Union and with the representative of the trainees in the workplace, and I am satisfied that they have been put right forthwith.

NO. 661 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

CHILDLINE GIBRALTAR

Can the Minister for Education state if he intends to support the charity Childline and if so how will he support this worthy charity dealing with children in desperate need of help?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Department of Education and Training is very pleased to support the charity Childline and we have been doing so for some time now. I have held regular meetings with the Directors and organisers of this organisation and this, actually, has been proved in practical terms by funding. We have funded the course delivered last November aimed at training the trainees. They proposed to us that they wanted to establish a sort of pyramid system, whereby we train people at the top and they can pass on their training further down. Eight persons, two of them serving teachers in our schools, were selected and trained so that, as I have explained, they can in turn train other persons to meet the demands of working in and for Childline.

The Department has also provided opportunities for Childline to address school staff who attended the Conference on Domestic Violence and, more recently all staff at Bayside School have been addressed by people from Childline. The Schools will be encouraged to advertise and to discuss with pupils, in the Personal Social and Health Programme, the availability of this service.

As I say, I have met with the Trustees of this charity on a number of occasions to discuss ways in which the Department of Education and Training can continue to cooperate and support them, and I actually have been invited and I shall be representing the Government at the launch of Childline Gibraltar on 28th June 2006.

NO. 662 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – TRAINING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Can the Minister for Education state how many times the Training Advisory Council have met in the years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date respectively?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The Training Advisory Council met on the following dates since the year 2000:

21st June 2000;
20th September 2000;
13th December 2000;
27th February 2001;
17th October 2001;
19th September 2002;
5th March 2003;
11th March 2004;
21st June 2004;
9th February 2005.

There has been no meeting this year for the simple reason that at the last meeting in February last year, we agreed that what was needed was practical and detailed papers, suggestions, proposals, to be submitted by each sector representative. As I have explained before, there is a very wide representation of the stakeholders and the suggestions have now been passed on, which have proved most useful to the Department.

Following on this, the Government's Training Officer is now actually meeting with individual sectors, meetings with the Gibraltar Society of Chartered and Certified Accounting Bodies, Finance Centre Council, Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce, Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses, Transport and General Workers Union, Department of Trade and Industry and Employment Services. What we are doing is putting all the pieces of the jigsaw, all the different perspectives and perceptions of the different bodies, into a global comprehensive training policy which we are very keen to carry out and overhaul the view of all our training provisions.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 662 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Is there any coordination between the Post 14-19 Education Committee that he created with the Training Advisory Council? It seems as if the meetings are few and far between, in 2002 and 2003 one per year, should there not be coordination between the Post 14-19 Education with the Training Advisory Council? I understand that the Training Advisory Council will look at training, not only for the 14-19 sector of pupils but they will look beyond the age of 19, but is there not a case where there should be some coordination between one committee and the other?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes, and the coordination, liaison point is the Training Officer, who is also an Educational Adviser in the Department. Of course, he will be coordinating the evidence and the work being done by the Training Advisory Council with the more educationally-gearred and academically-gearred 14-19 Working Group.

NO. 663 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES

Can Government state whether students with a Government grant will have to obtain a loan from the UK student loan system to pay for the tuition fees this or the next academic year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

I very much welcome this question as it gives me the opportunity of announcing the current arrangements which have been made by the Department of Education and Training for the payment of university tuition fees, and this should be of great interest to prospective candidates going into university next September. I say next September because it is only students starting new university courses with effect from September 2006 but not those who are already currently at university, who will need to obtain a loan to cover university tuition fees, but this will be a purely administrative arrangement which has been forced upon us by changes in the UK. I want to stress that the crucial point to be made is that the Gibraltar Government have taken the decision to continue to underwrite the cost of university tuition fees for its scholarship holders, notwithstanding the fact that with effect from September 2006, the level of these fees, as the House knows because I have mentioned this before, is due to practically treble from the current £1,175 yearly to £3,000 per year and per student.

What the UK Government have done is to form a wholly-owned UK Government company known as the 'Student Loans Company'. All UK students and thereby all EU students, that includes the Gibraltar students, need to apply to this company for a loan to cover the cost of the university tuition fees. Tuition fees are not to be paid up front, directly to universities, in the future we have to go through the mechanics of this company. The loans are granted automatically and are not subject to means testing. Similar applications need to be made for every year of a student's course and the monies are paid directly by the Student Loans Company to the university in question. These loans do not become repayable until the student has finished his or her course, is in employment and earning a minimum of £15,000. It is the task of the Student Loans Company to recoup these favours.

As the Gibraltar Government have decided to continue to underwrite the cost of tuition fees for Gibraltar Scholarship holders, the following administrative arrangements have been put into place. Gibraltar students will need to apply to the Student Loans Company for tuition fee loans, they will be advised in the process by the Education Department, in the same way as their counterparts from the UK or

other parts of the EU. When the time for repayment comes round, however, the Gibraltar Government will reimburse any payments made by our scholarship holders on presentation of course of a valid receipt. In this way the full cost of the university tuition fees will continue to be met by the Gibraltar Government and, as a consequence let me say, our scholarship holders remain much better off than their counterparts in the UK who have to pay from their own pocket.

NO. 664 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EDUCATION – CHILDREN RESIDENT IN SPAIN ATTENDING SCHOOL IN GIBRALTAR

Can Government state how many children resident in Spain currently attend school in Gibraltar, giving a breakdown by gender, age and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

A total of 30 children who are resident in Spain currently attend school in Gibraltar, all of these on a fee-paying basis. This figure breaks down as follows:

25 of the children are British, 4 are Spanish and 1 is Irish.

21 of them are male and 9 are female.

Four children are six years old, one is eight, two are nine, two are ten, three are 11, two are 12, four are 13, six are 14, three are 15, two are 16 and one is 18.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 664 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it these are all in Government schools in Gibraltar, is that correct?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Would these be children whose parents are working in Gibraltar or does that have no effect, can anybody send their children here paying or is there a requirement for some connection with Gibraltar?

HON DR B A LINARES:

There are some requirements, the Government are not compelled to take on a fee-paying student. It could be someone working in Gibraltar or otherwise, but there is not an obligation to offer education. There are particular cases where of course it is difficult for the school to actually assimilate into their programmes, particularly at a later stage, students who perhaps have not got the basic language or something like that, but the question of working in Gibraltar or otherwise is not a factor.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is the current figure of 30 showing any increase or is that the sort of norm that there has been in other years?

HON DR B A LINARES:

I have not got the exact figures with me but I am pretty sure that it is the norm, it is a standard pattern in the year.

ORAL

NO. 665 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state the years in which the Sports and Leisure Authority employed a former VTS trainee and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainee applied for vacancy in competition with others or was offered the position?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 666 to 672 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 666 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state the years in which the Gibraltar Health Authority employed each of the two former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 665 and 667 to 672 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 667 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state the years in which the Saint John's Ambulance employed each of the two former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665, 666 and 668 to 672 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 668 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state the years in which the Royal Gibraltar Police employed each of the three former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665 to 667 and 669 to 672 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 669 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state the years in which the Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation employed each of the two former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665 to 668 and 670 to 672 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 670 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state the years in which the Elderly Care Agency employed each of the two former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665 to 669, 671 and 672 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 671 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state the years in which the Philatelic Bureau employed each of the three former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665 to 670 and 672 of 2006.

NO. 672 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME

Can Government state the years in which the Department of Education and Training employed a former VTS trainee and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I hand to the hon Member.

May I point out that he has asked for age, since I was not sure whether he meant the age when they entered the VTS Scheme or when they obtain employment, we have given the date of birth.

Answer to Question 672 of 2006

Answer to Question 665

Gibraltar Sports & Leisure Authority

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
21 4 83	F	12 months	Sports Admin	12 months

Trainee left the VTS as she obtained employment with the Government of Gibraltar as an Administrative Assistant in the Civil Service. Employment gained in competition with other applicants for Administrative Assistant vacancies in the Civil Service start date 24 February 2003

Answer to Question 666

Gibraltar Health Authority

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
2 2 80	M	22 months	IT Assistant	22 months

Trainee left the VTS on 17 January 2005 after successful application for vacancy as advertised by the Gibraltar Health Authority

Gibraltar Health Authority

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
17 7 86	F	10 months	Admin Clerk	10 months

Trainee obtained employment with GHA as Receptionist & desk Help Operator after successful application for vacancy as advertised by GHA. Ended on VTS on 11 February 2005, commenced at GHA on 14 February 2005.

Answer to Question 667

St John's Ambulance

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
25 8 82	F	12 months	Clerk	12 months

Trainee left VTS on 31 October 2003 after successful application for the post of Admin Assistant at St John's, start date 1 November 2003.

St John's Ambulance

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
14 8 85	M	25 months	Call Handler	25 months

Trainee left VTS on 30 April 2005 after successful application for the post of Non-Emergency Ambulance Attendant at St John's, start date 1 May 2005.

St John's Ambulance

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
30 9 87	F	3.5 months	Office Junior	3.5 months

Trainee left VTS on 31 May 2005 after successful application for the post of Admin Assistant at St John's, start date 1 June 2005.

Answer to Question 668

Royal Gibraltar Police

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
25 9 85	M	8 months	Police Cadet	8 months

Trainee left VTS on 29 August 2004 after successful application, and attendance at Selection Weekend, for vacancy as Police Constable

Royal Gibraltar Police

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
18 6 86	M	8 months	Police Cadet	8 months

Trainee left VTS on 19 June 2005 after successful application, and attendance at Selection Weekend, for vacancy as Police Constable

Royal Gibraltar Police

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
27 2 84	M	17.5 months	Police Cadet	17.5 months

Trainee left VTS on 19 June 2005 after successful application (2nd attempt), and attendance at Selection Weekend, for vacancy as Police Constable.

Answer to Question 669

Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
16 11 84	M	24 months	Production Assistant	24 months

Trainee left VTS on 29 August 2004 following successful application for the post of Audio Assistant at GBC, start date 1 September 2004

Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
24 7 79	M	12 months	Digital Media Trainee	12 months

Trainee left VTS on 29 August 2004 following successful application for the post of Audio/Vision Assistant 'A' at GBC, start date 1 September 2004

Answer to Question 670

Elderly Care Agency

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
6 7 83	F	19 months	Kitchen Assistant	19 months

Trainee left VTS on 31 January 2005 to take up employment at Elderly Care Agency as Domestic in Catering Department, start date 1 February 2005

Elderly Care Agency

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
4 1 72	M	13 months	Maintenance Crew	13 months

Trainee left VTS on 25 September 2005 to take up employment at Elderly Care Agency as Labourer, start date 26 September 2005

Answer to Question 671

Philatelic Bureau

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
21 4 88	F	6 months	Admin Clerk	6 months

Trainee left VTS on 31 March 2005 to take up employment with Philatelic Bureau as Office Clerk, start date 1 April 2005

Philatelic Bureau

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
26 3 89	F	7.5 months	Customer Services	19 days

Trainee left VTS on 30 April 2005 to take up employment with Philatelic Bureau as Office Clerk, start date 1 May 2005

Philatelic Bureau

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
13 12 86	M	18 months	Admin Clerk	11 months

Trainee left VTS on 31 March 2006 to take up employment with Philatelic Bureau as Customer Services, start date 1 April 2006

Answer to Question 672

Department of Education & Training

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
6 4 82	M	47 months	Admin Assistant	47 months

Trainee left VTS on 3 March 2003 to take up employment with Government of Gibraltar as Library and Resources Assistant, start date 4 March 2003

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 665 TO 672 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

In reply to Question No. 665 of 2006 on the Sports and Leisure Authority, the explanation given is that the person that was placed as a Trainee Sports Administration for a period of 12 months, left on 24th February to take up a post which had been advertised in the Civil Service, so that means that that was not connected with the actual training, is that correct? It was a post in the Civil Service as opposed to being in the Authority.

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes, but if I am given a moment to look at my own notes, because I believe it was in the Civil Service but within the Sports Authority, an administrative job. No, it was in the Civil Service, the training he had there was probably of an administrative function and on the basis of that, he gained through the selection process a post of Administrative Assistant in the Government.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it a post of Administrative Assistant in the Government or is it employment in the Authority, given that we have been previously told in the House that the people in the Authority are not in the Civil Service?

HON F VINET:

If I can intervene, I can confirm that there are no Civil Servants employed in the Authority. All the Authority are employees of the Authority itself.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is why I am asking a supplementary, because that was my understanding from previous answers. Since this says 'left the VTS' when the person obtained employment as an Administrative Assistant with the Government of Gibraltar in the Civil Service, that explanation suggests to me, in the light of the information previously provided, that although she was training in the Sports and Leisure Authority she left the Scheme in the Sports Authority because a vacancy came up in the Government Civil Service, is that the correct interpretation or not?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So then it is not the case that the person was employed in the Sports and Leisure Authority?

HON DR B A LINARES:

I thought my Colleague had cleared this a moment ago by saying that there are no Civil Servants within the Sports Authority.

HON F VINET:

That is right. Just to clarify, there are still three persons working at the facilities of the Authority who have not transferred to the Authority but that is a completely separate matter to this one.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am aware that there may be people who were former Civil Servants but no one is being recruited into the Authority on the basis of applying for a vacancy in the Civil Service under the Government of Gibraltar. Therefore, given that that is the note, then the actual nature of the training was not a factor because the person is not actually going to be working in the Sports Authority where the training took place.

HON DR B A LINARES:

The nature of the training, as has been noted, was also in terms of administration within the Sports Authority so that may count and give an experience to that prospective employee to make the case before a selection board. It was within the Sports Authority but carrying out administrative work.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but I assume that the person concerned still had to meet the requirements of having two O-level passes in order to be able to apply in the first instance.

HON DR B A LINARES:

Indeed, all the requirements of selection for the post of AA in the Government.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Minister confirm that in the note that he has given to various answers, in some of them it says 'after successful application for a vacancy', for example, in the Health Authority the next question, Question No. 666 of 2006, but there are some others where it says, for example, in answer to the question on the Department of Education and Training, where there is a Library and Resources Assistant, to take up employment with the Government as Library and Resources Assistant. Am I right that where it says 'take up employment' it means the job was automatically offered to the person?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes, this is a particular case that is known to the Opposition Spokesman for Education, where we employed this person as supernumerary in a sheltered employment capacity, because of the disability involved.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but I have given that as an example. For example, in the Philatelic Bureau there are three who left the Scheme to take up employment with the Philatelic Bureau. My question is, where it says 'take up employment' as opposed to saying 'successful application' am I right in interpreting that answer as meaning that in those cases the trainee did not have to apply for the job, it was offered automatically on completion of the training. Is that the correct interpretation of the answer?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Not quite, there was this person that had considerable experience in this particular type of employment, in a school, and when the post was opened as a supernumerary above the complement of the school, he had to go through a formal application but because of his experience and long-standing performance in that capacity, he was happily employed and we are very pleased with him.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am afraid the Minister has not understood my question. I said I was using that as an example but have now used the other three examples. He has come back to the first one. I said that in the answers I have been given, in some instances it says the trainee took up a position after successful application for a vacancy that was advertised. In other cases, it says the trainee left the Scheme to take up employment. Given the different terminology, is the correct interpretation of the answer that in cases where it says 'to take up employment', for example in the Elderly Care Agency or in the Philatelic Bureau, it means that they did not have to apply? My original question was did they have to apply in competition with others or were they offered the position, and I am trying to seek clarification on the answer that I have been given.

HON DR B A LINARES:

As regards the Philatelic Bureau my knowledge or information is that they took on these trainees, because of their performance, into their complement and I do not believe that there was any form of selection for the posts, but this is the Philatelic Bureau not a Government Department.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Presumably that is also the case with the two vacancies in the Elderly Care Agency, is that correct?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Not quite, in the Elderly Care Agency one of the vacancies was again supernumerary to the complement, and it was offered as a form of sheltered employment to one of the trainees. The other one did go through a selection process.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So in fact, although it says the same in both of the Elderly Care Agency one is not the correct answer, is that right? One of them actually was a successful applicant. Can the Minister point to which of the two it was?

HON DR B A LINARES:

The first one was the successful applicant, the youngest of the two, and the second one was a supernumerary point offered as a sheltered employment scheme.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In cases where people are given the permanent job, as it were, after a period of training, is this something that is known to the trainee when the trainee starts, that there will be a job at the end of the period, obviously if he shows capacity to do the job as a result of the training?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes of course. Although there is no guarantee of a job at the end, I have mentioned this before it is not part of the scheme as it stands at the moment, but definitely the trainee knows perfectly well that if he performs adequately to the satisfaction of his training provider, he has a pretty good chance when a post is opened of obtaining employment. This, as can be seen from many of the cases that are listed here, has been the case.

HON J J BOSSANO:

They mean two different things. One this is to say one stands a good chance if a vacancy comes up, and the other thing is to say there is going to be a vacancy. I know the Minister says there is no guarantee but is there a legitimate expectation?

HON DR B A LINARES:

It would be different situations in different placements. In some cases we may know that in that particular area of employment with that training provider there are good opportunities coming up, vacancies in other words, that are likely to emerge and that therefore this trainee has an element of expectation, that given his performance and demonstrating his skills he has a good chance of obtaining that particular employment when it is offered. There is that element of expectation, but as I say, I have to repeat there is no guarantee.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but all these questions and all the answers all relate to public sector employment. The Sports Authority, the Health Authority all of whom depend on public money and are not profit making organisations. Presumably the complement of the Philatelic Bureau or the complement of the Broadcasting Corporation is dependant on the amount of money that is available as a result of the only contact they have got as service providers, they do not work for anybody else. Are the Government not in a position to know if the training is leading somewhere or not in those cases? I accept that in a 100 per cent privately owned enterprise it may not be possible to do the same.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

On a point of order if I can interrupt my colleague and for the sake of clarification, the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau does not depend on public money in any sense. It is an independent, commercial enterprise in which the Government participate.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau is engaged in philatelic sales for the Government of Gibraltar with a contract with the Government of Gibraltar, and presumably the Government of Gibraltar are in a position to know the manning level that it is likely to need, given that they are well aware of its turnover because it does it for the Government.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, I do not want to interfere in the answer. All that I was trying to clarify for the hon Member is that the Philatelic Bureau, from my knowledge of it when I had responsibility for philately, is not dependant on Government subsidies as GBC or other entities are, it works independently. Just for clarification's point.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am aware that it is not an outfit that actually makes a loss that is met from a subsidy by the Government, but in fact, the original breakdown of all these were given to us on the basis that these were in the public as opposed to the private sector. Since they are all in the public sector in one way or another, I am asking the Minister whereas he might well argue that if a trainee's place in a private company the private company might at the end of the day not have a suitable vacancy for reasons that are related to its business and the market, they might have an expectation but they will not be able to guarantee because the business is not there, in all the answers to all the questions that I have put they are all trainees which are in an area where the employment is not governed by market conditions, because they are not businesses working for profit except the Philatelic Bureau. Even there it is a fairly stable situation.

HON DR B A LINARES:

So the hon Member is asking me what is the score in the private sector, because these are the questions he asked about the public sector.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am not asking in the private sector because that does not arise since none of these questions deal with the private sector.

HON DR B A LINARES:

Of course, this is what I was getting at.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It seemed to me the answer the Minister was giving me was about the private sector, I am not asking about the private sector. I am saying, if in places like the Sports Authority, the Health Authority, the St John's Ambulance, the Royal Gibraltar Police, the Elderly Care Agency and GBC and the Department of Education and Training and possibly with the caveat entered by the Minister, the Philatelic Bureau, surely there the training is either for a purpose, because there is going to be a job at the end or simply because they want to provide people with training rather than not have them working.

HON DR B A LINARES:

The answer is yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Which of the two is yes?

HON DR B A LINARES:

The expectation is there when the trainee is placed in that particular public sector, or semi-public sector organisation there is obviously, in the process of placing him, an arrangement between the training officer, who does all the processing of this with the employers and managers, as to the possible expectations of posts arising which could be taken over.

ORAL

NO. 673 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED

Can Government state when they now envisage that the double-decker buses recently renovated/refurbished in the United Kingdom at a cost of £117,000 should commence providing a service?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 674 to 676 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 674 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED

Can Government state the number of paying passengers that were transported and the value of fares collected from these passengers by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited in the months of April and May 2006?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 673, 675 and 676 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 675 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED

Can Government confirm that the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited has only two Directors who are remunerated for their responsibilities and provide the level of their remuneration for the year ended 31 March 2006?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 673, 674 and 676 of 2006.

NO. 676 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED

Can Government state the number of employees working for the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited as at 31 March 2006 and provide their grades and a breakdown of the annual salaries paid to these grades?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Gibraltar Bus Company continues to expand. In the year ending 30th April 2006, the buses carried over 1,433,000 passengers, which comes to nearly 4,000 passengers a day. This represents an increase carried of 10.2 per cent compared with the previous 12 months. The Government consider that the bus company is providing a valuable service for Gibraltar.

It is envisaged that the double-decker buses, which were recently renovated/refurbished in the United Kingdom, will commence providing a service on 20th June 2006.

The number of paying passengers that were transported and the value of fares collected from these passengers by the Gibraltar Bus Company Ltd in the months of April and May 2006, were as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Passengers Carried</u>	<u>Value of Fares</u>
April 2006	112,478	£70,456
May 2006	123,604	£77,161

The remainder of the statistical information sought is now being handed to the hon Member in written format.

Schedule to Question 676

Answer to Question 675

The Gibraltar Bus Company has 2 directors who are each paid £35,000 per annum.

Answer to Question 676

There are 44 employees of the Gibraltar Bus Company. Their grades and a breakdown of their salaries is as follows:

Two Directors	£35,000 each
One Garage Superintendent	£20,000
Three Bus Inspectors	£15,000 each
Three Chargehand/Drivers	£14,350 each
Two Office Administrators	£12,272 each
Thirty Drivers	£13,050 each
One General Operative	£12,324
One Labourer	£8,352
One Painter/Panel Beater	£12,272

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 673 TO 676 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Did I hear the Minister correctly and did he say that the financial year ended on 30th April 2006, is it not 31st March 2006?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, the financial year is actually 31st March but I was referring to the fact that the Bus Company started operating and charging in April, at the end of April actually because for the first month they were not charging fares. So therefore, in order to compare like for like, 12 months for 12 months, I used the figure of April 2004/2005 and then April 2005/2006.

HON L A RANDALL:

If the Bus Company did not charge in the month of April would the comparison not have been up to the end of May when there were 12 months of charging?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I have been reminded by my Colleague who had responsibility for this at the time, I actually had responsibility right up to when the company started to operate, he was telling me that it was a much shorter period, but I do remember that the first month was not actually a proper month to which to compare because there were maybe two weeks in which there were free fares. So in order to be able to compare like for like, one really needed to ignore that first month otherwise the figures would not be representative.

HON L A RANDALL:

The Bus Company started operating, whether charging or not charging, in April 2004.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct.

ORAL

NO. 677 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CAMMELL LAIRD

What are the dates of the accounts of Cammell Laird upon which Government made its decision to fund the cost of the removal of the grit mountain which that company allowed to accumulate?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 678 and 679 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 678 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CAMMELL LAIRD

What are the terms of the undertaking which Government has obtained from Cammell Laird in writing to the effect that the said company will continue to dispose of grit?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 677 and 679 of 2006.

NO. 679 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CAMMELL LAIRD

What are the arrangements that have been made by Cammell Laird for a storage area for grit in order not to have it exposed to the elements?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answer to Question No. 677 of 2006

The decision to fund the cost of the removal of the grit mountain was not based on any specific accounts supplied by Cammell Laird.

Answer to Question No. 678 of 2006

The terms of the undertaking which the Government have obtained from Cammell Laird in writing state that Cammell Laird would build a hopper to contain the grit. There is a further understanding that once a sufficient quantity has accumulated to allow for it to be disposed, Cammell Laird would arrange for its disposal at its own expense.

Answer to Question No. 679 of 2006

Under the current arrangements that have been entered into by Cammell Laird with Environmental and Waste Services Ltd, all grit that accumulates during a particular job is hauled out of the dock in the latter stages of the job and removed to the storage area.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 677 TO 679 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

In his last answer in this House the Minister told me that the accounts which the Government had seen, do not reflect the rosy picture that I had told him the accounts filed at Companies House reflected for Cammell Laird, and he said that it may be that we saw previous accounts which had now been updated, or they had seen later versions of the accounts which had still not been filed at Companies House but that

whatever they had seen the situation was not a rosy one. Then he told me finally that he could not recollect the exact year that the accounts referred to but that they were fairly recent and they did reflect management accounts. Now the Minister is telling the House that the decision was not based on any accounts in particular, which of those two is correct? The answer given today or the answer given previously?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I think that both answers are compatible, I do not think that there is one or the other. I think what one needs to understand is that when Government took the decision to cost the removal of the grit mountain, it was not actually based on a set of accounts that were presented during a negotiation or a meeting. There were a number of issues that were being negotiated at the time and a number of issues that were being considered. One of them obviously, was the fact that we wanted to see what the financial position was of the company and financial accounts were presented to us at the meeting dating back a number of years, I think it was 2002/2003, but then subsequent management accounts were provided as well in order to get a much more up to date situation of the company's financial position. The decisions were not purely based on whether the accounts were favourable or not, there were a number of other issues that were being considered at the time as part of the negotiating package in which at the end of the negotiations the Government agreed to cover the cost of this as part of the package of measures that we actually put in place.

HON F R PICARDO:

What were those other issues that were taken into consideration, and what is the package of measures other than the removal or the funding of the removal of the grit?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I have not got the full details here of the actual negotiations at the time but from recollection there were issues of debt to the Government, for example, that needed to be paid and the Government wanted to ensure that debts that were outstanding to the Government were actually paid and honoured. There were issues like, for example, the fact that the Government under the commercial agreement that exists with Cammell Laird, had an undertaking to an element of maintenance on some of the facilities available at Cammell Laird. I would not call it plant and machinery but for example, the docks and the dock doors and things which are the property of the Government, they do not belong to Cammell Laird, so therefore there is a liability and an obligation under the commercial contract for the Government to maintain and invest in these in order to maintain and keep them up to operational standard. This had not happened and in fact the company had actually paid for this sort of maintenance on-going programme to be undertaken, so there was an element of give and take in the sense that there were things that the Government owed and there were also things that Cammell Laird owed the Government. Therefore, what we did was that we eventually reached an agreement where we thought that the neatest way was to get rid of the grit because it was also in the Government's interest to remove that grit. The grit was getting to a stage where we felt that it was totally unacceptable. Let me say that the company had actually tried to get rid of this grit through a number of possible options but there were obstacles in the way in being

able to get rid of it, and the only way to eventually get rid of it was to actually export this under very strict control into Spain. Therefore, the Government decided that was one way in which it would eliminate this sort of liability on the Government towards Cammell Laird in exchange for them dealing with the removal of the grit. So that is the general theme of the negotiations.

HON F R PICARDO:

Obviously fairly complex negotiations but I agree with the Minister that it was in everybody's interest that the grit should be removed as soon as possible. Were we wrong then to have been left with the impression that the Government had agreed to fund the removal of the grit because Cammell Laird could not afford to?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, Cammell Laird could have found it difficult, remember that a company could be in a fairly healthy financial position but not have the cash flow to come up with £360,000. Therefore, the hon Member's interpretation of what we said was, that we felt that in order to expedite the removal of the grit without any further delay it was something that the Government felt was worthwhile obtaining as part of the negotiations rather than say, 'okay, you get rid of the grit at some point in the future and in exchange we are going to pay you for the maintenance of the programme of the docks that is our obligation under the commercial agreement'. We rather wanted to get something in return which was tangible and which we felt was going to happen and address a serious problem, which I and the Government felt, needed to be addressed as soon as possible.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is the Minister telling us that because obviously, we all accept, there was a legal obligation for that type of grit not to have accumulated, it is contrary to a directive and even to the parts of that directive which have been transposed into our legislation, there was a legal obligation for the grit to be removed in a particular and proper way. But if Cammell Laird had put its hand into its corporate pocket to meet other obligations it would in fact have been insolvent?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I cannot really confirm one way or the other and it would take an accountant and auditors to actually go through the thing in a far more detailed way than the Government were able to assess at the time. I do not think I can make a judgement on that based on the circumstances and information available at the time, I do not think it would be fair.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Minister tell the House whether he can recall, at least ballpark, as all the figures we are working with are to an extent, what the liabilities to Government were of Cammell Laird at that time?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

In terms of debt to the Government in respect of PAYE?

HON F R PICARDO:

Whatever debt it was that the Minister referred to in his original answer where he told me that there was a debt to Government, I do not know what that meant.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I cannot really say on my feet what the exact amount was and I do not know whether it would be fair for me to do so across the floor. I can give an indication privately if the hon Member so wishes but let me say that it was substantial. That matter has now been addressed successfully and therefore, at the end of the day yes, we may have paid for the grit but we have obtained a lot of benefits in return.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am loathe not to accept the offer to be told privately at this stage, at least, because I think that the reason for pressing on an issue such as this, I think the Minister will accept, is that we are talking about public money having been used to, I hesitate to use the word 'bale out' the company, but to pay for a legal responsibility of Cammell Laird which is as much a responsibility of Cammell Laird as it is to pay its PAYE, Social Security or any other debt which it might have been that had arisen to the Government. I am not necessarily saying that it is PAYE or Social Security it may have been something else, it may have been a contractual liability which I am not aware of. For that reason I would urge the Minister to consider giving the answer in the House, although I accept of course that he does not have it today. Would he do that?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well it is a matter that I need to give further consideration to, but if I decide to do so of course I would.

HON F R PICARDO:

Moving on to Question No. 678 of 2006, the Minister when he read out his answer I did not quite hear what he said, did he say that they were going to build a hopper or something like that?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct. A hopper is like a sealed container where the grit is accumulated for small amounts. It is no big sort of storage area but basically once that storage area is filled it needs to be moved. Alternatively, if a job is finished and the hopper is not full it still has to be moved as well, whatever comes earlier.

HON F R PICARDO:

So the Minister is saying that the hopper is moved, so I assume for the purposes of our discussion that it is like a skip that can then be disposed of, a large skip that complies with the criteria. The Minister referred us to this, does he have the undertaking so that he can read it out in this House and we can understand exactly what the terms of the undertaking are?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I have not got the undertaking in front of me but I do have a letter from Cammell Laird specifying all the commitments which I asked for at the time. I am happy to make that available to him.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am grateful, and does that set out the size of the hopper, the frequency et cetera when it is going to be emptied, because the Minister has told me that at the end of every job or when it is full it has to be disposed of? Does it set out the undertaking with sufficient particularity that there is no way that this issue can recur again? Are the Government satisfied of that?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, I am very satisfied that it will not happen again. Let me say one thing, that as a result of investment by the new shareholders of Cammell Laird, grit removal will still remain, the capabilities will still remain there but it will be something of the past because they are moving onto new technology which is based on hydro-blasting which is based on water rather than gritting, and therefore totally environmentally friendly and so the problem of grit generally will disappear from the yard. We are hopeful that will be in place by September, so I think that this is very good news all round and it is something that we in our negotiations actually did manage to convince them to move away from the existing technology to new technology.

HON F R PICARDO:

I appreciate that it is certainly good news all round. Of course, from my lay understanding, what the Minister has explained is that the system will change to a water-based system for the removal of paint et cetera from hulls, which is what the grit in the effect is, but there will still obviously be left-over paint or fibreglass or whatever it is that comes off yachts rather than necessarily tankers. What happens with that, is that also subject to the hopper system for removal?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am very much a layman in this field, but the other part of the new technology or the new methodology that is going to be used, is that they are moving away from spray paint to brush paint. In other words, this idea of paint particles flying around will be something of the past as well because they are moving away from that technology towards the brush paint which I believe does not create that sort of effect. Now, I am

totally and utterly in the dark but this is what I am told and I do not doubt what I am told in these particular circumstances.

HON F R PICARDO:

I will take up the Minister's offer to have sight of at least the letter from Cammell Laird at this stage, whilst he reconsiders whether to give the other information in the House.

ORAL

NO. 680 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government list the dates on which the Development Appeals Tribunal met in 2005 and 2006 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question No. 681 of 2006.

NO. 681 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government say what is the total number of cases that have been heard and that have concluded before the Development Appeals Tribunal since it was set up, showing how many cases were decided in favour of the Development and Planning Commission and in favour of the appellant?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answer to Question No. 680 of 2006

1. In 2005 the Development Appeals Tribunal met on two occasions:-
 - 6th April 2005;
 - 21st July 2005.
2. In 2006 a hearing was set for 7th March but it was postponed at the request of the appellant due to medical reasons.

Answer to Question No. 681 of 2006

A total of 12 cases have been heard and concluded before the Development Appeals Tribunal since it was set up. Seven cases were decided in favour of the Development Planning Commission and five in favour of the Appellant.

ORAL

NO. 682 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMISSION

How many meetings of the Development and Planning Commission have taken place since 16 March 2006 and on what dates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

There have been five meetings of the Development and Planning Commission since 16th March 2006 on the following dates:-

5th April 2006
18th April 2006
2nd May 2006
9th May 2006
24th May 2006

NO. 683 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TOURISM/PORT/BUSINESS & COMMERCE/E-BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCILS

How often and on what dates have the following met:

- (a) the Tourism Advisory Council since 9 March 2006;
- (b) the Port Advisory Council since 9 March 2006;
- (c) the Business and Commerce Advisory Council since 24 November 2005;
- (d) the E-business Advisory Council since 15 December 2005?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following describes how often and on what dates the respective Advisory Councils have met:

- (a) Tourism Advisory Council – since 9th March 2006 the Council met once on 20th April 2006;
- (b) Port Advisory Council – since 9th March 2006 the Council has not met;
- (c) Business and Commerce Advisory Council – since 24th November 2005 the Council has met once on 11th April 2006;
- (d) E-Business Advisory Council – since 15th December 2005 the Council has met once on 11th April 2006.

ORAL

NO. 684 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – PLANNING PERMISSION

Can Government list the applications for planning permission in respect of projects that have been granted and rejected since the last meeting of this House, showing those that are still under consideration, including the name of the applicant and of the project in question?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought in this Question is being submitted to the hon Member in written format.

Schedule to Question 684

Name	Date Received	Application Type	Site Address	Decision
Mr & Mrs Wahnon	17/3/06	Minor works building application	33 Rosia Road Rosia Court	Pending
Casino Calpe	17/3/06	Minor works building application	51 Line Wall Road	Pending
Rowken Ltd	17/3/06	Minor works building application	1A Convent Place	Approved
Living Heritage Ltd	17/3/06	Outline planning application	St Peter's School – Sir Herbert Miles Road	Approved
The Tower Building Ltd	17/3/06	Outline planning application	Former Tower Building – Cumberland Road	Approved
Alfandari Property	20/3/06	Minor works building application	731 Eurotowers – Block 5	Approved
Balmerton Ltd	20/3/06	Minor works building application	730 Eurotowers – Block 5	Approved
Dr P Caetano	21/3/06	Formal building application	8 Gardiner's Road	Pending
Space Projects	20/3/06	Minor works building application	Units A,B,J,K,L Neptune House – Marina Bay	Approved
OEM (Int) Ltd	22/3/06	Formal building application	North Gorge	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	22/3/06	Minor works building application	46/3 Main Street	Pending
Santos & Sons	23/3/06	Minor works building application	Vault No 5 Fish Market Road	Pending
M E Belilo & Ptnrs	27/3/06	Minor works building application	28 Victoria House – Main Street	Approved
K & D Rodriguez	24/3/06	Minor works building application	84 Manolo Mascarenhas – Edinburgh House	Refused
Mr & Mrs M Callejon	27/3/06	Formal building application	17 Castle Road	Pending
Kaycee Kishinchand	27/3/06	Minor works building application	29 Main Street	Approved
Denis Mosquera	27/3/06	Formal building application	1 Catalan Gardens – Sir Herbert Miles Rd	Pending
Mosquera Architects	27/3/06	Formal building application	Sunnymede – 4 Red Sands Rd	Pending
J Guillianio	28/3/06	Minor works building application	2 Admiral Walk – Marina Bay	Pending
Barclays Bank	28/3/06	Minor works building application	Ground E Regal House	Approved
Albor Newsagents	28/3/06	Minor works building application	5 Admirals Walk – Marina Bay	Pending
Aquagib Ltd	28/3/06	Outline planning application	Mons Calpe Road	Pending
R Mancera/A Tooke	31/3/06	Minor works building application	BP Garage – Sir Winston Churchill Avenue	Pending
Anglo Hispano	31/3/06	Formal building application	Sandpits Vaults – Sandpits Road	Pending
J B Engineering Consultants	5/4/06	Minor works building application	6 South Barracks Road	Pending
GJBS	6/4/06	Minor works building application	Victualling Yard	Pending
M E Belilo & Ptnrs	7/4/06	Minor works building application	1 Collingwood Tower – Brympton	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	10/4/06	Demolition building application	26 Willis's Road	Pending
Commercial Development Corp Ltd	10/4/06	Formal building application	South Pavilion Road	Approved
E Tilbury	11/4/06	Minor works building application	512A Ocean Heights	Pending
WSRM Architects	11/4/06	Minor works building application	1.2.09 & 1.1.20 Eurotowers	Approved
Sharrock Shand	11/4/06	Minor works building application	10 Collingwood Tower – Brympton	Approved
Royal Gibraltar Post Office	12/4/06	Formal building application	Postal Sorting Office – Mons Calpe Road	Approved
Ocean Village Marinas Ltd	13/4/06	Formal building application	Waterport Road – ex- Sheppards Marina	Pending
OEM Rosia Developments Ltd	18/4/06	Formal building application	Nelson's View – Rosia Road	Pending
OEM Developments Ltd	18/4/06	Formal building application	Cumberland Road – Cumberland Terraces	Pending
M E Belilo & Ptnrs	19/4/06	Outline planning application	24/28 Parliament Lane	Pending
Mr S Martinez	19/4/06	Formal building application	1 Castle Steps	Pending
Marex Trading Services	21/4/06	Minor works building application	Suite 641 – Europort	Approved
Quick Fit Ltd	21/4/06	Minor works building application	59/2 Devil's Tower Road	Pending

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Name	Date Received	Application Type	Site Address	Decision
Mr S Axelsen	25/4/06	Minor works building application	5E Gardiners Tower – Gardiners Road	Pending
Jonathan Morgan Kent	26/4/06	Minor works building application	3/1 Castle Ramp	Pending
Bamboo Brier Ltd	27/4/06	Minor works building application	Unit 7, Ground Floor – ICC	Pending
Mr & Mrs M Zammit	2/5/06	Formal building application	3 Woodford Cottage – Europa Road	Pending
Christine Posso	2/5/06	Formal building application	18/1 South Barrack Road	Pending
Mr & Mrs Israel	2/5/06	Minor works building application	2b Library Ramp	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	5/5/06	Formal building application	6 Lord Napier Mews – Rodger's Road	Pending
B Parnell	5/5/06	Minor works building application	535 Adventure – Both Worlds	Pending
M E Belilo & Ptnrs	5/5/06	Minor works application	Marina Coaling Island	Approved
Bitter Sweet Ltd	5/5/06	Minor works building application	Unit 2/4 Grand Casemates Square	Pending
Beckland Trading Co Ltd	8/5/06	Minor works building application	177 Main Street	Approved
Dr N Borge	8/5/06	Minor works building application	177 Main Street – 2 nd Floor	Pending
Rotunda Holdings Ltd	8/5/06	Outline planning application	Rotunda Shopping Centre – Winston Churchill Avenue	Pending
Bhart Ltd	9/5/06	Minor works building application	Unit 12 Casemates Square	Pending
Avalon Project Co Ltd	9/5/06	Minor works building application	Unit L Don House – Main Street	Pending
Mr & Mrs Traverso	10/5/06	Minor works building application	1 Lime Tree Lodge – Montagu Gardens	Pending
J C Gomez	16/5/06	Minor works building application	1 & 2 Rosia Court – Rosia Road	Pending
Mr J Gulraj	16/5/06	Minor works building application	278 Main Street	Pending
D & A Acolina	17/5/06	Minor works building application	3.7.4 Lavender Court – Sir William Jackson Grove	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	17/5/06	Formal building application	Willis's Road	Pending
Charles Lavarello	19/5/06	Minor works building application	307-308 Trafalgar House – Rosia Road	Pending
John S Langdon	19/5/06	Outline planning application	13 & 14 Shorthorn Estate – Europa Road	Pending
Luis Borrell	23/5/06	Minor works building application	27 Rosia Road	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	23/5/06	Minor works building application	57 Devil's Tower Road	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	23/5/06	Demolition building application	3/2 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue	Pending
M E Belilo & Ptnrs	23/5/06	Demolition building application	Buena Vista Barracks – Europa Road	Pending
Greenarc Ltd	23/5/06	Minor works building application	Convent Garden Depot – Convent Ramp	Pending
Mr S G Prescott	23/5/06	Minor works building application	2/1 Gavino's Passage	Pending
WSRM Architects	23/5/06	Minor works building application	Mount Pleasant – South Barracks Road	Pending
Dr S J Randall Morris	23/5/06	Demolition building application	The New Aloes – Europa Road	Pending
Kings Wharf Ltd	25/5/06	Formal building application	Cormorant & MOD Medical Centre Site – Queensway	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	26/5/06	Minor works building application	1 Rodger's Road – Lord Napier Mews	Pending
John S Langdon	31/5/06	Minor works building application	55/57 Irish Town	Pending
Mr J D Aguilera	31/5/06	Minor works building application	5 Hargrave's Ramp	Pending
T Neish	1/6/06	Minor works building application	5 Bridgetown Court – Harbour Views	Pending
WSRM Architects	2/6/06	Minor works building application	317 Main Street	Pending
Technical Services Dept	2/6/06	Formal building application	Ex-Government Hostel Site – Devil's Tower Road	Pending

NO. 685 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Can Government say whether the draft development plan was presented to the Development and Planning Commission within the following month from the last question time in this House as the Minister hoped?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The draft development plan has not been presented to the Development and Planning Commission as yet.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 685 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Given that the Minister expected it to have been presented within this time frame can he explain why it has not happened?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Consideration is being given to various aspects of the plan and work is being done by the Town Planning Department, and as soon as it is ready we will obviously make it available to the members of the Development and Planning Commission for consideration.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say what are the various aspects to which consideration is being given?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I cannot really specify any particular aspect of it, it is general consideration of the various parts of the Development Plan. Let me say that this new Development Plan is going to be quite an extensive document, it is being done in-house although this is

always done by consultants outside the Town Planning Department. The Government took the decision to have it done in-house because we felt that the local input and experience was far more valuable to the actual Plan than having consultants from outside coming in and advising on what to do and what not to do. Therefore, it is taking longer than anticipated. I would very dearly have liked to have had this done already but it is taking longer than we had envisaged.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Given the length of time it is taking, as the Minister has said, I do not doubt it is going to be an extensive document, he also said the Town Planning Department was working on it, can the Minister specify what the nature of that work is, given that it is being worked on for so many years?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I have had a look at the draft proposal, I have had my input fed back then I have given consideration to some of the changes, there is an element of discussion going on into certain issues in respect of the general policy for certain parts of the Development Plan and at the end of the day we are trying to get this off the ground as soon as possible, but it is taking time. It is not something that the Planning Department is doing on its own, as can be seen by the number of meetings the Development and Planning Commission have, the hon Member has just been given a list of the extensive number of planning applications which are now in the pipeline, and therefore this needs to be borne in mind when considering the delay in this.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can I ask the Minister what is left to happen from this point onwards in relation to the Plan? I mean, after it has been considered by the Development and Planning Commission does it go to the Council of Ministers, to the Government or somebody else in that process, how long is that process expected to take?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am hopeful, before going on annual leave, to have put the draft to bed and then I will be in a position to present it to members of the Development and Planning Commission for their input. I think that the document will require at least a month or two for consideration and discussion, then it will come to Ministers for approval and then we want to go down the route of public consultation and we will have an exhibition/consultation period where members of the public will be able to submit their own views and recommendations, which the Government will then give consideration to and then publish the document as a final plan.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

While all this goes on, will there be any land left in Gibraltar to build on after all this has happened?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well I hope so, the reality is that land is becoming more scarce. Unfortunately, the level of confidence and investment in Gibraltar and Government policy in promoting investment in Gibraltar is actually working very well, but I am hopeful that some will be available. I think the Development Plan is not just about land, it covers a wide extensive number of issues as well, which I think would be helpful for determining a number of factors in the future. So therefore the issue of land is just one of many issues that will need to be considered.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Seriously, does the Minister not consider that this issue should now be given more urgency, given the developments that are happening all over the place and given the fact that they are being regulated by a plan which dates back to 1991? There has been no new plan since, does the Minister consider this issue should be given more urgency and should finally come to a conclusion, because whenever we have raised this matter in the House, we have been discussing this now for many years, it always seems to be coming to an end and then suddenly a whole new phase opens and there are another series of delays? Do the Government not agree that this issue should be given more urgency and should come to a conclusion quickly?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I know the Government, and I speak for myself as well, would like to see the Development Plan being presented and made public as soon as possible, but let me say that all applications that are currently considered by the Development and Planning Commission are considered on the basis that they comply with the last Development Plan. So therefore, we are not in a situation where we are allowing developments to come up and developers to develop without actually having a rule book to keep to. We do have the 1991 rule book, it may be totally outdated and it must be brought up to date, but that does not mean that we are actually not having a rule book to keep to and therefore, applications considered by the Development and Planning Commission are being considered on that basis.

ORAL

NO. 686 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

6/6 CASTLE ROAD/1 ST JOSEPH'S ROAD

How many applications were received with respect to the tender for commercial units at:

- (a) 6/6 Castle Road;
- (b) 1 St Joseph's Road – Unit 3 (ex Sandpits depot);

have the tenders now been awarded, to whom and in what amount?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 687, 690 and 698 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 687 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

6/6 CASTLE ROAD/1 ST JOSEPH'S ROAD

What is the area in square metres of the commercial units that were put out to tender at 6/6 Castle Road and 1 St Joseph's Road – Unit 3 ex-Sandpits depot?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 686, 690 and 698 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 688 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC - REPRESENTATIONS

Can Government say how many representations were received by the Development and Planning Commission in respect of:

- (a) the application for planning permission by the Tower Building Ltd;
- (b) the application for the construction of a six storey office building annexe to Montagu Pavilion;
- (c) to Living Heritage Ltd for a residential development at St Peter's School site?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

No representations were received in respect of any of these applications.

ORAL

NO. 689 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – PLANNING PERMISSION

Can Government say whether, and if so when, planning permission was granted:

- (a) to The Tower Building Ltd to construct a residential development at the former Tower Building site in Rosia Road;
- (b) for the construction of a six storey office building annexe to Montagu Pavilion;
- (c) to Living Heritage Ltd for a residential development at St Peter's School site?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The status of the planning applications described below are as follows:-

- (a) in respect of The Tower Building Ltd application to construct a residential development at the former Tower Building site in Rosia Road – Outline Planning Permission was granted on 24th April 2006.
- (b) In respect of the application for the construction of a six storey office building annexe to Montagu Pavilion, a decision is still pending.
- (c) In respect of the Living Heritage Limited application for a residential development at St Peter's School site - Outline Planning Permission was granted on 15th May 2006.

ORAL

NO. 690 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

WATERPORT WHARF KIOSK

How many applications were received in respect of the tender for the allocation of a kiosk at Waterport Wharf, who was the successful tenderer and in what amount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question Nos. 686, 687 and 698 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 691 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – HOUSES SOUTH OF CALETA HOTEL

Can Government say whether an EIA has been submitted in respect of the development for the construction of three houses located at Sir Herbert Miles Road, south of the Caleta Hotel?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question No. 696 of 2006.

NO. 692 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GRAND PARADE – UNDERGROUND CAR PARK

Can Government say whether the developers of the underground car park at Grand Parade have now presented the results of their public information exercise to the Government, and if so, what were the results?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The developers have not yet presented their full results nor indeed is there any requirement or obligation for them to do so. The results, in any case, are confidential to the company. The purpose of the survey is to allow the company to ensure that it can meet the requirements of intended purchasers for parking and garage spaces.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 692 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I understand that there is no obligation on them to present the results to the Government, but the question was tabled because the impression given at the last House was that in fact they would be presented to Government and there did not seem to be any objections in that being made available to us if they were. Can the Minister say whether they still expect the results or whether there has been a change in policy since?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I have been informed of the results in a meeting in a verbal manner, as to the level of interest and what sort of response they have had to the questionnaires. I am happy to make these available to the hon Member on a confidential basis but I do not feel that I am able to give this information across the floor, because at the end of the day it is information acquired by a private company. This was undertaken at my recommendation because I felt that it was important that they conducted a survey in order to gauge whether people wanted to buy garages, or buy space and what the actual demand was, and it ensures that the project met the demands of what was actually required and not what they felt was required. So that information is being used as a guideline for them in order to shape up the composition of their garage spaces.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

If the Minister could make that information available to us then we would be very grateful.

ORAL

NO. 693 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

DPC – GRAND MAGAZINE (THE ANCHORAGE)

Can Government now state the original number of sellable square metres anticipated and the final number of sellable square metres agreed in respect of the tender for Grand Magazines (The Anchorage)?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 694 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 694 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – GRAND MAGAZINE (THE ANCHORAGE)

Can Government state what payments it has received to date from the developer of The Anchorage in respect of the tender award, giving the amount of the payment and the date when it was made?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answer to Question No. 693 of 2006

The tender submission did not quantify the original number of sellable square metres. However, the original proposal has been worked out and that consists of 11,000 sellable square metres, whereas the revised proposal consists of 11,600 sellable square metres.

Answer to Question No. 694 of 2006

The Government received a payment from the developers of £2.3 million on 8th March 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 593 AND 694 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can Government confirm that this money would have been credited to the Improvement and Development Fund?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am not 100 per cent sure but I think yes, it has gone into the Improvement and Development Fund. I can confirm that to the hon Member but I am almost sure it did.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can he clarify a point in relation to the sellable square metres? Is the Minister saying that the 11,000 sellable square metres was the calculation arrived at after looking at the original development, which was for a low rise development in that area, and the revised 11,600 square metres of only 600 more sellable square metres, that calculation came about after the development was changed to include eight or nine storeys in some of the blocks? Can the Minister confirm that that is what he is saying?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, the original development as submitted in tender did not actually specify a number of square footage, which is what I have said, but having done the calculations to actually ascertain what those were they came up to 11,000 square metres. One must understand that the actual, initial proposal consisted of between 80 and 100 apartments. That was actually the description on the tender. As it turns out, the amended scheme is for 96 apartments and six town houses, what has actually happened is that there is far more common areas available and far more amenities available, rather than building lower and more wide they are actually building higher but making available more space for use of those that live in the actual scheme.

ORAL

NO. 695 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – FILOMENA HOUSE

Can Government say whether the Ministry of Defence have entered into any reservations about the construction of an 11 storey block and basement at the property known as Filomena near the runway in Devil's Tower Road?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

No Sir.

ORAL

NO. 696 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – EAST SIDE DEVELOPMENT AND
CREMATORIUM**

Can Government say whether the Environmental Impact Assessments in respect of the Eastside project and the Crematorium project have now been submitted to the Development and Planning Commission?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

No EIA has as yet been submitted in respect of any of these projects.

ORAL

NO. 697 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC- EUROPA POINT

Can Government say how many proposals have been made for the development of the land in the area of Europa Point, showing the date when such proposals were submitted?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

No proposals have been received. The Government are drawing up plans to develop and refurbish Europa Point as a public leisure area.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 697 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does that extend to the existing buildings, what used to be a discotheque and the shop, does it extend to that as a public leisure area or not?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes they do, in fact the cheapest shop in Europe, as it is called, will be demolished eventually. As part of the scheme that will be demolished as well.

NO. 698 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EUROPA BUSINESS CENTRE

Can Government say whether the tender for Unit F20 at the Europa Business Centre has now been awarded and if so when, to whom, and what criteria was used in the allocation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answer to Question Nos. 686 and 687 of 2006

Three tenders were received for 6/6 Castle Road which consists of 173 square metres of built up and 209 square metres open area. The successful tenderer was Mr E Fiol with a premium of £1,000 and a monthly rent of £100.

Seven tenders were received for 1 St Joseph's Road which consists of 56 square metres of built up area. The successful tenderers were Serrato Ltd and Bright Co Ltd at a monthly rent of £250.

Answer to Question No. 690 of 2006

A total of nine tenders were received in respect of the Waterport Wharf Kiosk. The tender was awarded to Ms Vin Mifsud and Ms Olympia Reyes with a premium of £6,000 and a monthly rent of £150.

Answer to Question No. 698 of 2006

Three tenders were received in respect of Unit F20 at the Europa Business Centre. The successful tenderer was Pinnacle Souvenirs Ltd, trading as Beacon Press.

The criteria used in the allocation was that this was an existing good tenant expanding its business and requiring larger storage and display areas. The rent, service charges and rates were pre-set and stipulated in the tender.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 686, 687, 690 AND 698 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to the tenders at Castle Road and St Joseph's Road, did those go to the highest bidders?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, in respect of 6/6 Castle Road it went to the highest tenderer, although the premium was not the highest if analysed with the rent per month as well, because obviously that has a bearing, it was the highest tenderer. In respect of the 1 St Joseph's Road again it is a similar situation. When one considers the premium and rent, it was the highest submission as well.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to Question No. 690 of 2006, the kiosk at Waterport Wharf can I ask the Minister whether that went to the highest bidder?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, it was when one analyses the premium and rent as well.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to Question No. 698 of 2006, the Minister said that the rent was already fixed and the rates already fixed, is that so?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct.

NO. 699 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OLD GENERATING STATION

Can Government state whether the payment to the contractor responsible for the demolition of the old generating station at Queensway was met in the last financial year and if so identify whether it was charged to the Improvement and Development Fund and under what head?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The payment to the contractor responsible for the demolition of the old Generating Station was met in the last financial year. The cost was charged to Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Limited.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 699 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is the cost that has been charged to Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Limited on the basis that it will be recovered from the developer of that land, which was given the land in exchange for undertaking work instead of making a payment?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Let me say that I am not leading in these negotiations, it is actually the Chief Minister who has done that, but from my understanding of the situation one will recall that the Mid Town Development, as part of their premium, will provide a school, park and the leisure centre. The leisure centre I believe was valued at £5.5 million for premium purposes and the specifications of the leisure centre go beyond that. So therefore, what the Government have agreed is to actually pay up front for the contractor to demolish the Generating Station and start on the leisure centre up to the sum that would be the balance between the £5.5 million and the cost of the leisure centre. Am I making myself clear or not?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but that is not the explanation we were given before. The explanation we were given before was that because the paperwork was not in place the money was being advanced and that it might be recovered if there was an excess that the Government wanted to pay for from the leisure centre. Now, are we saying then that the leisure centre is going to be paid by Gibraltar Commercial Property Company and is not a project that is charged to the Improvement and Development Fund?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I cannot really give the hon Member an answer on that. The only thing I can tell the hon Member is that the cost between the difference of what had been attributed to the cost of the leisure centre, that is, part of the premium by the developers of the Mid Town, and what is actually going in place which supersedes that in terms of cost because we have added facilities to the leisure centre which will make it a far better product than was originally intended, that difference is being met by the Government. Whether it is going to come out of the Gibraltar Commercial Property Company or eventually come out of the I&DF will be something that will have to be decided. I am not personally involved in this so I cannot really give a clear answer on this but I am happy to find out for the hon Member. I assume the decision will be taken further down the road.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Do the Government have a ceiling on what they are prepared to spend on this leisure centre?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes there is a ceiling, but off the top of my head I could not give the figure. I know that £5.5 million have been attributed to the value of the leisure centre as had to be paid by the developers as part of their premium. There is an excess over that due to the specifications that have been put in place. What that ceiling is I cannot really say but I am happy to confirm that if he so wishes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it that there is going to be an invitation to tender to do the work by the Government and then the developer of the rest will pay £5.5 million to the Government to pay the contractor, what are the nature of the arrangements because it is not a very usual way of doing things?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I cannot really confirm that, I have not been involved in the negotiations of this particular project but I believe that the developers are actually appointing the contractors at their own risk and within a budget. The only thing is that the specifications that were originally agreed have now been superseded by a much better project which the Government have agreed to pay for the surplus, for the

additional cost of that. So I think it is the developers that are actually undertaking the responsibility of appointing the contractor to undertake the works within the budgeted agreed costs.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So the Government have told the developer what they want from the leisure centre and the developer will get a contractor and then award the work to that contractor and bill the Government for whatever the contractor charges above the £5.5 million, is that correct?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No I do not think that is correct but I cannot say what the correct state is. I do not think what the hon Member is suggesting makes sense. What the hon Member is suggesting would leave the Government very open to costs which is not the case, but what the arrangements are I cannot really confirm that today. Definitely, what has just been described would be detrimental to Government's interests if we went down that particular route.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it that there is not an open-ended unlimited amount, given the Minister has said there is a ceiling which presumably the developer knows what the ceiling is. So he knows how much the Government are prepared to spend and then he has to obtain a contractor to deliver the project within that ceiling and then he bills the Government for the balance over the £5.5 million, at least that is how I understood the different answers.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That would be more reasonable, that is not what the hon Member described before, at least that is not what I interpreted when he described this before. That would be, I would say, a more accurate, possible outcome of what has been agreed, yes.

ORAL

NO. 700 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OCEAN VILLAGE

Has any application been made to open and operate a pharmacy at Ocean Village when that development is complete and if so on what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

No Sir.

ORAL

NO. 701 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GRAND CASEMATES SQUARE (OLD HEALTH CENTRE BUILDING)

Can Government say how many entities are located at the old health centre building in Casemates, giving the name of each, the area that each occupies in square metres and the amount of rent due each month in each case?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought in this Question is being submitted to the hon Member in written format.

Schedule to Question 701

TENANT	ADDRESS	UNIT AREA (sq.m)	UNIT RENT (£)
Stonebridge Limited (La Barcina)	2/1 Grand Casemates Sq.	104	1,780.00
Rowker Limited	2/2 “	41	551.25
Shorncliff Trading Ltd	2/3 “	45	1,050.00
Noblesse Limited	2/4 “	45	600.10
Tourist Office	2/5 “	62	/
Chamber of Commerce	2/6 “	105	494.44
Bar Council Nominees	2/7 “	30	140.18
Shipping Registry	2/8 “	171	/
G.R.P. Ltd	2/9 “	131	/
Gibraltar Chronicle	2/10 “	183	1,000.00

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 701 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Just to clarify, the rent shown here is per month, is that right?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, per month.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

When the commercial entities move in to these units, when the companies moved into these units did the Government ask for any premium or any key money or is the rent all that they had to pay originally?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I think originally no, they were awarded a tender and they just had to pay the rent, there was no premium paid.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

When any of the companies want to sell the unit that they are in or the tenancy, are they allowed by the Government or the lease to actually charge a premium, key money or whatever it is for that privilege?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I do not know whether Government is allowing it or not but I know that transactions have been taking place where sales have been asking for premiums and this is taking place, so I presume it is a matter of supply and demand.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

It is not prohibited by the Government as the landlords?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No it is not.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Looking at the list that the Minister has supplied, can he say whether any of the ones shown on the list are not the original tenant who was awarded the tender when this came out?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I would not be able to tell him without prior notice, I am afraid.

ORAL

NO. 702 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

AERIAL FARM

What is the criteria and what are the terms and conditions under which business have been allocated premises at the old aerial farm in Devil's Tower Road?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 703 of 2006.

NO. 703 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

AERIAL FARM

Can Government say how many businesses occupy space at the ex-MOD aerial farm in Devil's Tower Road, giving the name of each business, the area that each occupies in square metres and the amount of rent due each month in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Two businesses have been temporarily relocated from the ex-MOT Workshop opposite the Air Terminal to the Aerial Farm until they are able to find alternative accommodation. These are:

Admiral Security Limited which occupies 504 square metres of land; and
Wastage Products Limited which occupies 297 square metres of land.

Neither of these two entities are paying any rent.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 702 AND 703 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Admiral Security, what area was it?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Admiral Security an area of 504 square metres and then Wastage Products Limited 297 square metres.

NO. 704 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CORMORANT CAMBER BOAT OWNER'S CLUB

Is Government now in a position to say how many of the 276 boats at the Cormorant Camber Boat Owner's Club have come from:

- (a) Western Beach;
- (b) Watergardens;

elsewhere, and if so from where?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

There are currently 287 boats berthed at the Cormorant Camber Boat Owners Club.

The Boats came from the following locations:-

(a)	Western Beach	183
(b)	Watergardens	30
(c)	Elsewhere:	
	Sheppards Marina	36
	RGYC	2
	Queensway Quay	9
	Trailer	2
	Catalan Bay	4
	No previous berth	21
	TOTAL	287

ORAL

NO. 705 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – CRUISE CALLS

Can Government provide a list of the cruise calls to Gibraltar in 2005 and 2006 to date, on a monthly basis, showing the name of the ship, the number of passengers, the number of crew and the date of the call?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought is being submitted to the hon Member in written format.

Schedule to Question 705

<u>CRUISE SHIP MOVEMENT REPORT 2005</u>				
<u>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – JANUARY 2005</u>				
NBR OF SHIPS DURING THE YEAR	DATE	NAME OF VESSEL	PAX ON BOARD	CREW ON BOARD
1	1	Costa Fortuna	3324	1009
2	2	Astoria	426	249

<u>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2005</u>				
<u>NO CALLS</u>				

<u>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – MARCH 2005</u>				
3	16	Paloma I	329	119
4	18	Costa Victoria	1922	768
5	28	Insignia	565	397
6	30	Paloma I	326	122

<u>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – APRIL 2005</u>				
7	3	Kristina Regina	143	48
8	5	Seabourn Pride	197	162
9	8	Hanseatic	106	127
10	9	Oriana	1838	803
11	12	Seabourn Legend	192	162
12	12	Silver Whisper	186	284
13	13	Le Diamant	63	129
14	15	Silver Wind	181	219
15	18	Silver Whisper	388	284
16	19	Sea Cloud	64	63
17	23	Athena	520	269
18	24	Island Escape	1530	533
19	24	Sea Cloud	40	64
20	25	QE 2	1705	1016
21	26	Saga Ruby	614	412
22	27	Arcadia	1800	912
23	27	Aurora	1824	840

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – MAY 2005				
24	1	Costa Mediterranea	2113	881
25	2	Sea Cloud *	59	61
26	3	Silver Cloud	285	219
27	3	Thomson Spirit	1223	522
28	4	Crystal Serenity	730	623
29	5	QE 2	1709	1008
31	5	Sea Cloud II *	84	60
32	6	Braemar	708	300
33	6	Radisson Diamond	167	226
34	7	Albatros	610	356
35	7	Royal Princess	1139	542
36	7	Thomson Destiny	1432	530
37	8	Oceana	1986	878
38	9	Sea Princess	1904	869
39	12	Millenium	1932	947
40	13	Arion	200	153
41	13	Bremen	114	104
42	14	Ocean Village	1617	577
43	15	Thomson Spirit	1244	503
44	17	Royal Princess	1139	559
45	19	Queen Mary 2	2660	1282
46	20	Galaxy	1768	860
47	21	Minerva II	559	320
48	23	Sea Princess	2032	864
49	25	Legend of the Seas	1894	721
50	27	Le Diamant	113	128
51	27	Sea Cloud	69	61
52	30	Crystal Symphony	625	553

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – JUNE 2005				
53	1	Aurora	1925	835
54	1	Legends of the Seas	1897	729
55	8	Aquamarine	1088	416
56	11	Kristina Regina	177	48
57	12	Island Escape	1514	546
58	12	Sea Princess	2154	868
59	15	Aquamarine	1007	405
60	15	Oceana	2063	896
61	16	Silver Cloud	218	185
62	18	Thomson Destiny	1476	541
63	18	Legends of the Seas	1946	719
64	22	Aquamarine	1025	405
65	26	Thomson Spirit	1263	501
66	29	Aquamarine	1097	404

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – JULY 2005				
67	6	Legend of the Seas	1992	721
68	6	Aquamarine	1105	405
69	6	Oceana	2052	884
70	13	Aquamarine	1156	407
71	16	Costa Romantica	1638	596
72	20	Legend of the Seas	1985	730
73	20	Aquamarine	1179	401
74	21	QE 2	1801	999
75	21	Oriana	1853	814
76	22	Artemis	1133	575
77	23	Van Gogh	570	227
78	25	Aurora	1925	858
79	27	Aquamarine	1228	401
80	30	Thomson Destiny	1554	561

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – AUGUST 2005				
81	2	Van Gogh	603	228
82	2	Braemar	802	288
83	2	Legend of the Seas	2020	726
84	2	Arcadia	1943	895
85	3	Sea Princess	2158	873
86	3	Aquamarine	1265	428
87	7	Thomson Spirit	1298	485
88	8	Oriana	1895	832
89	9	Oceana	2101	900
90	10	Aquamarine	1256	399
91	13	Van Gogh	632	227
92	14	Norwegian Jewel	2626	1210
93	14	Legend of the Seas	1988	735
94	17	Sea Princess	2201	875
95	17	Aquamarine	1244	398
96	18	Aurora	1923	867
97	21	Van Gogh	611	226
98	21	Queen Mary 2	2734	1290
99	24	Aquamarine	1242	396
100	26	Century	1803	830
101	29	Van Gogh	576	228
102	30	Sea Cloud II *	88	60
103	31	Legend of the Seas	1973	733
104	31	Sea Princess	2124	871
105	31	Aquamarine	1211	396

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2005				
106	1	Oriana	1885	831
107	6	Van Gogh	516	227
108	7	Aquamarine	1128	402
109	10	Thomson Destiny	1440	550
110	12	Braemar	713	296
111	13	Oceana	2015	882
112	13	Legend of the Seas	1845	730

113	14	Van Gogh	507	227
114	14	Aquamarine	1029	402
115	17	Bremen	101	103
116	17	Kristina Regina	148	44
117	18	Thomson Spirit	1214	467
118	21	Aquamarine	1024	394
119	21	Van Gogh	520	228
120	22	QE 2	1747	1025
121	22	Regatta	657	396
122	24	Europa	307	271
123	25	Island Escape	1513	538
124	26	Thomson Celebration	1218	526
125	27	Westerdam	1793	809
126	27	Legend of the Seas	1817	728
127	28	Saga Rose	565	358
128	28	Aquamarine	984	390
129	28	Costa Allegra	853	409
130	29	Arcadia	1913	887
131	30	Nautica	611	383

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2005				
132	1	Saga Ruby	610	389
133	5	Aquamarine	976	383
134	6	Aurora	1899	853
135	7	Black Prince	410	192
136	11	Seadream I	92	94
137	11	Saga Rose	498	363
138	12	Aquamarine	1102	396
139	13	Van Gogh	476	229
140	13	Oceana	2033	888
141	16	Island Escape	1566	541
142	18	QE 2	1733	1013
143	18	Artemis	1124	576
144	19	Aquamarine	1030	393
145	21	Crystal Serenity	741	624
146	24	Westerdam	1659	806
147	27	Crystal Serenity	738	626
148	27	Saga Ruby	545	397
149	29	Seabourn Legend	191	162
150	29	Thomson Celebration	1267	526
151	31	Aurora	1879	849

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 2005				
152	2	Black Watch	762	329
153	5	Astor	202	274
154	6	Kristina Regina **	196	44
155	6	Princess Danae	414	248
156	7	Wind Surf	289	191
157	8	Sea Cloud	36	62
158	9	Black Watch	790	327
159	11	Van Gogh	543	223
160	12	Regatta	645	389

161	12	Bremen	135	102
162	14	Black Prince	409	189
163	20	Van Gogh	510	217
164	28	Discovery	607	311
165	29	Discovery	421	316

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2005				
166	1	Van Gogh	514	215
167	14	Costa Victoria	1870	769
168	17	Black Prince	424	194
169	23	Van Gogh	513	217
170	24	QE 2 *	1740	1009
171	25	Van Gogh	514	221

CRUISE SHIP MOVEMENT REPORT 2006				
CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – JANUARY 2006				
NBR OF SHIPS DURING THE YEAR	DATE	NAME OF VESSEL	PAX ON BOARD	CREW ON BOARD
1	4	Costa Marina	827	396
2	16	Costa Marina	744	396
CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2006				
3	8	** Noordam	0	793
CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – MARCH 2006				
4	18	Midnatsol	381	79
5	20	Astoria	478	225
6	22	Paloma I	311	119
7	22	Coral	694	298
8	27	Astoria	422	247
9	27	Kristina Regina	211	47
10	31	Nordnorge	305	74
CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – APRIL 2006				
11	5	Paloma	309	124
12	5	Hebridean Spirit	55	73
13	6	Seabourn Pride	201	163
14	6	Aurora	1917	855
15	13	Black Watch	762	326
16	18	Oceana	2043	907
17	18	Coral	715	305
18	19	Black Prince	436	190
19	23	Sea Cloud II	64	62
20	24	Princess Danae	559	237
21	24	Coral	777	299
22	26	Artemis	1093	572
23	27	Grand Princess	2536	1110
24	28	Sea Cloud	29	62
25	30	Sea Cloud *	63	62
CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – MAY 2006				
25	1	Sea Cloud *	63	62
26	2	Sea Cloud II *	87	62
27	3	Black Watch	746	324
28	3	Coral	674	293
29	5	Amades	528	283
30	6	Thomson Destiny	1426	551
31	7	Aurora	1797	852
32	8	Seabourn Legend	193	167
33	8	Costa Atlantica	1863	857
34	9	Arcadia	1873	889
35	9	Crystal Symphony	818	579
36	10	Coral	554	298
37	11	Arielle	692	407
38	11	Millenium	1961	941
39	13	Aurora	1879	849
40	13	Thomson Celebration	1238	527
41	13	Alexander Von Humboldt	340	166
42	14	Thomson Spirit	1234	492
43	15	Costa Romantica	1343	566

44	16	QE 2	1730	993
45	16	Splendour of the Seas	1784	811
46	17	Coral	615	295
47	17	Sea Princess	2049	851
48	19	Artemis	1100	575
49	20	Saga Rose	546	354
50	23	Black Watch	750	318
51	23	Regatta	627	392
52	24	Coral	648	299
53	24	Oceana	2003	897
54	25	Bremen	108	102
55	26	Astoria	417	246
56	30	Sea Cloud II	71	62
57	30	Insignia	677	398
58	31	Coral	617	295
59	31	Legend of the Seas	1727	748
CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – JUNE 2006				
60	4	Island Escape	1490	544
61	7	Coral	558	295

NO. 706 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – MEDCRUISE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

What was the cost to the Government, with a breakdown, of the Medcruise General Assembly which took place in Gibraltar on 11-12 May?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The cost was £33,880 broken down as follows:-

Conference room, including facilities and translators	£15,414
Banquet	£ 3,825
Hire of PA Systems	£ 1,325
Accommodation	£ 1,914
Entertainment	£ 1,675
Corporate Gifts	£ 2,906
National Flags	£ 1,989
Advertising	£ 4,320
Stationery, transport and petty expenses	£ 512

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 706 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say how many delegates attended the conference?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I cannot give an exact figure I need notice of that but I think there were 70 odd delegates representing something like 50 odd ports.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Did the Government pay the accommodation for all of the delegates?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, we paid for the accommodation of the guest speakers at the conference. We brought in, I think it was five speakers for the conference and those were payable by the organisers, by us, I mean organisers of the conference.

ORAL

NO. 707 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – FRONTIER STATISTICS

Can Government supply a copy of the latest up-to-date Frontier statistics table?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

I now hand a copy of the table to the hon Member.

FRONTIER STATISTICS 2006

PERSONS

MONTH	TOTAL RESIDENTS	IN VEHICLES	IN COACHES	PEDESTRIANS	C/G	TOTAL OTHERS	IN VEHICLES	IN COACHES	PEDESTRIANS	C/G	TOTAL	TOTAL C/G
JANUARY	119,790	104,815	520	14,455	(791)	540,253	371,173	12,559	158,521	(3,138)	662,043	(3,929)
FEBRUARY	124,307	108,819	641	14,847	(747)	538,326	361,897	18,244	158,185	(3,439)	662,633	(4,186)
MARCH	129,319	110,019	1,024	18,276	(899)	620,859	407,776	29,766	183,317	(3,855)	750,178	(4,754)
APRIL	139,315	118,417	1,211	19,687	(790)	622,063	390,532	29,693	201,838	(3,345)	761,378	(4,135)
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JULY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUGUST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEPTEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCTOBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOVEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DECEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	512,731	442,070	3,396	67,265	(3,227)	2,323,801	1,531,378	90,262	701,861	(13,777)	2,836,232	(17,004)
TOTALS 2005	1,570,554	1,325,660	15,043	229,851	(9,306)	7,434,420	4,770,232	332,018	2,332,170	(40,399)	9,004,974	(49,705)

VEHICLES

MONTH	G - PLATES	C/G	OTHERS	C/G	COACHES	COMMERCIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL C/G
JANUARY	44,483	(695)	141,970	(2,646)	369	38	186,860	(3,341)
FEBRUARY	43,134	(698)	137,284	(2,746)	539	43	181,000	(3,444)
MARCH	47,354	(817)	154,206	(3,380)	849	51	202,460	(4,197)
APRIL	46,681	(681)	146,314	(2,878)	908	57	193,960	(3,559)
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JULY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUGUST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEPTEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCTOBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOVEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DECEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	181,652	(2,891)	579,774	(11,650)	2,665	189	764,280	(14,541)
TOTALS 2005	542,490	(8,549)	1,780,708	(35,050)	9,805	875	2,333,878	(43,599)

NOTE

ALL FIGURES IN BRACKETS IN COLUMNS MARKED C/G OR TOTAL C/G REFER TO STATISTICS TAKEN AT THE COMMERCIAL ENTRANCE GATE AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE STATISTICS FOR THE LAND FRONTIER.

ORAL

NO. 708 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB - AIRLINES

When was the last date that the Government had contact with the three airlines interested in flying to Gibraltar, showing the name of the airline, and the medium through which contact was made?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 709 of 2006.

NO. 709 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB - AIRLINES

Have any new airlines expressed an interest to Government in flying to and from Gibraltar since the last question time in this House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

One new airline has expressed an interest to the Government in flying to and from Gibraltar since the last Question Time in this House.

The Government consider that discussions with airlines are sensitive. It is not considered to be in the best public interest to provide details of discussions with airlines such as are sought. What I can confirm is that discussions continue.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 708 AND 709 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I do not think either question reflects asking for details on discussions. One of them is asking when was the last date that they had contact and through what medium they had that contact, a question which has been tabled before and answered before. The other one is asking whether any new airlines have expressed an interest and the answer is one, which we had, so can the Minister answer Question No. 708 of 2006?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I can confirm that we are in contact with three airlines. I cannot give a date when the last letter, or e-mail or meeting was held but I can say that these contacts are on-going.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The reason for the question is, the last time I remember tabling it, it had been in some cases months and in others even years from when the contact was made, so can I ask the Minister whether this is relatively recent? Are they talking about a month, a week or months and years?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

We are talking of three or four months.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

That is three or four months in each case, in each of the three?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Indeed.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The names of the three are the same ones, this was made public by the Government at the Trade Fair, so we know who those three are now.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say which is the fourth one or do we have to wait for the next Trade Fair?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, I think it will not be in anybody's interest for me to spell out who the new airline is but I think it will be public knowledge quite shortly.

NO. 710 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION

Are Government aware of the conclusions of the Air Accidents Investigation Branch into the overflight of the town area by Monarch flight ZB068 a Boeing 757 carrying 184 passengers from Luton to Gibraltar on 17 March?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Government have not been made aware that there is to be any investigation by the Air Accident Investigation Branch.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 710 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are the Government aware of reports that appeared which confirm that an investigation had been launched or was about to take place into that incident?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, but we have not been formally made aware of any investigation actually being done or the results of that anyway.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is it the case that an investigation could have happened and concluded and the Government are not aware of it?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, I think if they carried out an investigation and there were serious concerns, the Government would have been notified. The fact is that we have not but I never seem to be surprised sometimes when things happen and one is not informed, but I would say that in a serious matter such as this the Government would have been informed.

ORAL

NO. 711 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – AIRPORT LANDING CHARGES

Can Government say on what date they were approached by Monarch Airlines and asked to:

- (a) reduce the passenger tax which is payable to the Government;
- (b) make representations to the MOD in respect of the cost of landing charges paid to them?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 714 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 712 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – FLIGHTS FROM GIBRALTAR

How many flights from Gibraltar to the following airports were delayed by more than half an hour on a monthly basis since March 2006 inclusive:

- (a) London Gatwick;
- (b) London Heathrow;
- (c) London Luton;
- (d) Manchester?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 713 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 713 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – FLIGHTS FROM GIBRALTAR

How many flights between Gibraltar and the following airports were timetabled and how many were cancelled on a monthly basis to or from:

- (a) London Gatwick;
- (b) London Heathrow;
- (c) London Luton;
- (d) Manchester;

since March 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought by the hon Member is being handed over in written format.

Schedule to Question 713**Answer to Question 712****FLIGHTS FROM GIBRALTAR DELAYED FOR MORE THAN HALF AN HOUR**

March to May 2006

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
London Gatwick	5	2	4
London Heathrow	7	5	6
London Luton	5	2	6
Manchester	0	0	0

Answer to Question 713**FLIGHTS TIMETABLED AND CANCELLED**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Flights Timetabled</u>	<u>Flight Cancellations</u>
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March 2006

London Gatwick	31	0
London Heathrow	31	0
London Luton	26	0
Manchester	18	0

April 2006

London Gatwick	30	0
London Heathrow	30	0
London Luton	30	0
Manchester	17	0

May 2006

London Gatwick	31	0
London Heathrow	34	0
London Luton	31	0
Manchester	17	0

NO. 714 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – AIRPORT LANDING CHARGES

Can Government say whether the second planned increase in MOD landing charges is going to take effect and if so from when?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answer to Question No. 711 of 2006

Government were first approached on these issues by Monarch during the course of a meeting held in Gibraltar on 1st September 2005.

Answer to Question No. 714 of 2006

The MOD have indicated that they do not rule out other possible increases in landing charges in the near future. GB Airways and Monarch Airlines are still in close discussion with the Ministry of Defence, with a view to containing landing charges. The Government have not been informed of any specific date for a further increase in landing charges.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 711 AND 714 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are the Government involved in the discussions with the MOD as well or is it only the airlines?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The airlines are actually involved with the MOD in discussions in respect of their own operation and their own arrangements as far as landing charges are concerned. The Government are in discussion with the MOD but on a completely separate forum, in respect of landing charges generally and of costs associated with the operations of running the commercial side of the airfield. These discussions are on-going.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The last time we discussed this issue, Government indicated the MOD had reviewed the 8 per cent increase and that review led to a second increase instead of a decrease which is what had been expected. A second planned increase which has not been put into effect. In the course of discussions which the Government are having, is the MOD rethinking the level of that increase or is it rethinking whether to increase it at all, what is the position?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

My understanding is that when the MOD increased their landing charges by 8 point something per cent at the beginning of the year, they put the airlines on notice to the effect that there would be a second increase later this year which could amount to in excess of 20-25 per cent. The airlines obviously have engaged the MOD in discussions to see how best they can minimise that increase and that is where we are at the moment, where both GB Airways and Monarch are in consultation, discussions or negotiations with the MOD to see whether they can try and mitigate that increase as much as possible. That is where we are at present.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

When the Government were first approached by Monarch on 1st September 2005 regarding the passenger tax and regarding the landing charges, what was the response of the Government at that stage?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, when Monarch met me on 1st September 2005, it was in respect of the overall operational costs of operating out of Gibraltar, it was not purely passenger tax or landing charges, it was the overall cost base of operating out of Gibraltar of which passenger tax was just one small aspect of it. What I said to them, one must recall that at that point in September Monarch were enjoying a 50 per cent reduction in landing charges on the Manchester route, and basically they all of a sudden became conscious of the fact that two months down the road their landing charges would be increased by double. So what I said to them was that there was no point in us just addressing the passenger tax because it was just actually a very small component of the overall cost base, and what we needed to do was to try and convince the MOD to extend their 50 per cent reduction period beyond November, in order to enable them to continue on the current cost base for a longer period of time. I did the approach on the MOD to try and put that into consideration, the MOD turned round and said that they would not be able to accommodate that request and that once the two years of 50 per cent discount had expired, the full landing cost would have to be paid by Monarch on the Manchester route. That then progressed to the fact that when they turned me down I then decided to write to Adam Ingram as the Minister with overall responsibility for Defence, to see whether there was anything that he could do at his level because I was being told in Gibraltar that this was not an issue now and was outside the Gibraltar competence, that this needed to be taken up by us with the UK. They eventually did a complete assessment of the whole cost base and that is when they decided that they would not only go ahead and increase what they had already said they would do of 8 per cent but said that they would increase it even further. So,

that is how the sequence of events developed in the period between September 2005 and where we are today.

ORAL

NO. 715 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB - UNIFORMS

Has the tender for the supply of uniforms to the Gibraltar Tourist Board now been awarded and if so to whom, on what date and in what amount?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The tender for the supply of uniforms to the Gibraltar Tourist Board has not been awarded.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 715 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the tender under consideration or has it been blocked?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, there were only two tenderers that submitted bids for this tender and they did not meet the criteria set out in the tender, so the Tourist Board had to seek supplies elsewhere.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Did the third supplier meet the criteria, were they purchased locally?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, we just had to seek supplies in the UK. We did not have any local supplier that could provide us with the full requirements of the uniforms.

ORAL

NO. 716 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GTB – BEACH PLAY AREAS

Can Government state whether the play areas at our beaches may be used by people of all ages or is their use subject to an age limit?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The play areas at the beaches and bathing areas listed below, were designed for the following purposes:

(1)	Catalan Bay	Football Pen	All ages
(2)	Eastern Beach	Football Pen	All ages
(3)	Camp Bay	Football Pen	All ages
		Play Park	10 years and below
(4)	Little Bay	Football Pen	All ages

ORAL

NO. 717 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – BEACH CONCESSIONS

Can Government say how many tenders were received in respect of the tender for Beach Concessions, giving the name of the beach, the nature of the concession and showing what applicant was successful and in what amount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question No. 718 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 718 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – BEACH CONCESSIONS

Can Government say how many tenders were received in respect of the tender for Beach Concessions Kiosks, giving the name of the beach, the location of the kiosk, and showing what applicant was successful and in what amount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

The information sought is being passed on to the hon Member in written format.

Schedule to Question 718

Answer to Question 717

Two tenders were received in respect of the Beach Concessions Tender. The details are as follows:

Name of Beach	Tenderer	Nature of Concession	Result	Amount
Catalan Bay	Bond Leisure	Kayak Line Speed Boat Rides	Not successful	-
Eastern Beach	Latinos on the Beach	Beach Umbrellas and sunbeds	Awarded	£325 for the season

Answer to Question 718

Four tenders were received in respect of the Beach Concessions Kiosk Tender. The details are as follows:

Name of Beach/Leisure Area	Location	Tenderer	Name of Kiosk	Amount	
Little Bay	Car Park by toilet block	Mr Debono	Sunset Kiosk	£325 for the season	
Camp Bay	On the esplanade	Mr Parody	Willie's Return	"	"
Eastern Beach	South, by the play ground	Mr Sene	Sunrise Kiosk	"	"
Western Beach	South, by the entry point	Mr Chichon	No name registered	"	"

ORAL

NO. 719 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – PERSONS INTERVIEWED

Can Government say how many interviews have been carried out with persons who said:

- (a) that they had stayed at a hotel;
- (b) that they had not stayed at a hotel;

since February 2006 inclusive on a monthly basis, stating where they were interviewed and the number interviewed at each location, and in the case of those who stayed in hotels what was the average length of stay in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The information sought is submitted to the hon Member in written format.

Schedule to Question 719

(a) Stayed at hotel:

	Interviews of Persons who stayed at Hotel	Place of Interview : Frontier	Average Length of Stay (days)
Feb 2006	1	1	5.0
Mar 2006	-	-	-

(b) Not stayed at hotel:

Place of Interview				
	Total Interviews of Persons who did not stay at Hotel	Airport	Port	Frontier
Feb 2006	1242	-	1	1241
Mar 2006	1116	1	2	1113

The information in respect of April and May 2006 is not yet available.

NO. 720 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – GRADING OF HOTELS BY AA

Can Government say what the RAC will charge for the grading of four of Gibraltar's hotels and how often will this be carried out?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The AA is managing the grading scheme for the four hotels in Gibraltar and not the RAC as stated in the Question.

It is estimated that the cost will be £11,000 for this financial year. The inspections will be carried out annually.

ORAL

NO. 721 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – HOTEL ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Can Government say what was the nature of the contribution to hotels for electricity charges amounting to £41,000 charged to the Improvement and Development Fund as shown in Statement of Reallocations No 1 of 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The payments amounting to £41,000 as shown in Statement of Reallocations No. 1 of 2005/2006 were in respect of the contribution made to hotels in respect of electricity and water charges and also in respect of legal fees connected with the hotel assistance scheme.

ORAL

NO. 722 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – SEASONAL BEACH LIFEGUARD

How many persons applied for the posts of seasonal beach lifeguard which was advertised on 5 April and how many vacancies were there?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 723 to 726 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 723 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – INFORMATION PATROL OFFICER

How many persons applied for the vacancy for a Visitor Information Patrol Officer which was advertised on 30 March?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 722 and 724 to 726 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 724 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – INFORMATION PATROL OFFICER

How many persons applied for the posts of Temporary/Seasonal Visitor Information Patrol Officers which was advertised on 5 April and how many vacancies were there?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 722, 723, 725 and 726 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 725 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – MADRID OFFICE

Has the post of Office Administrator at the Gibraltar Office in Madrid now been filled and if so on what date?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 722 to 724 and 726 of 2006.

NO. 726 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – MADRID OFFICE

Can Government give the dates in 2004, 2005 and 2006 when there has been a vacancy of one kind or another at the Gibraltar Office in Madrid, giving the name of the office that was vacant in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answer to Question No. 722 of 2006

A total of 46 applications were received for the 28 posts of Seasonal Beach Lifeguards.

Answer to Question No. 723 of 2006

A total of 24 applications were received for the post of Visitor Information Patrol Officer.

Answer to Question No. 724 of 2006

A total of 54 applications were received for the 12 posts of Temporary/Seasonal Visitor Information Patrol Officers.

Answer to Question No. 725 of 2006

The new Office Administrator at the Gibraltar Office in Madrid took up his post on 2nd May 2006.

Answer to Question No. 726 of 2006

In 2004, there were two vacancies at the Gibraltar Office in Madrid.

In 2005, a vacancy arose for Marketing Co-ordinator. The vacancy was advertised in February 2005.

In 2006, a vacancy arose for Office Administrator. The vacancy was advertised in March 2006.

ORAL

NO. 727 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – MINISTER’S OVERSEAS VISITS

Can the Minister with responsibility for tourism give the dates when he has been away from Gibraltar on Government business since the last question time in this House, giving the event or function attended, the venue, the city and the country visited?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

On 1st and 2nd June 2006 to attend the UKGTA meeting in London.

From 5th to 7th June 2006 to attend the United Nations in New York.

ORAL

NO. 728 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DTI - VACANCIES

Can Government say how many persons applied for each of the following posts within the Department of Trade and Industry and how many vacancies there were for each post;

- (a) Funds Officer;
- (b) Funds Adviser;
- (c) Assistant Funds Adviser;
- (d) Business Development Officer;
- (e) Marketing Co-ordinator;
- (f) Assistant Support Officer?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 729 to 731 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 729 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DTI - VACANCIES

Can Government say whether any of the following posts within the Department of Trade and Industry for which vacancies were announced are intended to fill a vacant post in the existing complement and if so which ones:

- (a) Funds Officers;
- (b) Funds Adviser;
- (c) Assistant Funds Adviser;
- (d) Business Development Officer;
- (e) Marketing Co-ordinator;
- (f) Assistant Support Officer;

and in the cases where there was a previous occupant of the post, can Government say whether the qualifications of the previous occupant were the same as those being requested now?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 728, 730 and 731 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 730 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DTI - VACANCIES

Can Government say in relation to the Grade 3 GDC scale jobs for which vacancies have been advertised in the Department of Trade and Industry whether it has always been the practice to give preferential treatment to graduates?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 728, 729 and 731 of 2006.

NO. 731 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DTI - VACANCIES

Can Government say how many persons who applied for a Grade 3 scale post in the Department of Trade and Industry for vacancies that were advertised on or about 22 May had a degree, giving a breakdown by post?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Government are investing in our youth, providing more opportunities and more funding than ever for our students to pursue courses in the UK and obtain qualifications. We would like to offer job opportunities to students who are trained at public expense and wish to return to Gibraltar to work here. We also wish to offer opportunities to those young Gibraltarians who do not go to the UK to pursue further studies.

The vacancies for two new posts that have been created in the Department of Trade and Industry at GDC Grade 3 and Grade 2, consequent on a restructure of the department, are therefore targeted at young Gibraltarians. Due weight and recognition is given to a university degree obtained by an applicant, but this is not the sole criteria in determining suitability for appointment. It is nevertheless usual to state in advertisements that an applicant with a degree is at an advantage.

The Government are pleased with the response that there has been for these new GDC vacancies. The number of applications received for each post have been as follows:

GDC Grade 3 -	Funds Officer	21 applicants, including 10 graduates
	Funds Adviser	21 applicants, including 12 graduates
	Business Development Officer	24 applicants, including 11 graduates
	Marketing Co-ordinator	31 applicants, including 16 graduates
GDC Grade 2 -	Assistant Funds Officer	25 applicants
	Assistant Support Officer	24 applicants

There is one vacant post in each case, except that of Funds Officer, where there are two vacancies.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 728 TO 731 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Are the degrees necessarily relevant to the nature of the work, or the fact that somebody has been to university is enough?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Having a university degree is not a minimum requirement, it is an advantage to have a degree. Whether the degree is relevant or not obviously it would be in the applicant's interest if for example they are applying for a marketing post and have a marketing degree. Obviously it would be an advantage against an applicant that may not have one but, as I have said in my answer, there are other criteria that will need to be borne in mind when considering the successful applicant.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but that was not quite the question. What I am saying is, if somebody is applying for marketing would the one with the marketing degree carry more weight than one with a degree say in engineering, that is the point I am making. Is the relevance of the degree, as well as the fact that they have done degree level studies, taken into account in the assessment?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Obviously I would tend to say that, using his example of the marketing post, somebody with a marketing degree would be at an advantage over somebody who does not have one and may have a degree in social sciences or whatever. But it does not necessarily follow that the other criteria that are going to be used, that is, the experience that they may have, their attitude towards others, how they performed at the interview, things like that may have a bearing in the overall successful applicant. So it is one of the determining factors but not the only determining factor.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In the numbers that the Minister has given, is it that we are talking about people applying for only one job or are there multiple applications?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, there are multiple applications and some people have applied for all jobs but there are those who have specifically applied just for one as well. So there is a cross-section of applicants in that respect.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Minister say what was the total number of applicants and the total number of graduates which cannot be arrived at simply by adding them up?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am afraid I do not have that information available with me. In fact, when they were providing me with the information it was actually submitted in that form and I turned it back and asked for it to be given to me by posts themselves so we could actually assess the sort of response we had had by individual posts rather than generally. I would say that, I mean if we have had an average of about 25 applicants for posts, possibly we are talking of somewhere between 15 and 18 applicants in total. What I am saying is that those that have applied for one particular post and those that have overlapped, I would say that possibly out of 20 or 25 applications for one particular post, 10 have applied for others.

HON J J BOSSANO:

There must be more than 31 because there is one particular job for which there have been 31 applicants. So presumably, in some of the other categories there are people who have not applied for the one that the 31 have, it means there are more than 31.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That would be the top number, yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Does the Minister know whether all the applicants are resident in Gibraltar or have there been applications from outside?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

All the applicants, with the exception of one, are Gibraltarians but let me say that a good majority of them are actually in employment at the moment, seeking possibly an improvement or a change of sector in which to work in.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So there has not been any application from anybody who is unemployed then?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am not saying that, all I am saying is that a good majority of them have actually said, 'I am currently in employment, I need my application to be considered on a private and totally confidential basis because I currently have a job and I do not want to jeopardise my position as a result of this application'. Therefore, I now that they

are in employment, I do not know if there is any unemployed but there possibly is, I do not know.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Would there be any graduates, for example, who might have come back and not found a job? Would the Minister know that, because I think we have asked before to find out what happens with the graduates when they finish? It would be interesting to know that there are graduates that are already working elsewhere but see better prospects in these vacancies, or whether in fact there are graduates coming back who are still in the market looking for something.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I cannot give him that information. Let me say that when I tried to get this information out of the Human Resources Manager, the computer system had broken down in a very bad way and all this information had to be dug up manually for me in order to meet the deadline of the House. I am sure that that information would be available when the system is up and running and that information will obviously be available as well as at the time of interviews, but I cannot give him that information at the moment.

ORAL

NO. 732 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – SENIOR MARINE SURVEYOR/OPERATIONS ROOM OPERATIVE

Can Government say whether the following posts have now been filled and if so on what date:

- (a) Senior Marine Surveyor;
- (b) Port Operations Room Operative?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question No. 733 of 2006.

NO. 733 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

How many applications have been received for the vacancy of Captain of the Port (Designate), and how many were from either persons who live in Gibraltar or from Gibraltarians?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answer to Question No. 732 of 2006

Following interviews, the post of Senior Marine Surveyor has been offered to a candidate, who is not yet in post.

The five Port Operations Room Operatives have now been selected. The posts will be filled after the persons concerned have carried out their training in the United Kingdom.

Answer to Question No. 733 of 2006

One application was received for the vacancy of Captain of the Port (Designate) from a non-Gibraltarian British national who lives in Gibraltar.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 732 AND 733 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the Minister in a position to say in relation to the Port Operations Room Operatives post, what the age of those selected is?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Off the top of my head I would say they would be in their early to mid 20's but I am not absolutely certain because I know the short lists that were presented but I do not know who was finally selected. Most of them were in their mid 20's or early 20's.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can he say, in relation to those five and the Senior Marine Surveyor, whether they are Gibraltarians?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, the Senior Marine Surveyor is not Gibraltarian. I cannot really tell him where he is from. He is definitely not Gibraltarian and as far as the Port Operatives they are Gibraltarians, yes.

ORAL

NO. 734 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – COACH VISITORS

Can Government list the number of coach visitors to Gibraltar for each month of 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 735 and 736 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 735 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – REVENUE RAISED

Can Government say how much revenue has been raised on a monthly basis from March 2006 inclusive:

- (a) by charging coaches that use the coach park;
- (b) in admission fees to the Upper Rock;
- (c) in admission fees to the Gibraltar Museum?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 734 and 736 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 736 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – COACH PARK

Can Government say what is the existing charge for coaches that use the coach park and give the date from which such a charge was implemented?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

The information sought by the hon Member is being submitted to him in written format.

Schedule to Question 736**Answer to Question 734**

2003	
MONTH	PAX
JAN	19,273
FEB	25,200
MAR	36,718
APR	39,429
MAY	44,987
JUN	38,969
JUL	36,361
AUG	36,311
SEP	47,532
OCT	51,360
NOV	26,121
DEC	18,996
Total	421,247
2004	
MONTH	PAX
JAN	17,220
FEB	22,143
MAR	36,587
APR	35,199
MAY	39,305
JUN	38,489
JUL	33,448
AUG	30,909
SEP	45,224
OCT	47,026
NOV	23,418
DEC	17,876
TOTAL	386,844
2005	
MONTH	PAX
JAN	13,593
FEB	20,523
MAR	28,788
APR	36,342
MAY	34,805
JUN	32,885
JUL	28,214
AUG	29,273
SEP	41,515
OCT	43,536
NOV	23,900
DEC	15,971
TOTAL	349,345
2006	
MONTH	PAX
JAN	12,629
FEB	19,167
MAR	34,117
APR	32,593
TOTAL	98,506

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 736

Answer to Question 735

The revenue raised since March 2006 on a monthly basis by: -

- (a) charging coaches that use the Coach Park
 - March £7,460
 - April £7,230
 - May £9,120
- (b) in admission charges to the Upper Rock
 - March £178,078
 - April £239,162
 - Figures for May are not yet available
- (c) in admission charges to the Gibraltar Museum
 - March £2,213.70
 - April £1,054.50
 - Figures for May are not yet available

Answer to Question 736

The charge for coaches entering the Coach Park is £10, effective from Tuesday 19 July 2005.

ORAL

NO. 737 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – TENDER FOR ATM's

Have the tenders for the provision of ATMs at the Cruise Terminal, the Coach park and the Air Terminal now been awarded and if so on what date, to whom and in what amount?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The tender was awarded on 21st April 2006 to Bancomat Europe in the sum of £1,000 and a monthly Licence Fee of £250.

NO. 738 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

POSTAL SERVICES

Can Government state what is the period covered by the payment of £189,100 by Postal Services for the backlog of invoices from Postal Authorities for Terminal Dues, which is shown in Statement of Reallocation No 6 of 2005-06?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The sum of £189,080 was the excess expenditure on Outgoing Mail and Bulk Mailing, above the original estimate of £315,000. The total expenditure was £504,080.

Terminal Dues accounts always run at least one calendar year in arrears, but usually such accounts do not properly constitute a backlog. The majority of the Terminal Dues payments made in the financial year 2005/2006 were in respect of 2004.

The only real backlog in Terminal Dues payments was £157,054 paid to the United States Postal Services in respect of 2001 and 2002.

ORAL

NO. 739 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CAMMELL LAIRD

What was the size of the spillage of oils at Cammell Laird in the month of May this year and what was the type of oil spilled?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 740 of 2006.

NO. 740 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CAMMELL LAIRD

Who will be responsible for paying for the exercise of cleaning up the oil spill at Cammell Laird in the month of May this year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answer to Question No. 739 of 2006

Approximately 30 tons of fuel oil were recovered from the sea. The type of oil spilled was E4-380.

Answer to Question No. 740 of 2006

It is the responsibility of the vessel concerned to pay for the cleaning up of the oil spill.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 739 AND 740 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

What was the vessel concerned?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The vessel was undertaking works at Cammell Laird and this vessel apparently opened a wrong valve, which allowed the oil to basically flow into the system, the Cammell Laird system, which eventually entered an overflow which eventually ended up in the sea. The Government have a policy that the polluter pays and so therefore the ship concerned will be paying for the cost of undertaking the exercise of cleaning up the spill.

HON F R PICARDO:

What is the name of the vessel?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am sorry, I cannot remember the name of the vessel concerned but it was a vessel that was there at the time when it initially started, and I am afraid I cannot give the name.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Minister give us the date of the spill?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I do not have the information but it definitely started over the weekend because I remember receiving a call from the Captain of the Port to inform me about it, and I remember being at home when I got the call. So it was over a weekend in May.

HON F R PICARDO:

Does the Minister know whether the vessel is still in Gibraltar or whether it has already departed?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I believe the ship has departed Gibraltar. Remember, when something like this happens we actually get the P&I Club to guarantee the payment of the cost of this to allow the ship to be able to continue. In this case I think this is what happened.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Minister confirm that or does he simply think it happened on this case?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That would be the normal procedure so if the ship has sailed it must have been on that basis. Alternatively, because the ship was actually inside the dry dock at Cammell Laird, it may be that Cammell Laird has agreed to cover the cost of this guarantee but normally it is the P&I Club that issues that guarantee before a ship is allowed to sail.

HON F R PICARDO:

The amount of the costs are payable to the Government? The Government disburses the emergency to recover or remove the oil and it is the Government that get paid this amount, is it?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Absolutely, yes, it is the Government who receive the money.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Minister tell us what the cost of this particular removal is?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, when I actually asked it was still being assessed, we have got to realise that there are a number of strands that need to be costed and sometimes these costs do not come through as quickly as possible. In fact, I do not think in this particular case but in some cases when there have been incident of minor pollution, the private sector does actually help as well. We call on some of the private sector companies to help and that takes time for us to settle and assess the costs.

HON F R PICARDO:

For the first time the Minister has referred to this being a minor spillage but does that mean that there was no need for the contract that we have with experts from outside the UK to fly in when necessary to assist with the resolution of the spill, and that did not have to kick in in this particular case?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, to be able to call upon our agreement with Oil Response Limited it would have to be a tier three oil spill and that would be a major oil spill, and this was basically, really a minor oil spill, although the quantity may look bigger it was quite contained and the problem was that it kept on overflowing and overflowing, and when it looked as if it was going to end it came again till the system was able to be cleared. So it took much longer than would have been the case under normal circumstances.

HON F R PICARDO:

So was this in fact a tier one spill?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, that would be classified as a tier one.

ORAL

NO. 741 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – MARINE SAFETY CODE

What are the conclusions of the review into the adoption of a port marine safety code similar to that in place in the United Kingdom?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The matter is still under review.

NO. 742 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – SHIP VISITS

How many ships have called at Gibraltar since March 2006 inclusive on a monthly basis for:

- (a) bunkering;
- (b) cargo;
- (c) repairs;

and how many tonnes of bunker fuel were sold each month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Ships calling in at Gibraltar since March 2006 on a monthly basis for bunkering, cargo and repairs, are as follows:

Month	Bunkering	Cargo	Repairs
March 2006	446	3	5
April 2006	443	2	12

Bunkers Sold

March 2006	356,077 tonnes
April 2006	329,748 tonnes

NO. 743 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PORT - SECURITY

Can Government state what was the nature of the increased security at the Port that required an additional £53,800 supplementary funding in 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

There was no increase in the security at the Port during the financial year 2005/2006.

The Government originally had other plans to cover the provision of security, but they were not proceeded with. The additional £53,800 of Supplementary Funding was required to pay the balance of the cost of providing security guards to man both barriers at the Port during the financial year.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 743 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

If the original plans were to cover it in some other way, what other way could it have been covered that would not have cost money?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Without giving too much away, it is covering from resources which are currently being paid for already, and using these resources in an alternative way.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Was that on the basis that the Port Department would be doing the work?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, it was not.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is that part of what was intended when the Government were looking at the possibility of deploying Community Projects to other activities?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I think the hon Member is quite right.

NO. 744 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DOMAIN NAME – WWW.GIBRALTAR.EU

Can Government say whether the domain www.gibraltar.eu was reserved for the Gibraltar Government in the same way as all the Member States of the EU had their domain names reserved after the recent launch of the .eu domain name?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Government have not reserved the domain name www.gibraltar.eu for the Gibraltar Government, in the same way as other domain names (like for example, www.Gibraltar.int) were not reserved for the Government.

Gibraltar has its own top level domain, that is, “.gi” and this is the preferred domain which due to Gibraltar’s small size, grants certain exclusivity and clearly identifies addresses with Gibraltar.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 744 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The EU Member States also have their own domain names, as the Minister knows, but the idea of having .eu could have been something of a marketing ploy, a marketing tool and I think it may have been useful to have done so in this case. Is the Minister aware that the domain name has already been reserved by somebody else?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, I am not aware that anybody else has the domain.

HON F R PICARDO:

The Minister might want to agree with me that it might be prudent for the Government to try and take the name Gibraltar.eu back, which we would be entitled to do because we have a prior claim to the web domain Gibraltar, but given that a number of Member States have found that private entities have wished to take the .eu names,

simply in order to cyber-squat on that site, then put up all sorts of material on that site which is then associated with the domain name, which is often not in the interests of the party that is most closely associated with that name to see on that site. Would he undertake to look into the possibility of taking for Gibraltar the Gibraltar.eu name, even if all that does is take people directly onto Gibraltar.gov.gi or to Gibraltar.gi?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, I am grateful to him for his views on the matter.

ORAL

NO. 745 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU FUNDING

Can Government list the parties who have applied for:

- (a) EU funding;
- (b) Gibraltar Government funding;

since the last question time in this House, indicating the amount of funding that was requested and the purpose for which it was intended, listing those applications that have been successful, those that have been unsuccessful, and those applications that are still pending?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought is being passed on to the hon Member in written format.

Schedule to Question 745/2006

Since the last question time in this House, no applications have been received under ESF.
The following applications have been received under ERDF:

Project No	Sponsor	Status	ERDF	GOG	Purpose of Grant
103	Calypso Tours Ltd	Active	£5,000.00 (12.86%)	£5,000.00 (12.86%)	Creation of Website & Booking Engine, Design & Printing & Distribution of Marketing Literature
104	WSRM Architects Limited	Active	£3,981.74 (15%)	£3,981.74 (15%)	Building Works
105	Castlepoint Construction Ltd	Pending Approval	£1,009.35 (15%)	£1,009.35 (15%)	Purchase of IT, Office, Building Equipment and Rent Subsidy Scheme
106	B Sacarello Ltd	Pending Consideration by JLAG	£15,954.76 (15%)	£15,954.76 (15%)	Building Works & Professional Fees, Advertising, Purchase of Catering Equipment & Furniture, & Payment of Freight & Import Duty

The following application has been received under the Interreg IIIA Gibraltar/Morocco Programme:

Applicant	Status	EU	GOG	Private Sector	Purpose of Grant
The Gibraltar Youth Service	Under Consideration	£28,500	£20,000	£8,500	Promotion of understanding through education, youth, tourism and artistic expression

The following application has been received under the Gibraltar Enterprise Scheme:

Applicant	Status	Total Cost	Grant sought	Purpose of Grant
Threshold Consulting Services Ltd	Under consideration	£2,331	£699	Setting up a therapy and consulting service

ORAL

NO. 746 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

Can Government list the conferences that they have assisted with, sponsored or co-sponsored in Gibraltar or elsewhere since the last Question-Time in this House, showing the dates when the conferences in question were held, the cost and the department that was more directly involved?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Only one conference has been sponsored or assisted: the 28th General Assembly of Medcruise.

ORAL

NO. 747 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORTS - COMPUTERS

What was the value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar since February 2006 inclusive on a monthly basis?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 748 and 749 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 748 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORTS – PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES

What was the value and number of private motor vehicles imported by:

- (a) individuals;
- (b) licensed dealers;

on a monthly basis since February 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 747 and 749 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 749 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORTS – GOODS VEHICLES

What was the value and number of goods vehicles imported by :

- (a) individuals;
- (b) licensed dealers;

on a monthly basis since February 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought in these Questions are being provided to the hon Member in written format.

Schedule to Question 749**Answer to Question 747**

The value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since February 2006 was as follows:-

	<u>Value of Computers</u> <u>(£ thousands)</u>
February	402
March	397

Answer to Question 748

	<u>Private Motor Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Private Motor Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>(£ thousands)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>(£ millions)</u>
February 2006	23	44	389	5.1
March 2006	15	45	331	4.1

Answer to Question 749

	<u>Goods Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Goods Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>(£ thousands)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>(£ thousands)</u>
February 2006	3	3	1	12
March 2006	1	0.5	4	19

ORAL

NO. 750 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government state when it expects to be in a position to provide the October 2005 Employment Survey Report?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

The Report has now been tabled before the House.

ORAL

NO. 751 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

BUILDING CONTRACTORS

Can Government now state how much was paid to building contractors in the financial year ended 31 March 2005, giving a breakdown of the amounts paid to each contractor and in respect of which project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 751

DATE	JV	PAID TO	PROJECT	COMPUTER CODE	AMOUNT	TOTAL PER PROJECTS*
06/05/2004	PV189	AMCO	Beaches Development Scheme	E105.8	£86,030.79	
01/04/2004	PV024	AMCO	Beaches Development Scheme	E105.8	£98,484.11	£183,514.90
15/03/2005	PV1447	AMCO	Bristol Hotel Drainage Extension	E103.3	£25,614.14	
29/03/2005	PV3130	AMCO	Bristol Hotel Drainage Extension	E103.3	£9,649.40	
07/03/2005	PV604	AMCO	Bristol Hotel Drainage Extension	E103.3	£17,898.36	£53,161.90
25/02/2005	PV2997	AMCO	Catalan Bay Beautification (67)	E105.2	£32,751.14	
16/12/2004	PV1353	AMCO	Catalan Bay Beautification (67)	E105.9	£32,538.92	
23/11/2004	PV2032	AMCO	Catalan Bay Beautification (67)	E105.9	£55,988.88	
01/02/2005	PV014	AMCO	Catalan Bay Beautification (67)	E105.9	£33,198.03	
17/03/2005	PV1865	AMCO	Catalan Bay Beautification (67)	E105.2	£33,001.00	£187,477.97
31/03/2005	PV3551	AMCO	City Centre Beautification v (32)	E105.2	£121.10	
06/07/2004	PV389	AMCO	City Centre Beautification v (32)	E105.9	£219,334.75	
23/08/2004	PV1678	AMCO	City Centre Beautification v (32)	E105.9	£36,406.74	
18/01/2005	PV848	AMCO	City Centre Beautification v (32)	E105.9	£87,294.09	
02/08/2004	PV0020	AMCO	City Centre Beautification v (32)	E105.9	£100,458.49	£443,615.17
18/01/2005	PV846	AMCO	City Centre Beautification vi (68)	E105.9	£48,778.51	
10/02/2005	PV999	AMCO	City Centre Beautification vi (68)	E105.9	£19,140.73	
23/11/2004	PV2031	AMCO	City Centre Beautification vi (68)	E105.9	£47,666.51	
09/03/2005	PV1025	AMCO	City Centre Beautification vi (68)	E105.2	£28,886.44	
30/03/2005	PV3371	AMCO	City Centre Beautification vi (68)	E105.2	£32,924.41	£177,396.60
22/03/2005	PV2328	AMCO	Cliff Stabilisation Sunset Close	E103.2	£56,436.67	£56,436.67
18/10/2004	PV1401	AMCO	Environment Projects	E103.1	£1,085.00	£1,085.00
23/03/2005	PV2678	AMCO	Environment Projects	E104.2	£18,274.99	£18,274.99
03/09/2004	PV344	AMCO	Europoint Roundabout Bus Stop	E101.1	£2,001.49	
03/11/2004	PV393	AMCO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£3,059.95	
18/05/2004	PV1219	AMCO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£17,572.12	
18/05/2004	PV1244	AMCO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£4,957.95	
13/12/2004	PV967	AMCO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£859.69	
22/12/2004	PV2126	AMCO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£1,575.50	£30,026.70
31/03/2005	PV3548	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.6	£48,409.00	
10/11/2004	PV941	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£2,907.05	
16/02/2005	PV1780	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£95,051.00	
16/02/2005	PV1782	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£4,825.75	
15/03/2005	PV1444	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£12,638.00	
01/07/2004	PV022	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£2,047.30	
29/07/2004	PV2885	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£1,446.90	
10/06/2004	PV919	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£19,361.00	
10/06/2004	PV920	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£4,457.20	
29/03/2005	PV3129	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£12,446.00	
16/06/2004	PV1371	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£2,260.70	
12/05/2004	PV780	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£55,251.00	
29/11/2004	PV2812	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£3,987.57	
09/03/2005	PV1018	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£2,569.25	£288,512.17
10/12/2004	PV880	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£754.45	

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10/11/2004	PV964	AMCO	Paving in Main Street & Others	E104.2	£576.62	£576.62
12/07/2004	PV931	AMCO	Pot Holes in Main Street	E104.2	£496.08	£496.08
09/07/2004	PV838	AMCO	Public Bus Infrastructure	E104.2	£94.50	
16/02/2005	PV1783	AMCO	Public Bus Infrastructure	E104.2	£4,759.41	
17/02/2005	PV1871	AMCO	Public Bus Infrastructure	E104.2	£5,026.60	
22/03/2005	PV2329	AMCO	Public Bus Infrastructure	E104.2	£3,580.50	
16/04/2004	PV934	AMCO	Public Bus Infrastructure	E104.2	£78,162.67	
23/06/2004	PV2155	AMCO	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£11,133.74	
09/03/2005	PV1045	AMCO	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£825.00	
16/03/2005	PV1520	AMCO	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£2,459.54	
27/05/2004	PV2420	AMCO	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£42,282.61	
08/06/2004	PV581	AMCO	Works at John Mackintosh Square	E105.9	£84,605.67	
06/12/2004	PV397	AMCO	Works at Line Wall Road & Others	E104.2	£1,010.63	
10/06/2004	PV917	BLACKTOP	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£11.52	
29/11/2004	PV2826	BLACKTOP	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£7.50	
23/12/2004	PV2296	BLACKTOP	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£15.00	
04/02/2005	PV487	BLACKTOP	Norther Defences (42)	E105.9	£13,790.30	
02/03/2005	PV305	BLACKTOP	Norther Defences (42)	E105.2	£8,130.59	
30/11/2004	PV2820	BLACKTOP	Norther Defences (42)	E105.9	£15,000.00	
20/12/2004	PV1636	BLACKTOP	Norther Defences (42)	E105.9	£12,209.20	
09/07/2004	PV842	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£64.60	
10/11/2004	PV931	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£3,277.00	
19/11/2004	PV1888	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£320.00	
16/03/2005	PV1567	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£125.00	
27/05/2004	PV2454	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£42.12	
05/08/2004	PV0268	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£35.64	
19/10/2004	PV1505	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£30.00	
08/11/2004	PV779	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£30.00	
17/11/2004	PV1615	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£63.75	
26/11/2004	PV2719	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£60.00	
15/12/2004	PV1279	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£22.50	
26/11/2004	PV2730	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£39.56	
24/01/2005	PV1666	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£50.30	
15/07/2004	PV1297	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£26.00	
23/12/2004	PV2300	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£9.34	
20/10/2004	PV1772	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£11.59	
29/11/2004	PV2828	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£41.34	
10/06/2004	PV960	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£17.18	
30/06/2004	PV2988	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	£108.00	
10/11/2004	PV986	GL DIG - IT	Asphalt	E104.2	£450.00	
06/12/2004	PV381	GL DIG - IT	Demolishing of busstops and resurf	E104.2	£5,700.00	
31/01/2005	PV2626	GL DIG - IT	Emergency Asphalt Repairs	E104.2	£4,036.00	
31/01/2005	PV2627	GL DIG - IT	Emergency curb and railing repairs	E104.2	£271.00	
31/01/2005	PV2625	GL DIG - IT	Emergency Tile Repairs	E104.2	£511.00	
08/12/2004	PV694	GL DIG - IT	Replacing bollards	E104.2	£445.00	

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19/11/2004	PV1903	G L DIG - IT	Road markings	E104.2	£350.00	£350.00
01/11/2004	PV080	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£390.00	
04/02/2005	PV540	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£275.00	
25/02/2005	PV3032	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£1,237.00	
25/02/2005	PV3033	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£280.00	
25/02/2005	PV3064	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£760.50	
31/03/2005	PV3740	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£450.00	
15/11/2004	PV1311	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£500.00	
22/12/2004	PV2149	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£1,005.00	
25/02/2005	PV2996	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£3,074.00	
21/03/2005	PV2205	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£1,178.00	
21/03/2005	PV2206	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£150.00	
21/03/2005	PV2207	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£1,905.00	
21/03/2005	PV2208	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£105.00	
23/09/2004	PV1970	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£2,305.00	
23/09/2004	PV1984	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£19,674.56	£13,594.50
24/09/2004	PV2235	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£601.00	
24/09/2004	PV2236	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£509.40	
24/09/2004	PV2237	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£553.00	
15/11/2004	PV1314	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£420.00	
21/12/2004	PV1785	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£4,333.00	
25/02/2005	PV3031	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£548.00	
12/07/2004	PV906	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£281.00	
12/07/2004	PV908	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£6,489.36	£33,409.32
28/07/2004	PV2803	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£40,580.01	£40,580.01
07/06/2004	PV498	G L DIG - IT	Civil Contingency - Equipment	E101.4	£30,000.00	
02/02/2005	PV202	G L DIG - IT	Construction of Parking Facilities	E104.4	£9,726.69	£39,726.69
24/03/2005	PV2786	G L DIG - IT	Fitting of two doors to Sorting Office Waterport Gate	E106.11	£9,433.99	£9,433.99
10/05/2004	PV492	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£1,285.00	
10/05/2004	PV493	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£125.00	
07/05/2004	PV361	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£2,104.50	
20/05/2004	PV1569	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£6,940.57	
20/05/2004	PV1639	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£540.00	
07/07/2004	PV607	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£3,497.00	
07/07/2004	PV559	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£344.20	
08/07/2004	PV712	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£42,126.67	
21/07/2004	PV1945	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£33,289.00	
21/07/2004	PV1946	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£21,345.47	
29/09/2004	PV2706	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£14,944.64	
30/09/2004	PV2862	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£38,314.20	
21/12/2004	PV1786	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£35,951.37	
30/12/2004	PV2670	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£8,451.48	
28/01/2005	PV2537	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£5,789.04	
15/02/2005	PV1385	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£17,381.62	
01/03/2005	PV020	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2		

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DATE	JV	PAID TO	PROJECT	COMPUTER CODE	AMOUNT	TOTAL PER PROJECTS*
01/03/2005	PV070	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£587.00	
04/03/2005	PV501	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£5,383.38	
08/03/2005	PV762	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£240.00	
10/03/2005	PV1113	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£17,295.98	
16/03/2005	PV1522	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£21,831.57	
24/03/2005	PV2785	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£27,604.25	
31/03/2005	PV3557	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£11,554.69	
08/06/2004	PV582	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£11,521.92	
15/04/2004	PV784	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£905.00	
27/05/2004	PV2509	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£1,722.00	
12/07/2004	PV909	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£3,403.36	
01/09/2004	PV019	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£99,274.86	
20/09/2004	PV1539	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£84,658.42	
08/10/2004	PV663	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£9,867.32	
11/02/2005	PV1198	GJS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£1,420.00	£489,619.51
18/02/2005	PV2107	GJS	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	E103.5	£23,884.65	
30/06/2004	PV2996	GJS	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	E103.5	£690.00	£25,994.65
10/06/2004	PV986	GJS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£235.00	
24/06/2004	PV2296	GJS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£380.00	
15/07/2004	PV1319	GJS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£70.00	
29/09/2004	PV2764	GJS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£260.00	
15/11/2004	PV1316	GJS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£345.00	
23/12/2004	PV2210	GJS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£2,468.00	
09/03/2005	PV1052	GJS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£122.00	
10/06/2004	PV918	GJS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£2,116.86	
26/07/2004	PV2486	GJS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£285.00	£6,281.86
08/10/2004	PV662	GJS	Lady of Sorrows church	E105.9	£5,483.16	£3,483.16
21/04/2004	PV1402	GJS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£35,596.11	
22/04/2004	PV1488	GJS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£90,710.69	
20/05/2004	PV1566	GJS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£86,270.03	
31/03/2005	PV3544	GJS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£43,838.03	£236,414.86
09/03/2005	PV1019	GJS	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£9,120.86	£9,120.86
06/07/2004	PV386	GJS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£103,377.50	
14/07/2004	PV1158	GJS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£104,000.00	
20/05/2004	PV1568	GJS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£170,000.00	
23/08/2004	PV1677	GJS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£81,002.00	
28/09/2004	PV2461	GJS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£215,488.55	
23/07/2004	PV2322	GJS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£105,121.00	
10/06/2004	PV915	GJS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£180,915.00	£959,914.05
28/09/2004	PV2464	GJS	Port Infrastructure Facilities and Equipment	E104.5	£14,364.50	£14,364.50
27/09/2004	PV2388	GJS	Prison Equipment and Refurbishment	E101.5	£68.00	
12/07/2004	PV950	GJS	Prison Equipment and Refurbishment	E101.5	£230.00	£298.00
27/10/2004	PV2671	GJS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£3,666.02	
10/11/2004	PV940	GJS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£5,525.10	
09/03/2005	PV1017	GJS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£3,157.78	

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03/09/2004	PV347	GJBS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£9,295.00	£21,643.90
19/07/2004	PV1614	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£2,007.00	
22/06/2004	PV1928	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£40.00	
13/04/2004	PV598	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£70,880.67	
19/05/2004	PV1481	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£2,371.80	
15/12/2004	PV1246	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£11,446.22	
22/12/2004	PV2147	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£625.00	
13/01/2005	PV450	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£7,914.43	
11/02/2005	PV1238	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£1,867.50	
15/02/2005	PV1442	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£1,576.56	
08/03/2005	PV706	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£18,282.05	
22/03/2005	PV2327	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£8,895.36	
31/03/2005	PV3546	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£50,000.00	
19/07/2004	PV1675	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£250.00	
26/07/2004	PV2485	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£770.00	
07/08/2004	PV531	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£1,065.00	
11/06/2004	PV1206	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£60.00	
25/06/2004	PV2562	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£146.00	
23/08/2004	PV1980	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£10,943.56	
23/09/2004	PV1981	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£26,307.40	
01/09/2004	PV088	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£475.00	£216,523.55
30/03/2005	PV3362	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£6,532.70	
31/03/2005	PV3545	GJBS	Social Services Agency - Capital Works	E101.8	£4,143.04	£10,675.74
27/05/2004	PV2507	GJBS	Social Services Agency - Capital Works	E101.8	£174.00	£174.00
30/06/2004	PV2967	GJBS	Sundry Items	E105.9	£5,954.00	
15/11/2004	PV1317	GJBS	Tourist Beautification Projects	E105.9	£286.00	£6,214.00
05/07/2004	PV302	GJBS	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	£2,510.01	
24/09/2004	PV2234	GJBS	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	£18,938.06	
16/12/2004	PV1351	GJBS	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	£1,864.43	
12/07/2004	PV906	GJBS	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	£22,620.00	
21/12/2004	PV1787	GJBS	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	£6,339.12	
01/07/2004	PV023	GJBS	Works to PO Boxes ex Sorting Office	E106.11	£17,947.82	£52,271.62
01/07/2004	PV024	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	£5,107.80	
30/09/2004	PV2863	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	£3,127.00	
15/11/2004	PV1315	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	£9,131.32	
07/12/2004	PV508	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	£435.00	
07/12/2004	PV509	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	£1,446.29	
07/12/2004	PV510	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	£497.00	
23/02/2005	PV2713	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	£1,235.00	
15/03/2005	PV1471	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	£179.28	
06/12/2004	PV407	HAYMILLS	Fish Market Road & Devil's Tower Road	E102.8	£65.00	£21,223.69
11/05/2004	PV541	HAYMILLS	Heritage Projects	E104.2	£1,260.00	£1,260.00
03/06/2004	PV298	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E103.6	£21,000.00	£21,000.00
07/07/2004	PV556	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£1,500.00	
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18/05/2004	PV1217	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E58,996.11
20/05/2004	PV1567	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E34,013.37
24/05/2004	PV1971	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E17,926.67
06/08/2004	PV0330	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E42,030.87
06/08/2004	PV0331	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E26,792.43
08/09/2004	PV700	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E12,643.87
07/02/2005	PV648	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E18,031.95
21/02/2005	PV2186	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E12,669.65
24/02/2005	PV2773	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E29,567.47
25/10/2004	PV2237	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E15,114.20
25/10/2004	PV2238	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E10,322.91
03/12/2004	PV308	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E11,657.99
29/07/2004	PV2871	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E13,688.05
23/06/2004	PV2151	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E11,606.70
30/06/2004	PV2997	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E374.40
01/04/2004	PV019	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E25,459.92
02/04/2004	PV080	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E11,797.74
19/04/2004	PV1102	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E35,639.29
19/04/2004	PV1103	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E30,567.88
25/08/2004	PV2121	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E16,459.55
03/09/2004	PV345	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E24,281.59
20/09/2004	PV1534	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E8,738.55
24/09/2004	PV2174	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E17,938.02
13/10/2004	PV1013	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E8,081.00
20/10/2004	PV1721	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E3,193.70
20/10/2004	PV1722	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E43,008.03
25/10/2004	PV2339	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E1,124.80
19/11/2004	PV1924	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E8,432.95
19/11/2004	PV1844	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E39,418.62
25/11/2004	PV2435	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E24,393.93
23/12/2004	PV2490	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E18,751.95
24/01/2005	PV1638	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E5,358.64
21/03/2005	PV2232	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E26,074.42
11/01/2005	PV242	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E2,428.62
18/06/2004	PV1677	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E31,547.55
13/01/2005	PV449	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E10,942.32
28/01/2005	PV2536	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E30,950.84
10/06/2004	PV992	HAYMILLS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E101.1	E394.20
15/07/2004	PV1325	HAYMILLS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	E337.50
03/03/2005	PV372	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Coaling Island	E105.10	E178,245.02
21/12/2004	PV1784	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Coaling Island	E105.2	E16,803.21
25/10/2004	PV2241	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Coaling Island	E105.2	E58,882.35
14/01/2005	PV633	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Coaling Island	E105.2	E191,143.45
15/03/2005	PV1449	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.10	E45,891.47
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24/12/2004	PV2506	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.2	£54,846.41	
14/09/2004	PV993	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.2	£90,483.00	
22/10/2004	PV2085	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.2	£32,998.00	
19/11/2004	PV1846	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.2	£123,446.30	£355,088.43
05/08/2004	PV0232	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£39,898.30	
20/09/2004	PV1536	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£90,191.29	
26/11/2004	PV2654	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£115,979.50	
30/03/2005	PV3363	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£51,883.40	
31/03/2005	PV3549	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£59,283.42	
24/06/2004	PV2235	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£65,105.13	
24/06/2004	PV2236	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£103,293.07	
07/01/2005	PV116	MARR & CO	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£102,545.26	£628,179.37
30/06/2004	PV2999	MARR & CO	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£181.60	
13/08/2004	PV939	MARR & CO	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£142.35	£960.95
26/11/2004	PV2764	MARR & CO	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£214.90	
27/01/2005	PV2299	MARR & CO	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E105.7	£105.40	£320.30
16/02/2005	PV1831	MARR & CO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£23.80	£23.80
07/01/2005	PV115	MARR & CO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£4,567.62	
22/04/2004	PV1549	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E101.1	£1,753.00	£6,320.62
15/07/2004	PV1333	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£243.30	
30/09/2004	PV2948	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£59.24	
20/10/2004	PV1793	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£90.70	
23/12/2004	PV2318	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£177.80	
23/12/2004	PV2319	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£116.70	
10/06/2004	PV998	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£262.63	
10/06/2004	PV1000	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£164.75	
26/11/2004	PV2765	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£839.95	
16/02/2005	PV1831	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£11.05	
15/09/2004	PV1220	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£56.85	
27/10/2004	PV2744	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£83.80	
10/11/2004	PV990	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£59.80	
03/09/2004	PV393	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£25.95	
24/06/2004	PV2308	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£142.75	£2,335.27
19/10/2004	PV1522	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Busstop shelters	E104.2	£600.00	£600.00
18/08/2004	PV1362	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£56.40	
16/02/2005	PV1830	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£68.75	
07/03/2005	PV656	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£54.90	
16/03/2005	PV1595	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£58.80	
30/03/2005	PV3433	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£80.50	
17/06/2004	PV1125	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£11.50	
07/09/2004	PV550	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£98.14	
12/08/2004	PV772	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£182.99	
05/10/2004	PV191	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£35.40	
				E102.1	£127.85	£775.23

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04/10/2004	PV088	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£14,095.74	
19/11/2004	PV1907	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£766.05	
14/02/2005	PV1296	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£11,608.67	
17/02/2005	PV1905	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£1,260.00	
09/03/2005	PV1022	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£1,760.77	
30/03/2005	PV3367	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£13,138.85	
29/06/2004	PV2774	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£225.00	
27/05/2004	PV2527	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£1,955.00	
08/11/2004	PV763	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£13,313.92	
10/11/2004	PV991	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£200.00	
20/01/2005	PV1206	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£2,005.00	£60,329.00
15/03/2005	PV1478	MARR & CO	Sundry works	E104.2	£64.95	
31/01/2005	PV2680	MARR & CO	Sundry works	E104.2	£350.00	
31/03/2005	PV3773	MARR & CO	Sundry works	E104.2	£135.30	£550.25
23/03/2005	PV2677	ROTARY GIB LTD	Environment Projects	E103.1	£2,332.10	£2,332.10
01/04/2004	PV026	ROTARY GIB LTD	Sundry works	E105.2	£13,085.85	£13,085.85
01/09/2004	PV018	SELINA	Civil Contingency - Equipment	E101.4	£4,600.00	£4,600.00
10/06/2004	PV1029	SELINA	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£9.00	
23/02/2005	PV2739	SELINA	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£56.00	
10/08/2004	PV480	SELINA	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£5,450.00	£5,450.00
20/08/2004	PV1638	SELINA	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£5.00	£5.00
01/11/2004	PV112	SELINA	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£270.00	
31/01/2005	PV2694	SELINA	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£750.00	£1,020.00
11/06/2004	PV1228	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£287.00	
29/06/2004	PV2789	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£50.00	
27/05/2004	PV2554	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£100.00	
24/08/2004	PV1862	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£1,070.00	
05/10/2004	PV208	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£340.00	
10/11/2004	PV1008	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£650.00	
20/01/2005	PV1305	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£970.00	
21/01/2005	PV1559	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£550.00	
17/02/2005	PV1924	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£50.00	
23/03/2005	PV2679	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£1,200.00	
31/03/2005	PV3864	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£50.00	£5,317.00
18/05/2004	PV1218	SHARROCK SHAND	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£12,873.60	£12,873.60
18/05/2004	PV1220	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£124,440.00	
16/02/2005	PV1781	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£75,565.00	
15/03/2005	PV1445	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£22,528.00	
20/09/2004	PV1535	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£157,725.00	
12/10/2004	PV837	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£188,173.00	
11/06/2004	PV1168	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£91,725.00	
22/07/2004	PV2031	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£66,431.00	

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26/11/2004	PV2653	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£108,709.00	
25/08/2004	PV2122	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£116,196.00	£952,482.00
14/09/2004	PV995	SHARROCK SHAND	New Frontier Canopy	E105.9	£68,553.00	
21/10/2004	PV1857	SHARROCK SHAND	New Frontier Canopy	E105.9	£41,093.00	
02/08/2004	PV0018	SHARROCK SHAND	New Frontier Canopy	E105.9	£49,139.00	
02/08/2004	PV0019	SHARROCK SHAND	New Frontier Canopy	E105.9	£89,440.00	
12/07/2004	PV904	SHARROCK SHAND	New Frontier Canopy	E101.1	£3,160.00	£248,225.00
15/07/2004	PV1365	STRAITS OVERSEAS LTD	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E102.7	£82,298.00	£3,160.00
05/08/2004	PV0231	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£4,140.36	
04/02/2005	PV485	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£16,658.30	
25/02/2005	PV2995	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£2,939.70	
17/03/2005	PV1664	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£4,026.00	
23/07/2004	PV2323	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£22,749.00	
29/07/2004	PV2872	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£7,801.54	
17/08/2004	PV1074	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£8,550.00	
13/01/2005	PV591	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£5,124.00	£154,286.90
26/11/2004	PV2785	WESTERN ISLES	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£624.00	£624.00
31/03/2005	PV3890	WESTERN ISLES	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.6	£405.00	£405.00
30/12/2004	PV2695	WESTERN ISLES	Sorting Office Waterport Gate	E106.11	£1,052.16	£1,052.16
23/11/2004	PV2102	WESTERN ISLES	Sundry works	E106.8	£419.75	£419.75
					<u>£7,682,502.05</u>	<u>£7,682,502.05</u>

ORAL

NO. 752 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

BUILDING CONTRACTORS

Can Government now state how much was paid to building contractors in the financial year ended 31 March 2006, giving a breakdown of the amounts paid to each contractor and in respect of which project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information requested in respect of the year just ended, 31st March 2006, is not yet readily available to the Government in the form that he has requested it. Therefore I cannot give it to him at this stage.

NO. 753 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

COMPANIES ORDINANCE

Has Government's consideration of the possibility of amending the Companies Ordinance to enable a company to provide financial assistance in the purchase of its own shares, now advanced at all?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The matter remains under consideration, but this may be a convenient moment to come back to the hon Member on the matter that arose between us the last time that he spoke to me about the so-called whitewash procedure. In answer to Question No. 390 of 2006 the hon Member may recall that I think he took a point of order. The hon Member will recall that I had said to him in answer to that question that I had told him before that it was Hassans who had raised the issue of whitewash with me and he denied this and we agreed that I would go off and check it and clarify it. In fact, in discharge of my outstanding undertaking to the House I should point out to him that in fact it was in the Budget Session last year when he had raised the question of whitewashing. At page 126 of Hansard of the Budget Session last year he says, 'much as the Government are now doing on updating gambling legislation must also be done and quickly on updating our companies funds and insolvency legislation. We need the whitewash procedure in our companies legislation'. When I came to respond to him, an address I seem to recall he did not very much enjoy, but still this is what I said to him and I am sorry if I have to read a larger chunk to make sure I quote him in context. This is what I said during my reply. 'When he was talking in relation to the Finance Centre about the things that the Government should do to be proactive he mentioned three items, listing of securities, pension legislation so that Gibraltar can become a pensions centre and the whitewash procedure. The hon Member being now once again a partner of the firm Hassans presumably knows, if not this is an extraordinary coincidence, that all these three are issues which the Government are presently discussing with one partner of Hassans or another', to which Mr Picardo got up as is his want to say, 'Mr Speaker on a point of order, certainly I did not know and I will tell the Chief Minister the pensions issue I took up last year when I was a partner of Hassans that the listing issue was in the final debate'. Mr Speaker intervened to ask what is the point of order. 'The point of order is very simple, that he has imputed to me knowledge of something from my practice which I do not have, I want to clarify that the pensions issue I took up last year and the final issue, the whitewash procedure, I have taken before in questions'. So that exchange took place at Budget Session last year when I then suggested to him that he had known that it had been raised by Hassans and he took the point of order to complain that I was imputing to him knowledge, and that when we had this exchange of questions earlier this year in effect he took the same position, suggesting that I

had not informed him before that it was Hassans presumably overlooking this exchange that we had had at the time of the pensions. So the hon Member will I hope agree that I was correct at the last Question Time in answer to Question No. 361, in my green copy one question may have dropped out of my number sequential. If Hansard says it is Question No. 361 my copy, which is what I read from on the day and took note on is Question No. 361. The hon Member will I am sure agree that I was correct not to succumb to his request however drawn because I had clear recollection that I had in the past had a discussion across the floor with him in which I had communicated to him that Hassans were indeed the source of interest with the Government in these issues. So when I raised it at the Question Time last time it was not contrary to what he believes was the first time I had done it.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 753 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

The Chief Minister obviously is quoting from Hansard and I will not dispute the Hansard. My recollection was that we had had that exchange in relation to the stock exchange issue but not in relation to the whitewash issue. I think we both have to accept we are both wrong because last time in answer to Question No. 391 when he was having this exchange with me, and it is not Question No. 360 or Question No. 361 it is Question No. 391, the Chief Minister referred to my having been given that information the last time that I asked such a question. So he was thinking about what he had said in the Budget debate, I was thinking about what I had said at Question Time and when I had asked questions and that part of the debate passed me by. As he said it is inconsequential. The Chief Minister says under his breath that it is not inconsequential, perhaps he can tell us why it is consequential. Also, when it is that the Government's consideration of the issue of whitewash is actually going to reach a determination. In the United Kingdom the Companies Act is likely to be amended to simply remove all references to financial assistance. It is about time that Gibraltar caught up not just with the practice in other offshore centres but also with the amendments that are likely to be incorporated into the English Companies Act.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, he has had his answer to the last part of it, the matter remains under consideration. With respect it is neither a hanging offence nor is it inconsequential but if the hon Member stands up in the middle of my response to the Budget debate on a point of order saying that I had wrongly informed, that I had misled the House in effect by suggesting that he had been told before that this was a Hassans issue and then challenges me across the floor of the House to go away and check it and I take the trouble to do so and I come back to the House and demonstrate from Hansard that this in fact is not only the first time but in fact the conversation that we had at the last Question Time was in fact almost a tape recording of the one that we had had at Budget time, when I come back with that information to the House in answer to the taunt that he threw across the floor of the House at me, it is not inconsequential. Of course the fact that it is not inconsequential does not mean that it is a hanging offence either. It simply means that the hon Member should be more careful with the points of order that he takes.

HON F R PICARDO:

If that is the case would the Chief Minister not agree with me that he has to be more careful with the language that he uses in this House, because if one looks at pages 610 to 611 of Hansard what he was saying in the last Question Time in this House is that he had given out the information in answers to questions. Now, either we are all very careful with the way that we approach our memories or it is not really that consequential to the arguments at hand. There are those who say that politics is too personal these days, that we should be looking at the substance of arguments. Should we not be looking at how soon we are going to change our legislation on financial assistance and not anything else?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member can seek to reduce to those terms, it was he who challenged me to go and research it and come back to the House. With respect this is what I am now doing. He does not like the answer because it demonstrates that he was wrong in saying to this House that that was the first time. I can understand that he does not like the answer but the issue then was not whether it had arisen in questions or whether it had arisen in a motion, or whether it had arisen in a debate. The issue was whether I was the legitimate subject of a point of order on the basis that I was misleading the House, not on the basis that I had suggested that it was in Question Time when actually it was in Budget time, that was not his point of order. His point of order was not that I had said 'I told him in Question Time' and actually I had told him in Budget time. His point of order was that I was wrong and misleading the House in suggesting that I had so informed him before. That is the substance of the point of order, that is what I am trying to correct, I am perfectly happy to move on to the substance of the issue and I do not think it is far from being personalising anything, if the hon Member invites me across the floor of the House as a settlement of a point of order to go away and research a matter, and I do so and I come back and report to the hon Member in terms which can hardly be suggested to be excessively aggressive, I do not expect him to remind me the basis upon which new political parties have recently been floated, which is also quite naïve.

ORAL

NO. 754 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 2 STATUS

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 2 status in Gibraltar as at the end of each of the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 755 and 756 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 755 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 3 STATUS

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 3 status in Gibraltar in each month from March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 754 and 756 of 2006.

NO. 756 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 4 STATUS

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 4 status in each month of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

	Cat 2	Cat 3	Cat 4
March	13	8	2
April	4	7	1
May	0	6	1

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 754 TO 756 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

Is the grant of Categories 3 and 4 status going to now be restricted after June in a manner that it is not presently restricted?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Equivalent provisions are being made.

HON F R PICARDO:

Equivalent provisions or provisions equivalent to what?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not wish to give this information out publicly at this stage but if the hon Member will raise it with me privately I am happy to explain to him what the Government are doing.

HON F R PICARDO:

I have no difficulty with that.

ORAL

NO. 757 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

PROTECTED CELL COMPANIES

Have any applications to form a Protected Cell Company been submitted in the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006 which remain pending consideration or which have been rejected?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 758 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 758 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

PROTECTED CELL COMPANIES

Can Government state how many Protected Cell Companies were registered in Gibraltar in each of the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Three applications were submitted in the months of March 2006 to May 2006 and these remain pending consideration. No Protected Cell Companies were registered during that period.

ORAL

NO. 759 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES

Can Government state how many tax exempt company certificates have been issued in each month from March 2006 to May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 760 and 761 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 760 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES

How many tax exempt companies have terminated their tax exemption certificates in each month from March 2006 to May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 759 and 761 of 2006.

NO. 761 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES

Can Government state how many companies have in each month from March 2006 to May 2006 applied to the office of the Finance Centre Director for the grant of exempt status and of these how many are presently awaiting the grant of said exempt status?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 759

The number of tax exempt certificates issued in each month from March 2006 to May 2006 are as follows:-

March	20
April	14
May	<u>21</u>
Total:	55

Answer to Question No. 760

The number of tax exempt companies which terminated their tax exempt certificates in each of the months of March 2006 to May 2006 is as follows:

March	236
April	117
May	<u>53</u>
Total:	406

“Terminated” as I have told the hon Member before in answer to similar questions, is interpreted by the Government as being when the companies which have returned their certificates and no longer require exempt status.

Answer to Question No. 761

In the months of March 2006 to May 2006 the number of tax exempt applications received by the Finance Centre Licensing Unit is as follows:

March	23
April	12
May	<u>30</u>
Total:	65

At present the Licensing Unit have 11 of these applications pending the granting of exempt status.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 759 TO 761 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

Are the Government able to tell the House exactly how many certificates remain available for issue between the amount that was agreed with all the reducing amounts of certificates that would have been issued with the Commission, and all those surrendered and available for issue before 30th June which is the final date?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No I would not without notice of the question. Obviously the information is readily available in the Finance Centre Department but I do not have it here.

HON F R PICARDO:

Does the Chief Minister at least know, have we run out of exempt certificates before 30th June or are there still some available, in particular as the Chief Minister has told the House before, for individuals who might be wishing to come to Gibraltar and establish more than just a brass plate presence here?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, my understanding is that there are still certificates available, that they are being managed in that way. Certainly with a view to making sure that they all get out, in other words, that we do not end up come D-day holding any whilst there are still people managing down to the wire.

ORAL

NO. 762 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

COMPANIES REGISTER

Can Government list the companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months of March 2006 to May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 763 and 764 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 763 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

COMPANIES REGISTER

How many companies have been removed from the companies register in each of the months of March 2006 to May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 762 and 764 of 2006.

NO. 764 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

COMPANIES REGISTER

Can Government state how many companies have been re-domiciled out of Gibraltar in each of the months of March 2006 to May 2006 and how many of these asked for their registrations to be cancelled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 762

The following companies were formed in Gibraltar in the months of March 2006 to May 2006:

March	166
April	135
May	208

Answer to Question No. 763

The following companies were removed from the companies register in the months of March 2006 to May 2006:

March	223
April	169
May	116

Answer to Question No. 764

The following companies have lodged applications for consent to re-domicile out of Gibraltar in the months of March 2006 to May 2006:

March	19
April	16
May	18

I am told It is not possible within the time frame given of the notice of the Question to give an accurate figure on how many companies have asked for their registration to be cancelled within that period. I suppose they have to collate them and they do not keep a tally.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 762 TO 764 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

That answer is always given within the timescale set of five days. It is not up to me to tell the Chief Minister why this may not happened in this case but I do note that Companies House was migrating from one location to another the day that the questions were submitted. The answer that I have been given in respect of Question No. 764 of 2006 has been in respect of companies that have lodged requests for re-domiciliation whilst my question asked for the number of companies that had been re-domiciled. Can I assume that the 19, 16 and 18 figures are all related to consents which have been granted upon application or have some applications for consent been lodged which have not been granted?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I assume, I know for a fact that consent is almost without exception granted, I am not aware of any case in which it has not been granted, and in respect of all of these the 30 days of consent would have passed in the months to which the question relates. I think the hon Member should assume that all of these requests have been granted although I accept what he says that the way the answer is formulated it gives the number of applications made for re-domiciliation and the answer would be different only to the extent that any had been refused. I am told to tell him that consent is given almost without exception.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Chief Minister say on how many occasions consent has not been granted?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I have just told him that I am not aware of any case in which it has been which is not to suggest that it has not been but I am not aware of it.

HON F R PICARDO:

I thought the Chief Minister said that he was not aware of consent not having been granted in respect of these three months.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I do not get a report of withheld consents in respect of any period.

ORAL

NO. 765 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

BANKING SECTOR

Can Government state how many persons were employed in the banking sector in Gibraltar, giving a breakdown by bank and by nationality (showing how many are Gibraltarian) in the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 766 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 766 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

INSURANCE INDUSTRY

What is the total number of persons employed in the insurance industry in Gibraltar giving a breakdown by company and by nationality (showing how many are Gibraltarian) in the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information that the hon Member requests, save the breakdown by bank is in the information requested although why anybody feels that we cannot hand out the names of the banks but we can hand out the names of gaming companies is not immediately obvious to me.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 766/2006**Answer to Question 765****Banking**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
March-06	15	723	494	129	34	2	59	5
April-06	15	723	493	128	34	2	61	5
May-06	15	728	494	130	35	2	62	5

Answer to Question 766**Insurance**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
March-06	31	212	128	74	2	0	4	4
April-06	31	212	127	74	3	0	4	4
May-06	31	207	128	68	3	0	4	4

ORAL

NO. 767 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

BANKING LICENCES

Can Government state whether any new banking licenses have been issued in the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No, none have.

ORAL

NO. 768 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

FINANCIAL SERVICES - CONFERENCES

Can Government give the cost, with a breakdown, of attendance at all and any conferences which related or were considered to relate to financial services in the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006, giving the name of the conference and the offices of those who might have attended as part of the Government delegation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached schedule that I hand to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 768/2006

The Finance Centre attended the following conferences in the months of March to the end of May 2006:

19th – 21st April 2006 - IMF Co-ordinated Portfolio Investment Survey (CPIS)
– Annual Workshop, Isle of Man

Attended by: Mr Guy Canessa - CPIS National Compiler, Gibraltar

Hotel Accommodation (Gatwick)	£115.00
Expenses	£ 40.60
Total:	<hr/> £155.60

All other costs including flights and accommodation were paid by the International Monetary Fund.

24th - 27th April 2006 - RIMS Conference and Exhibition 2006 - Honolulu, USA

Attended by: Mr James Tipping - Finance Centre Director
Mr Joseph Macano - Director Licensing Unit
Mr Chris Collins - Head of Insurance Supervision, FSC

Flights	£8,757.00
Hotel Accommodation	£2,645.00
Subsistence	£ 570.00
Expenses	£ 818.64
Courier	£ 600.00
Exhibition Fees	£2,928.65
Conference facilities	£ 831.66
Total:	<hr/> £17,150.95

17th - 18th May 2006 - Luxembourg Rendezvous 2006 Conference and Exhibition - Luxembourg

Attended by: Mr James Tipping - Finance Centre Director
Mrs Sabrina Ramagge - Executive Officer
Mrs Maite Mir-Parody - PA to FCD/DLU

Flights	£1,017.00
Hotel Accommodation	£1,758.00
Subsistence	£ 610.72
Expenses	£ 646.22
Courier	£ 300.00
Exhibition Fees	£3,920.00
Total:	<hr/> £8,251.94

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 768 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Chief Minister confirm or tell the House who paid for the flights and accommodation of Mr Chris Collins in respect of attendance at the RIMS conference in Honolulu in the United States of America in late April? Whether that is funded by the FSC or otherwise?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am almost certain that it was paid for by the Government but I cannot be completely certain.

ORAL

NO. 769 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

CM'S VISITS OVERSEAS

Can Government give a breakdown of the cost of all travel by the Chief Minister on Government business since the last answer in this House to date stating:

- (a) what the purpose of travel was;
- (b) who travelled with the Chief Minister;
- (c) who the Chief Minister intended to meet on each of the journeys undertaken;
and
- (d) a breakdown of the travel expenses incurred?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 769

CM's travel since March 2006 to date

Date	Purpose	Persons Travelling	Met with	Chief Air Fares & Travel £	Minister's Travel Accommodation £	Costs Other £
14-Mar-2006	1) Constitutional Talks	CM/ Chief Secretary / Private Secretary (Legal) / Constitution Secretary (Ms S Guillem) / Minister Linares / Hon A Canepa / Hon J J Bossano / Hon J Garcia / Hon A Azopardi / Mr D Feetham	1) UK Delegation	878.40	1166.79	138.76
21-Apr-2006	CM address to Forum Europa	CM / Media Director / Assistant Chief Secretary / Bodyguards / Driver	Forum Europa	9.92	-	37.60
21-May-2006	1) Trilateral Forum 2) Kyoto 3) Gibraltar Issues	CM / Chief Secretary / Chief Secretary (Designate)	1) Anthony Smith / Richard Crowder 2) Bill Stow 3) Geoff Hoon	Flight £884.00 Travel £245.73	307.21	80.96

NO. 770 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

ARREARS PAYMENT AGREEMENTS

What action has been taken in respect of the 26 arrears payment agreements which should have terminated in 2005 but are in default of the agreement and which have been passed for legal action?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Six agreements are currently being re-negotiated;

Two agreements have been re-negotiated and payments are being made on time;

One agreement has been paid in full;

Nine Social Insurance agreements are in respect of companies which have been wound-up or which have been inactive for several years and the debt is considered irrecoverable. These debts are in the process of being written-off;

Four agreements are in respect of companies which are in the process of liquidation;

Four PAYE agreements are in respect of companies which have been wound-up, have been inactive for several years or where judgement has been obtained but the directors are out of the jurisdiction and the debt remains outstanding.

ORAL

NO. 771 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

PENSIONER'S ASSOCIATION

Has the Chief Minister now fixed a date for a meeting with the Committee of the Gibraltar Pensioner's Association?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No, Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 771 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

Will he do so?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member is supposed to be asking me questions about Government business and about Government policy, my diary management is not a matter for which I am accountable to this Member in this House.

HON F R PICARDO:

Indeed, is it the Government's policy not to meet with the Gibraltar Pensioners Association?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is demonstrably not the Government's policy not to meet with the Gibraltar Pensioners Association, several of my Ministerial colleagues have done so, particularly the one whose responsibility is the subject matter which they wish to raise has as a Ministerial portfolio.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is it therefore the Government's policy that the Chief Minister should not meet with the Committee of the Gibraltar Pensioners Association?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No it is not.

ORAL

NO. 772 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

LEGAL ADVICE - FEES

Can Government give a breakdown of the amounts paid so far in this financial year to each law firm (or Barrister) in respect of civil legal assistance and criminal legal aid, giving a breakdown by firm and showing what are legal fees and what are disbursements?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information the hon Member seeks is set out in the schedule that I hand over to him. In the case of legal assistance the firm of which he is a partner is in a substantial lead this month or this quarter anyway.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 772

	<u>Legal Assistance</u>		<u>Legal Aid</u>	
	Disbursements	Fees	Disbursements	Fees
A MacDonald	£ 9.00	£ 91.20		
Attias & Levy				£ 2,397.00
C A Gomez & Co		£ 1,031.04		
College Clinic	£ 586.00			
Dr R Benians	£ 7,941.64			
Gold Law Firm	£ 72.00	£ 604.72		
Hassans	£ 8,726.00	£ 61,036.80		
Ian Watts			£ 20.00	£ 3,820.00
Isola & Isola	£ 783.00	£ 6,556.80	£ 2.50	£ 2,722.50
J D Rosado		£ 6,400.00		£ 857.50
Janis Evans	£ 4,581.00	£ 41,018.02		
Marrache & Co	£ 346.50	£ 81.20		£ 2,407.00
OAC plc	£ 15,358.00			
Phillips & Co	£ 13,050.00	£ 28,475.20		
Ray Pilley	£ 127.50	£ 720.00		
S J Bullock & Co	£ 162.00	£ 1,662.40	£ 18.20	£ 1,047.00
S R Bossino	£ 210.00	£ 1,856.56	£ 10.00	£ 1,653.40
Triay & Triay	£ 28,078.40	£ 55,536.00		£ 580.00
Triay Stagnetto Neish	£ 350.00			
Verrall Solicitors				£ 2,100.00
	£ 80,381.04	£ 205,069.94	£ 50.70	£ 17,584.40

Total paid under Legal Aid/Assistance Fund to date 06/07

£ 303,086.08

ORAL

NO. 773 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

LEGAL ADVICE - FEES

Can Government give a breakdown of the amounts paid in the financial year 05/06 to each law firm (or Barrister) in respect of civil legal assistance and criminal legal aid, giving a breakdown by firm and showing what are legal fees and what are disbursements?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information the hon Member seeks is in the schedule that I hand him and the firm that is not in need of any publicity is not in the lead on this occasion.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 773

	Legal Assistance		Legal Aid	
	Disbursements	Fees	Disbursements	Fees
A Haynes	£			£ 150.00
A MacDonald	£ 679.50	£ 6,254.40		
Attias & Levy	£ 1,449.00	£ 1,213.60	£ 37.50	£ 12,553.00
C A Gomez & Co	£ 82,603.25	£ 14,401.19		£ 2,670.00
C Salter	£ 1,567.00	£ 5,866.67		£ 2,155.00
Central Clinic			£ 210.00	
G Wilson	£ 300.00			
Gold Law Firm	£ 3,222.80	£ 9,775.80	£ 11.00	£ 1,440.00
Hassans	£ 12,611.60	£ 61,837.80	£ 8.00	£ 14,658.20
Howard Cohen	£ 200.00			
Ian Watts				
Isola & Isola	£ 3,981.00	£ 32,505.88		£ 4,472.00
J Leighton Williams	£ 43,000.00			£ 7,876.93
J Lucas	£ 650.00			
Janis Evans	£ 8,356.75	£ 78,643.81		
M Bishop	£ 4,441.60			
M Henderson	£ 3,300.00			
Marrache & Co	£ 1,781.34	£ 5,285.20	£ 45.20	£ 5,201.00
Mary Callaghan (Phillips)	£ 1,600.00			
MM Consultancy	£ 360.00			
Mr C W Lees	£ 250.00			
Phillips & Co	£ 25,331.70	£ 229,153.67	£ 20.00	£ 1,132.00
Quest Services	£ 250.00			
Radcliffes LeBrasseur	£ 2,766.65			
Ray Pilley	£ 1,879.50	£ 17,704.00		£ 400.00
S J Bullock & Co	£ 2,624.00	£ 21,122.67		
S R Bossino	£ 2,412.00	£ 17,373.60		£ 19,253.00
Safety Services	£ 210.00			
Simon Levene	£ 500.00			
Triay & Triay	£ 3,290.15	£ 43,949.36	£ 3.30	£ 1,151.30
Triay Stagnetto Neish	£ 2,030.37			£ 1,320.00
Verrall Solicitors				£ 3,667.00
	£ 211,648.21	£ 545,087.65	£ 335.00	£ 78,099.43

Total paid under Legal Aid/Assistance Fund to date 05/06 **£ 835,170.29**

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 773 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

I am very grateful. May I just make the point that the firm of which the Chief Minister used to be a partner is far in the lead in respect of the answer to Question No. 772 of 2006 when it comes to disbursements. I am sure they too do not need any publicity.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Alas, I wish I was still a partner.

ORAL

NO. 774 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1984

Has enabling legislation now been drafted for the implementation of parts of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and what parts of that Act is it anticipated will be implemented into the laws of Gibraltar?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 775 of 2006.

NO. 775 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1984

Has Government now been able to determine what will be the full financial implications of the implementation of parts of the Police and Criminal Evidence Acts 1984, in particular the cost of establishment and maintenance of a Duty Solicitor scheme?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Legislation in this area is at an advanced stage of drafting. Government hope to be able to publish a Bill soon. The Government are not yet aware of the full financial implications of implementing the legislation and this is still the subject of consideration.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 774 AND 775 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

I hear what the Chief Minister says in relation to the full financial implications of implementation but do the Government now have an idea of the part figure of the cost of establishment and maintenance of the Duty Solicitor scheme, of that aspect of implementation?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, nor will that be specifically provided for in the principal Ordinance although there will be a power enabling such a scheme to be established subsequently by regulation.

ORAL

NO. 776 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

COURT PLEADINGS

Has a date for an oral hearing now been fixed or what, if any, further progress has been made in the legal proceedings (Court of First Instance register number 240836 and allocated case number T-211/04) against the EU Commission?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The position remains as it was when he last asked the question and I answered it, namely, that the Court of First Instance has not yet fixed a date for the oral hearing.

ORAL

NO. 777 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TENDERING FOR ARRESTED SHIPS

Can Government confirm whether the EU directive 92/50 for the tendering of services, which would allow tendering for ships that have been arrested, applies to Gibraltar?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, it does indeed and it was transposed in the Public Finance (Control and Audit) Ordinance Public Services Contracts Regulations 1996 by Legal Notice No. 5 of 1996.

ORAL

NO. 778 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORT DUTY – BUILDING MATERIALS

What was the amount of import duty paid on building materials on a monthly basis since March 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 779 of 2006.

NO. 779 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORT DUTY – LAND FRONTIER

How much import duty has been collected from persons entering Gibraltar through the non-commercial gate at the land frontier on a monthly basis since March 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The amount of import duty paid on building materials on a monthly basis since March 2006 is as follows:

March -	£ 66,330.65
April -	£ 54,672.26
May -	£114,369.99

The amount of import duty collected from persons entering Gibraltar through the non-commercial gate at the land frontier on a monthly basis since March 2006 is as follows:

March -	£13,809.64
April -	£13,508.98
May -	£18,244.55

NO. 780 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

BETTING INDUSTRY

Can Government provide the latest available figures for the number of persons employed in the betting industry in Gibraltar, giving a breakdown by company and nationality, showing how many are Gibraltarian and the date when the figures apply?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

A total of 1,634 persons were employed by 15 companies as at 31 May 2006, based on information supplied by the gaming companies themselves. This compares to 1,502 employed by the 15 companies on 28 February 2006 (Question No. 418/2006). The breakdown requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule that I now hand to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 780

OFFSHORE GAMING COMPANIES - EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AS AT 31 MAY 2006

	<u>Gibraltar</u>	<u>Other British</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ladbrokes (Gibraltar) Limited	24	55	7	2	88
Victor Chandler (International) Limited	64	152	15	56	287
Stan James (Gibraltar) Limited	8	111	8	32	159
BAW International Limited	18	30	16	69	133
Eurobet (Gibraltar) Limited	6	0	0	3	9
Carmen Media Group Limited	18	11	3	14	46
32 Red Plc	15	18	0	0	33
St Minver Limited	24	19	5	17	65
Digibet Limited	0	2	2	3	7
888 Holdings Plc	77	173	13	118	381
Globet.com Group Limited	0	2	0	6	8
International Betting Association Limited	0	0	0	4	4
PartyGaming Plc	38	117	10	77	242
Mansion (Gibraltar) Limited	9	111	1	37	158
Futuresbetting.com Limited	2	12	0	0	14
Overall Total	303	813	80	438	1634

Source : Office of the Financial & Development Secretary

NO. 781 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

NATURALISATION

Can Government confirm whether it has adopted or intends to adopt a policy of providing a quota of 60 naturalisations a year in the granting of British Nationality to Moroccan applicants?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No, there is no quota system in operation.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 781 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

The Government do not intend to adopt one?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The answer to the whole question is no and the next part is that there is no quota system in operation.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is no there is not and there are no plans to introduce one, is that right?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, no there is not and no exactly.

ORAL

NO. 782 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SENIOR FIRE OFFICERS

Can Government state whether they have now looked at and/or come to a policy decision in respect of the claim from retired Senior Fire Officers regarding backdated pay and conditions?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, the Government have now concluded their re-consideration of this claim, given that it was considered and rejected some time ago and will be communicating their reply shortly to the individuals concerned.

ORAL

NO. 783 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CIVIL SERVANTS

Can Government state whether any additional posts in Government departments have become vacant since the answer to Question No. 379 of 2006, and if so, show the grade and department?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information requested is set out in the schedule that I hand the hon Member.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 783/2006

19 posts have become vacant and are in the process of being filled. The details are set out below:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u>
BUILDINGS & WORKS	MASON	2
	M/T DRIVER	1
CUSTOMS	SEO (CUSTOMS)	1
	EO (CUSTOMS)	2
EDUCATION & TRAINING	EO	1
	CLEANER	2
MAGISTRATES	AA	1
POLICE	CLEANER	1
PROCUREMENT	EO	1
SHIP REGISTRY	SENIOR MARINE SURVEYOR	1
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	CLASSROOM AIDE (SPECIAL NEEDS) – ST BERNADETTE'S	1
TECHNICAL SERVICES	HPTO (CIVIL ENGINEER)	1
	PTO (CLERK OF WORKS)	1
	CRAFTMAN MATE SPECIAL	1
	M/T DRIVER	1
TRADE & INDUSTRY	HEO	1
		<u>19</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 783 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I note that in the answer it says that there are 19 posts that have become vacant and are in the process of being filled. The question was whether there were any vacant but given the additional information, is that true of all 19?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, I am not aware that any of those 19 posts are posts of which it can be said that it is Government policy not to refill them and therefore the Personnel Manager's recruitment process will continue in the normal way. I can see one, a Civil Engineer post in the Technical Services Department, which is a case of difficulty in filling it because there are not a lot of civil engineers about. Unfortunately, the Government is desperately short of civil engineers, but the answer is yes even in respect of the three at the top of the list.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well I do not see why the figure at the top of the list should be treated with any discriminatory fashion from the rest of the list. Can I remind the Chief Minister that when he gave me this information originally, the first time I asked him, there were posts that had been vacant for as long as three years and it was not that the Government had taken a policy decision not to fill them, as I was told in a supplementary in that particular occasion, so does in the process of being filled mean anything at all or are we talking that in the process could be a couple of years?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

These are not the posts which are the subject matter of the last Question and Answer because the question said, 'whether any additional posts in Government Departments had become vacant since the answer to Question No. 379 of 2006?', so this information therefore, presumably, are not the posts that may have been included in answer to Question No. 379 of 2006. When there is no obstacle from Government policy to the refilling of posts, the length of time that it takes is a matter entirely for the administrative machinery, it does not require reference to anybody in the political level of Government. I cannot tell the hon Member how long it takes to fill different posts, I suspect that it takes different amounts of time to fill different types of posts depending on the nature of the selection process and whether they are PSC posts or not PSC posts, I do not know. The ordinary course of business should not be two years I hope. I think the hon Member is not suggesting that that is how it normally takes. In previous answers there may have been posts that had been outstanding for such time because they do not fall into the category of posts that the Government policy is to refill. This is why I emphasised, this Question asked for additional posts that have arisen since then.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I do not have the original answer of the first time I put the question here with me but speaking from memory I can assure the House that my recollection was that there were posts some of which are here, posts like cleaners that have been empty for a very long time. I remember asking the Chief Minister what the policy was because it seemed to me that if there is a post in the Government that does not get filled for a very long time, one would have thought that either the work is being done in some other fashion or it is questionable whether the work exists. I would have thought. If a long time goes by and the job does not get filled. I am surprised that within the timescale of the job becoming vacant the process of filling them seems to have happened much more rapidly on this occasion than in the past, that is why I am asking a supplementary.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not think it is a question of his memory or mine, or indeed of his recollection of what I said last time or not recollection. Of course there may have been cleaners in the previous list but cleaners come and go all the time. This is not what this particular question asks. In this particular question he has asked, 'can Government state whether any additional posts in Government Departments have become vacant since the answer to Question No. 379?' and therefore these are posts which have become vacant since and therefore were not vacant at the time that I answered the last question. So there are for example two cleaners in the Education Department, there may have been cleaners of the Education Department listed in the previous answer but it was not these two posts. In other words, two cleaners, two additional cleaners have left the Education Department since he asked the question. What I cannot tell him is whether if there were any cleaners in the previous question and answer, whether those posts have been filled yet. I think so because cleaners in the Education Department I think are done on the basis of lists and things of that sort but I cannot tell him whether the ones that I previously told, or how many of the ones that I previously told him were vacant have now been filled. These have become vacant since our last Question and Answer Session and they are in the process of being filled but obviously not yet.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am well aware of all that. My question was how many additional posts and we learn that since the last question 19 jobs have become vacant. The point is that although I did not ask for it the Chief Minister has volunteered the additional information saying that these particular 19 posts are in the process of being filled. I can tell him, even if he does not remember I am sure we can go back and check, that when I got the original list there were dates when the jobs had become vacant. Therefore, if there is a job of a cleaner vacant since 2004 unfilled in 2006, I am surprised that the job of cleaner that became vacant two months ago is in the process of being filled. This is why is there an acceleration in the filling of posts which did not seem to be reflected in previous answers?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Certainly not to my knowledge. I can see some posts for which there are waiting lists. For example, there are people wait-listed to be cleaners, they normally require

a selection process, it is a question of the next one on the waiting list. If there were not any on the waiting lists certainly the practice is not to put out a vacancy for one EO that really sometimes there may be an inclination on the part of the administration or the Personnel Manager to wait until there are a couple of vacancies so that there is one set of interviews rather than several sets of interviews. But there is neither a conscious acceleration or a conscious deceleration, nor any agenda or policy that determines the speed. Either the Government want the position filled, in which case the ordinary system gets into operation, which may or may not be as efficient as it should be, I do not know, or the Government decide that they do not want the post filled in which case different considerations apply, including consultation with Unions.

ORAL

NO. 784 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CIVIL SERVANTS

Can Government state whether any of the posts vacant in Government departments following Question No. 1409 of 2005 have been filled since the 20 February 2006 and if so identify which and indicate whether the post has been filled from within the service or by external recruitment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information requested is set out in the schedule that I hand the hon Member.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 784/2006

10 posts have been filled as follows:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u>	<u>DATE FILLED</u>	<u>RECRUITMENT</u>
EDUCATION & TRAINING	CLEANER	2	27-Mar-06	INTERNAL
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	SOCIAL WORKER	1	01-Apr-06	INTERNAL
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	ASST. MANAGERESS ST BERNADETTE'S	1	06-Mar-06	INTERNAL
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	CLEANER	2	20-Feb-06	INTERNAL
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	SCHOOL ATTENDANT	1	24-Apr-06	INTERNAL
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY	SPTO	1	03-Apr-06	INTERNAL
TREASURY	MESSENGER	1	08-May-06	INTERNAL
GIBRALTAR HEALTH AUTHORITY	HOSPITAL ATTENDANT	1	07-Feb-06	INTERNAL

ORAL

NO. 785 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state what has been the amount collected in each of the months of March, April and May 2006 from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The amount collected from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues is as follows:

March	£1,905
April	£1,260
May	£2,380

ORAL

NO. 786 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY – PROPERTY SALES

Can Government now state what has been the revenue yield per month of the 1.65 per cent Stamp Duty on property sales since its introduction?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 and 788 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 787 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY – PROPERTY SALES

Can Government now state how many properties have been approved as qualifying for Zero Stamp Duty on its sale in each month since the relevant provision was introduced in the Stamp Duties Ordinance?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 786 and 788 of 2006.

NO. 788 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state how much has been collected as Stamp Duty in the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 786

The revenue yield in respect of the 1.6 per cent (not 1.65 per cent) duty that was paid is as follows:-

January 2006	-	£13,072.25
February 2006	-	£22,649.60
March 2006	-	£23,763.00
April 2006	-	£ Nil
May 2006	-	£28,179

Answer to Question No. 787

A record of this kind of statistical information is not kept. They do not keep a record of the number of properties in respect of which they are not required to do a stamp duty calculation.

Answer to Question No. 788

Stamp Duty collected in March, April and May 2006 is as follows:

March	-	£114,296.93
April	-	£137,151.42
May	-	£395,049.33

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 786 TO 788 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Does the Government agent not have to evaluate the application for zero stamp duty on the basis of a number of criteria that were put in the Ordinance and a number of safeguards that were put there so as to ensure that people were not avoiding the stamp duty, through some break-up of the value or other things? I remember the Chief Minister explaining all these things so surely this is more than just simply rubber stamping. It is an exercise that surely they must know how many times in a month they have done that.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the hon Member is partly right in his recollection. Having exempted properties below the threshold there were then anti-avoidance provisions to ensure that a property that was above the value of the threshold was not assigned in parts, each of which was worth less than the threshold. What I can boldly tell the hon Member is that in view that no duty was payable in respect of property which qualified for zero stamp duty, Land Property Services say they have no way of identifying how many of these property transactions were processed. Upon receipt of these documents as part of the registration process, LPS mainly certified that no duty is payable and because there is no need to keep a financial trail of these zero rated transactions for audit purposes, there is no way of going back in time to arrive at the statistic requested. The hon Member will be happy to know that in view of the interest shown in the matter LPS has undertaken to in future separately keep a record of the number of such transactions which are zero rated.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am sure that it would be helpful to both sides of the House to know.

NO. 789 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – SOUTH DISTRICT

Can Government state if the 10 year residence criteria for the purchase of affordable housing in the south district applies to British nationals only or also to other nationalities?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There is no eligibility criteria for the purchase of affordable housing in the South District.

The eligibility criteria to purchase a flat at Nelson's View, Cumberland Terraces and Bayview Terraces refers to "a person who has been residing in Gibraltar for at least ten consecutive years". There is therefore no reference to nationality.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 789 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

That is why I am asking the question.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes I understand that and I have given the answer accurately. The question asks whether there is a ten year residence criteria for the purchase of affordable housing in the South District, as a generic thing in relation to properties located in the South District, there is not. As I assume the answer was not general but the three projects presently in the news, which happen to be in the South District, I have given him that answer too but also made clear that it is not a thing that applies generally in the South District.

HON C A BRUZON:

I do take the Chief Minister's point, I should have been that little bit more specific. The South District affordable housing that has been publicised by Government and which apparently is now on sale, in the document that I have read it says that a ten year residence criteria is required. The point of my question is to some extent linked

to a previous question asked last year where I asked the Chief Minister what exactly was the meaning of 'established residence in Gibraltar'. The answer that the Chief Minister gave me was not really very clear because I think at the time he was not sure of the answer himself, if I may politely point out, from the answer I have in Hansard here. Now, when an application is made for the purchase of affordable housing where the Government are involved and where the Government are helping out with the 50/50 schemes, does it apply just to British nationals or also to other nationalities?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member has simply re-asked the question to which the answer was that the publicity material in relation to the three projects in question says a person who has been residing in Gibraltar for at least ten consecutive years, there is no reference therefore to nationality and therefore he should assume that there is not any. Indeed, I do not think that all the houses in Waterport Terraces were sold to people of British nationality but I would have to check that. If he is particularly interested to have the answer to that I would have to check it, but certainly cases are dealt with on their merits and nationality by itself is not a bar.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Are there any differences between EU Nationals and non-EU Nationals or does this not enter into the equation at all?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Members can think of as many ways as they like of asking the question and I can of course think of as many different formula of words to give the same answer. There is no reference to nationality. I am certainly not aware that anyone or that the Government are interpreting that to mean that non-British but EU Nationals are being treated in one way and non-British non-EU Nationals are being treated in another. I do not think that distinction has been made.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Presumably this thing was the result of a negotiation between the Government and the developer of this project so it is not a question of the Government speculating as to what the developer intended by putting something in the brochure. Was not this ten year residence criteria something that was agreed by the Government, that the Government gave their approval to?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

This is not a question of negotiation, the eligibility criteria were decided by the Government not in negotiation with anybody, and indeed the allocation process is being done by the Government for these projects as they did for Waterport Terraces. So it is not a question of negotiating a settled criteria with the developer, nor indeed even the developer now doing the allocation process in accordance with that supposedly agreed eligibility criteria. Both, the decision as to what the criteria should

be and the evaluation of applications against that eligibility criteria, have been unilaterally decided in the first case and is in the process of being done in the second case, namely the allocation by Government officials.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In introducing this new concept of eligibility for this type of housing does that mean that this now applies to re-sales of those properties? That is, that people can sell them to others as long as the prospective purchaser is also somebody with ten years?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

So far in this exchange the hon Members have not made a distinction between eligibility criteria to purchase the flat on the one hand, and on the other with what I think is probably in their minds, accessibility to the Government's co-ownership scheme. In establishing who is eligible the Government are not necessarily saying that everyone that is eligible to buy a flat will necessarily be favourably considered to participate in the Government's co-ownership scheme. Therefore, the rules applicable to somebody who buys for example 100 per cent may be different to the eligibility criteria application decisions in cases where the Government are participating through a co-ownership scheme. I am trying to remember whether there are any such cases in Waterport Terraces, I am afraid I cannot recollect. It is much less likely that the Government would agree co-ownership terms in respect of a non-British person and therefore, as I recall, although there are some re-sale restrictions the re-sale restrictions on people buying 100 per cent I recall are less stringent than the re-sale restrictions on people who buy on co-ownership. I think there are still some re-sale restrictions but they are less stringent, I just cannot recollect now precisely what they were.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Have the Government thought through in terms of persons that may have ten years of residence here and buy, what would this mean in terms of their right of continued residence in Gibraltar? We have got a lot of people who are here on annually renewable residence permits. If they are told that after ten years they are entitled to buy here, for the average person would that not suggest that he has acquired a right of residence and has got a right to live here, if he is being encouraged to buy other than in the open market?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, it is one of the factors that the Government keep in mind when making these decisions. There is no formal, I accept that there could be a sort of signal type of link, but there is actually no formal legalistic link between owning property and having the right to reside, which in the case he knows of non-EU Nationals is linked to employment and that would not alter simply because such a person were allowed to own a property, not legally to any degree. The hon Member and I could, if the law otherwise permitted us to buy a flat, could buy property in a place that we are not allowed to live. I cannot think of any places where that might be so but I am sure there must be some. Of course people are allowed to live, the question is how

frequently they have to renew their residence permits. The issue is here between not being allowed to live and allowed to live, the question is being allowed indefinite leave to remain on the one hand and being allowed to remain on the basis of constantly renewing a permit, albeit that there is no legal right to the renewal. But theoretically each application for a renewal is theoretically subject to consideration and is technically capable of being rejected for some reason or other.

ORAL

NO. 790 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

HOUSING – SIR WILLIAM JACKSON GROVE

Can Government now state when they propose to proceed with the sale to the tenants of the available parking spaces at Sir William Jackson Grove (Gib V)?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

This has not yet been decided.

ORAL

NO. 791 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ROSIA COURT

Can Government say if house No. 10 Rosia Court has now been sold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 792 of 2006.

NO. 792 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ROSIA COURT

Can Government state whether control over the management company of Rosia Court has now been passed on to the owners?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No. 10 Rosia Court unit has indeed been sold in the sense that an agreement has been signed, a reservation fee has been paid, the 5 per cent deposit is due to be received shortly, unless it has been received in the day or two since this answer was drafted, and completion will follow shortly thereafter. As soon as that takes place the control of the estate will be passed to the management company.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 791 AND 792 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Can Government say whether stamp duty has been paid or will be paid on the purchase?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I suppose it depends on whether it is above or below the threshold.

HON L A RANDALL:

Can the Chief Minister say whether it is above or below the threshold?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Honestly I have no idea from recollection or indeed the information may have been on a sheet of paper that is technically in my possession, but I am not conscious of the price at which this unit has been sold. I do not know whether it has been sold for more or less than the threshold figure. The hon Member may know in which case I will be happy to have my memory refreshed.

HON L A RANDALL:

No, I do not know but I will ask the question at the next available opportunity in this respect.

NO. 793 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – 50/50 SALES

Can Government state if there has been any sale of the Government 50 per cent share of co-ownership homes in the months of March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There have been ten such sales over the period as follows:

March 2006	4
April 2006	4
May 2006	2

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 793 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

Would the Chief Minister be kind enough, I admit it is not included in the Question, to supply the details that he always does when I ask this question?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Certainly. Well, it is a very generous admission on his part. I know that they ask the same questions all the time but this Question Time cannot become so repetitive that we now need to assume that the question is the same as it has always been in the past. I am very happy to give the hon Member the information which some quick-witted official in my office has had the foresight to pre-empt that the hon Member would be asking by way of supplementary. If I do give him this he cannot ask me any supplementaries on it because in fact they have not had the foresight to have a copy for me so I am giving him the only one that there is.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In respect of the ten properties that have been sold, are these now being sold on the open market? That is, are the Government now selling their share at open market prices or is there still some formula in place? I am assuming that these are all past the nine year mark, is that correct?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I did a deal with the hon Member that if I passed him the sheet I would not be asked any supplementaries. If they wish to renege on that they will have to give me back the paper so that I can look at it.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I doubt whether he will be able to tell from the figures on the paper given to my hon Colleague which is the value, by how much it has gone up.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think most of them are nine years.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think that given that all these estates date back to sort of 1996, 1997 at the latest, even in the latest batch they must be now in the tenth year.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I was hoping to be able to deduce from the figures whether by the size of the figures whether they were obviously not market value, or obviously market value, but not even that I can do because I have a note here that tells me that we must not assume that they were all 50 per cents. Some of these may be just 10 per cent, or even 10 per cent if it is before the sale. Therefore, there is just no way of knowing. I do not think that sales are being done at market value but I can find that out and let him know.

ORAL

NO. 794 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EUROPA BUSINESS CENTRE

Can Government state what was the date of the transfer of the ownership of the Europa Business Centre to Gibraltar Commercial Property Limited and what was the consideration, if any, paid to Government by the company?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There was no consideration and a lease dated 18th November 2003 transferred the property with effect from 1st October 2003.

NO. 795 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HOUSING – 50/50 SALES

Can Government now state what resale restrictions currently apply in each co-ownership estate in respect of homes which are:

- (a) 100 per cent owned; and
- (b) part owned by the occupant?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

In all the co-ownership estates the underleases provide that prospective purchasers must be eligible to be on the Government waiting list.

Where flats are 100 per cent owned by the occupants this provision has been reduced to also allow British Citizens who have been residing in Gibraltar permanently and continuously for a minimum period of three years to become purchasers.

Where flats are still partly owned by the occupants, prospective purchasers are additionally required to purchase an extra 10 per cent share ownership from the Government. So in the case of 100 per cent owners they can sell to British Citizens who have been continuously resident for three years.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 795 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I know the extra 10 per cent was in the original lease but does the three years apply to the people who buy the extra 10 per cent or not at all, it has to be 100 per cent does it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the eligibility rule is relaxed apparently only in the case of 100 per cent so the question of buying back part of the Government's share would not arise.

ORAL

NO. 796 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

LAND PROPERTY SERVICES

Can Government state whether the new contract with Land Property Services has now been finalised?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The new contract with Land Property Services has been finalised and I am told is simply awaiting signature. I would like to just qualify that by saying that I am aware that a letter from the Managing Director of Land Property Services has reached my office, which I have not yet seen, I do not know what it contains so if he is raising some contentious issue there I am not yet aware of it and it would qualify the answer that I have just given him.

ORAL

NO. 797 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBTELECOM

Can Government provide an update on the status of the sale of Gibtelecom shares?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The position largely remains as I said in answer to Question No. 385 of 2006 earlier this year. Verizon are still in discussions with what they call a preferred purchaser. As these negotiations are still under way it would not be appropriate for the Government to identify this party publicly at this stage, nor for that matter any of the other bidders to whom Verizon have not yet closed the door.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 797 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Is it now more likely than before or likely at all that the Government will sell part of their equity in the company?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is neither more nor less likely than before. The Government are not engaged in discussions with anybody about selling any of the shares.

NO. 798 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EASTSIDE DEVELOPMENT

Can Government say what payments have been made to them by the developers of the East Side project giving the amount of the payment, the date when the payment was made and what it was in respect of?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No payments have been made to the Government under the terms of the agreement with MCB (Gibraltar) Limited, the payments are made to Gibraltar Land (Holdings) Limited. Subject to that clarification, the payments made to Gibraltar Land (Holdings) Limited have been the sums of £2,500,000 and £2,242,500. So those were the two payments made at the time of the signature of the Master Agreement in January 2005. On 28th December 2005 a further payment of £10,000,000 was made and on 31st March 2006 a further £8,000,000 were paid.

All amounting to £22,742,500 which the Government hope to put to excellent use to fund many of their excellent projects presently in the pipeline.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 798 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The statement issued by the Government at the time did not refer to Gibraltar Land (Holdings) Limited as the company that would receive the payments but it is a technical point, it simply referred to the Government receiving it. In relation to the beaches project which is connected to the East Side project and which is taking place at the same time or by the developer acting as a contractor for the Government, which is what the statement actually said, can the Chief Minister say which company has been contracted to carry out the beaches project or is that information not yet known?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Just dealing with the first point he made by way of clarification, the hon Member knows that when it comes to accounting to this House for reserves the Government do not distinguish between the Government and Government companies. Indeed it can be seen from the Estimates booklet that the reserves are reserves combined and

separately given so that one can see how much is where of the companies and the Consolidated Fund reserve. I was not trying to correct him in the answer I was just trying to communicate to him the information, which I am sure he has been able to work out already from looking at the Improvement and Development Fund receipts that this money actually did not go into the Consolidated Fund or rather the Improvement and Development Fund, it went into the companies. The Government have contracted with the developer to do this project, it is part of the infrastructure agreement so it is a question of which contracting company the developer appoints but the Government are contracted with the developer to do this project on behalf of the Government.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can I ask the Chief Minister which company is doing the preparatory works at the moment, there seems to be some kind of activity going on in that area?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am not aware that there is. I know that there has been some work done in relation to the environmental impact assessment study, there may be people taking samples or surveys or things of that sort. Certainly Community Projects is still on site doing whatever they have been doing for the number of years that they have been doing it, but I am not aware that there is any work yet being done for the execution of the projects.

ORAL

NO. 799 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PROPERTY SALES - COMMISSION

Can Government state whether the Treasury has charged a commission on property sales of the Government's share of co-ownership homes in the months of March, April and May 2006, and if so, provide the dates, the amounts received and the estates where each of the relevant properties is located?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes indeed, the information relating to the Government's well-deserved sales commission is contained in the schedule I now hand to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 799

	SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Brympton	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
Mar 06	Monies Received	£25,329.00			£65,776.36		£91,105.36
	5% charge paid	£1,266.45			£3,288.82		£4,555.27
Apr 06	Monies Received	£24,285.70		£77,852.36		£28,673.22	£130,811.28
	5% charge paid	£1,214.29		£3,892.62		£1,433.66	£6,540.57
May 06	Monies Received	£22,192.29				£32,493.65	£54,685.94
	5% charge paid	£1,109.62				£1,624.68	£2,734.30

SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Brympton	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
£49,614.70	£22,192.29		£77,852.36	£65,776.36	£61,166.87	£276,602.58
£2,480.74	£1,109.62		£3,892.62	£3,288.82	£3,058.34	£13,830.14

Total Monies Received
Total 5% charges paid

NO. 800 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

AUDIT OFFICE

Can Government explain what was the nature of the compensation payment which required supplementary funding of £14,600 in the financial year 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

This related to the termination of employment of a contract officer in the Gibraltar Audit Office.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 800 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it this is not, or is it the same contract officer that was the subject of a previous question where there was also a compensation payment met by Supplementary Funding? Is this a different officer?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Assuming the hon Member is referring to the reallocation within Head 11 of the Audit Office's Consolidated Fund Reallocation Statement No. 8 of 2005/2006, that was a virement of £40,600 from Head 1A Salaries to a new Subhead 6 – Ex-Gratia Payments and not Supplementary Funding. The payment was in respect of an Audit Manager and was based on 10 per cent of the officer's salary during the period served in the Audit Office. I cannot remember last time although I recall that we did discuss a previous case. My recollection, but it is only recollection, of this case is that that one related to an officer and then subsequently another officer left and said would we deal with him in the same way and he was dealt with in the same way and this is why it has cropped up again.

ORAL

NO. 801 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX

Can Government provide in respect of the financial year 2004/05 the breakdown of receipts of Income Tax showing:

1. PAYE;
2. Self-Employed persons;
3. Section 67; and

refunds paid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 802 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 802 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX

Can Government provide in respect of the financial year 2005/06 the breakdown of the forecast outturn of the receipts of Income Tax showing:

1. PAYE;
2. Self-Employed persons;
3. Section 67; and
4. Refunds paid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 802**Answer to Questions 801 and 802 of 2006**

	Financial year 2004/2005 £m	Financial year 2005/2006 £m
PAYE Tax (paid by employers)	69.4	79.3
PAYE Assessments	1.2	1.4
Self-Employed (ie.other than PAYE payers)	7.3	9.2
Section 67 Sub Contractors Tax	<u>0.8</u>	<u>1.1</u>
	78.7	91.0
Refunds	<u>3.7</u>	<u>3.9</u>
	<u>75.0</u>	<u>87.1</u>
	=====	=====

ORAL

NO. 803 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

Can Government state for each month of the financial year 2004/05 what was the gross amount collected in Corporation Tax and the refunds paid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 804 to 806 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 804 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

Can Government state for each month of the financial year 2005/06 what was the gross amount collected in Corporation Tax and the refunds paid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 803, 805 and 806 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 805 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - ARREARS

Can Government state what was the age structure of known PAYE arrears as at 31st March 2006 for each tax year since 1988/89 and the total amount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 803, 804 and 806 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 806 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

What was the amount of Company Tax collected in each month since February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 806**Answer to Question 803 of 2006**

	Gross	Refunds	Net
April 2004	3.59	0.03	3.56
May 2004	0.89	-	0.89
June 2004	2.26	0.01	2.25
July 2004	1.25	0.01	1.24
August 2004	0.25	0.03	0.22
September 2004	1.03	0.02	1.01
October 2004	1.53	0.04	1.49
November 2004	0.22	0.04	0.18
December 2004	3.06	-	3.06
January 2005	0.92	-	0.92
February 2005	2.33	0.01	2.32
March 2005	<u>10.69</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10.69</u>
	28.02	0.19	27.83
	=====	=====	=====

Answer to Question 804 of 2006

	Gross	Refunds	Net
April 2005	2.54	0.02	2.52
May 2005	0.83	-	0.83
June 2005	0.92	-	0.92
July 2005	1.02	-	1.02
August 2005	0.36	-	0.36
September 2005	0.21	0.06	0.15
October 2005	0.26	-	0.26
November 2005	0.37	0.01	0.36
December 2005	0.60	0.02	0.58
January 2006	0.26	0.22	0.04
February 2006	0.57	-	0.57
March 2006	<u>17.47</u>	<u>0.04</u>	<u>17.43</u>
	25.41	0.37	25.04
	=====	=====	=====

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 806

Answer to Question 805 of 2006

PAYE Tax outstanding as at 31 March 2006

Year	£M
1988/1989 & prior years	0.018
1989/1990	0.028
1990/1991	0.075
1991/1992	0.052
1992/1993	0.113
1993/1994	0.094
1994/1995	0.093
1995/1996	0.111
1996/1997	0.179
1997/1998	0.289
1998/1999	0.480
1999/2000	0.360
2000/2001	0.389
2001/2002	0.726
2002/2003	0.914
2003/2004	0.933
2004/2005	1.622
Total	6.476 =====

Answer to Question 806 of 2006

The Corporation Tax collected (net of refunds) for the months of March 2006, April 2006 and May 2006 is:

	£ m
March 2006	17.44
April 2006	0.56
May 2006	0.74

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 803 TO 806 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I draw the Chief Minister's attention to the figure for March 2006 and the figure for March 2005? Last year we had on two occasions different explanations as to what the significance of the fact that the March figure was so much higher than that of the rest of the year and I think we finished up being told that part of their explanation was an element of a one-off payment which was not recurrent. Now I note that this year in fact instead of being £10 million it is £17 million, is there anything that is not recurrent in the £17 million?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, in any tax year there are always companies that are paying more than one year but it is nothing extraordinary. The hon Member may recall that at the last meeting of the House he debated an issue related to this when we passed an amendment to the Income Tax Ordinance bringing this date by which the Corporation Tax is due to February. Remember that the law had been changed, that Corporation Tax was now due in March, we brought it forward to February. No, that is the figure for the year.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I do remember the argument and in fact we supported it because it made a lot of sense. My point is that the Chief Minister will recall that in respect of the £10 million last year, that is March 2005, the estimate for 2005/2006 was lower than the actual for the preceding year on the basis that there had been one particular bank involved in one particular payment. Given that the explanation was partly the bunching of payments at the last minute and partly this other element, now I am asking does the £17 million contain anything like that payment that was referred to in March of the previous year or is it just the bunching of the tax that would normally have been spread throughout the year if there had been no bunching?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I believe it is the latter. I thought that we had left the issue of the bank in question resolved and not open. I do not remember exactly now the detail of the answer that I gave him then, unless the answer that I gave him then said that part of it would fall into this financial year I do not know if he has got the answer to hand, he possibly has not either. I do not think so but the answer that I gave him then I recall explained the matter in full, it is just that I do not remember what the answer was I am afraid.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think also in the last Question Time when I asked about some of the collection in one of these months being unusually low, I was told that this was due to the fact that there had been a higher level than usual of refunds, but that does not seem to be reflected in the explanation unless the £22,000 was the one for January and it was thought to be higher than usual. Would that be the case?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

What question is the hon Member talking about?

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am talking about Question No. 804 of 2006. I think in the last meeting of the House I asked if there was a reason for the drop in the amount collected which was £0.4 million and I was told that it was a higher level. Was the higher level the Chief Minister was talking about the £22,000 shown as refund for that month, is that it? £220,000 actually.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is £220,000. Well £220,000 is certainly, as he can see from the figures for the other months, higher than it usually is. There must have been, I am only speculating but I would guess, that that is one situation. It would be most unusual if there was a cluster, I suppose it is not impossible. I do not know the answer, it is not actually impossible that when they are administering these things in the Income Tax Office they put all files with refunds to one side and then they come in January or at some month and say 'well now let us deal with these files', so one ends up writing a lot of cheques that month, it could be that too.

ORAL

NO. 807 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

How much was collected in PAYE each month since February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 808 to 810 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 808 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Can Government state, as at the 31st March 2006, how many employers had failed to submit an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the Tax Year 2004/05?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 807, 809 and 810 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 809 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Can Government state, as at the 31st March 2006, how many employers had submitted an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the Tax Year 2004/05?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 807, 808 and 810 of 2006.

NO. 810 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Can Government state, as at the 31st March 2006, how many of the employers who had submitted an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the Tax Year 2004/05 had amounts outstanding and what was the total of such amounts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 807 of 2006

PAYE Tax collected (net of refunds) in March 2006 was £7.83 million. The estimated figures for April 2006 and May 2006 are £6.05 million and £6.50 million. I suppose it is estimated because it has not yet been reconciled at Treasury.

Answer to Question No. 808 of 2006

As at 31st March 2006, 298 employers had not yet returned their 2004/2005 Employers Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

Answer to Question No. 809 of 2006

As at 31st March 2006 a total of 1,727 employers had submitted their 2004/2005 Employers Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

Answer to Question No. 810 of 2006

Based on the 2004/2005 annual PAYE Employers Returns received at the Income Tax Office by 31st March 2006, 163 employers are owed PAYE Tax totalling £1.62 million.

NO. 811 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – SELF-EMPLOYED

Can Government state how many submissions of tax returns from self-employed persons had taken place by the 31st March 2006 in respect of the tax year 2004/05 and the comparable figures for the tax year 2003/04 as at the 31st March 2005 and 2002/03 as at the 31st March 2004?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I am told that the information requested is not available. The Income Tax Office does not consider it necessary to maintain a numerical record of tax returns issued and returned or not returned. The system in place for issuing assessments on the 'Self Employed' category or on taxpayers in any other category, centres on files held and not on returns lodged at the Income Tax Office. I am told however, in preparation for a supplementary which I will volunteer, that if what the hon Member meant or sought to ask, or was seeking, is the number of self-employed taxpayers that have been assessed for the years and as at the date stated, the answer would be as follows. In other words, I think the distinction being drawn is as between submission of returns and assessments. Approximately 900 taxpayers were assessed for the tax year 2002/2003 as at 31st March 2004; 1,100 taxpayers had been assessed for the tax year 2003/2004 as at 31st March 2005; and approximately 1,300 taxpayers had been assessed for tax for the tax year 2004/2005 as at 31st March 2006.

NO. 812 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

As at the end of May 2006 how many companies had been assessed by the Commissioner of Income Tax without having made a return of taxable profit:

- (a) above £35,000; and
- (b) below £35,000

for each of the tax years 1998/1999 to 2003/2004, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case for each category and each year and what were the amounts assessed and paid by qualifying companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a schedule that provides, in part, the information he seeks. The information that he requires regarding Qualifying Companies is no longer held electronically as the Tax Office discontinued that particular classification in their computer system when the Qualifying Companies legislation was repealed.

I am advised by the Commissioner that the figures sought could be extracted manually but it would take quite some time and certainly not in the time available. If the hon Member is particularly keen to have it, it could be obtained but on the other hand if it is not central to the information I am sure it would be appreciated that work could be saved.

Answer to Question 812 of 2006

COMPANIES ASSESSED WITHOUT HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS

Year of Assessment	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
	£	£	£	£	£	£

Under £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	753	566	286	311	364	494
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	1.5M	0.9M	0.5M	0.6M	0.9M	1.1M
Total Paid	1.3M	0.7M	0.2M	0.3M	0.2M	0.2M

Over £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	42	34	10	12	29	37
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.2M	0.8M	1.4M
Total Paid	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.2M	0.4M	1.1M

NO. 813 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Based on the 2004/05 employers annual statement, declaration and certificate submitted to date what was the PAYE payable by area of employment and number of employees as follows:

- (a) MOD;
- (b) Gibraltar Government;
- (c) Government owned/JV companies; and
- (d) Private sector employment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Based on the 2004/2005 Employers Annual Statement, Declaration and Certificate submitted up to 6th June 2006 the information sought is as follows:

	£M	Approximate No of Employees/Deduction Cards
a) MOD	5.0	2,650
b) Gibraltar Government	23.3	6,500
c) Government owned & joint venture Companies	3.2	650
d) Private Sector Employment	37.9	18,600
	<u>69.4</u>	<u>28,400</u>

NO. 814 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state what is the estimated Gross Domestic Product for the financial year 2004/05 and give the breakdown of the calculation using a) the Income and b) the Expenditure methods?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The GDP estimates for 2004/2005 are not yet available. The National Income Accounts are compiled when finalised and thus more accurate data is available in relation to the main components in respect of both public and private sector organisations. In respect of the financial year 2004/2005 this will occur during the remainder of this year.

To this effect, the Government have already given this House an indication that the GDP figure would be computed and published in respect of any given financial year by December of the following year. That is what we did in respect of 2003/2004 when the figure was published in December last year. So some time between now and December it will be available.

ORAL

NO. 815 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state whether estimates of Sales to Visitors based on the Tourism Expenditure Report are reflected in the Expenditure Method calculation of the GDP under Consumer Expenditure or under Exports of Goods and Services?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Expenditure by tourists is included under Exports of Goods and Services.

ORAL

NO. 816 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government explain what were the elements of the adjustments made to the figure of £155.5 million in respect of Government Recurrent Expenditure in the financial year 2000/01 to arrive at the figure of £134.9 million for Government Final Consumption in the Expenditure Method calculation of GDP?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 817 to 819 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 817 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government explain what were the elements of the adjustments made to the figure of £170.2 million in respect of Government Recurrent Expenditure in the financial year 2001/02 to arrive at the figure of £152.3 million for Government Final Consumption in the Expenditure Method calculation of GDP?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 816 and 818 to 819 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 818 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government explain what were the elements of the adjustments made to the figure of £178.9 million in respect of Government Recurrent Expenditure in the financial year 2002/03 to arrive at the figure of £160.0 million for Government Final Consumption in the Expenditure Method calculation of GDP?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 816, 817 and 819 of 2006.

NO. 819 OF 2006**THE HON J J BOSSANO****GDP FIGURE**

Can Government explain what were the elements of the adjustments made to the figure of £196.6 million in respect of Government Recurrent Expenditure in the financial year 2003/04 to arrive at the figure of £169.5 million for Government Final Consumption in the Expenditure Method calculation of GDP?

ANSWER**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

As the hon Member will be able to deduce from the answer that I am about to give him, his questions misidentify the number that is adjusted. The figures in respect of Government Recurrent Expenditure which are subsequently adjusted to arrive at the estimates of Government Final Consumption are as follows:

	<u>£ Million</u>			
	<u>Departmental Expenditure</u>	<u>Consolidated Fund Expenditure</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Government Final Consumption</u>
2000/2001	114.3	23.1	137.4	134.9
2001/2002	121.6	22.6	144.1	152.3
2002/2003	133.0	32.5	165.5	160.0
2003/2004	139.0	26.2	165.2	169.5

For each of the years in question, departmental expenditure as itemised in the Estimates of revenue and Expenditure, is adjusted to include total expenditure on the Health Service, GDC, Elderly Care Agency and the Electricity Authority and to exclude grants, subventions, contributions to funds and other such transfer payments.

Similarly, Consolidated Fund Recurrent Expenditure is adjusted to exclude transfer payments in the form of pensions and contributions to Social Insurance stamps as well as public debt interest charges. Therefore, the figure that the hon Member should have mentioned in his questions as being the figure subject to adjustment would have been £155.5 million, £170.2 million, £178.9 million and £196.6 million.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 816 TO 819 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

So in fact what the Chief Minister is saying is that the figure of £196.6 million which he has just mentioned for 2003/2004 is reduced to the figure that he has given me of £165 million by the removal of things like pensions payments and Social Insurance stamps.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

By the addition first of some items and the removal in others.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Those changes would produce the £165 million that he has given me as the figure prior to adjustment?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Correct.

ORAL

NO. 820 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the £4 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 1996/97 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 821 to 827 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 821 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the £5.03 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 1997/98 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 820 and 822 to 827 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 822 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the £4.55 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 1998/99 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 820, 821 and 823 to 827 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 823 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the £4 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 1999/2000 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 820 to 822 and 824 to 827 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 824 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the £3.25 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 2000/01 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 820 to 823 and 825 to 827 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 825 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the £4.36 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 2001/02 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 820 to 824 and 826 to 827 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 826 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the £5 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 2002/03 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 820 to 825 and 827 of 2006.

NO. 827 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the £6.04 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 2003/04 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The surplus of receipts over expenditure in respect of the Savings Bank included in the Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises by year is as follows:

	<u>£ million</u>
1996/1997	3.97
1997/1998	2.77
1998/1999	2.28
1999/2000	1.48
2000/2001	1.11
2001/2002	0.95
2002/2003	0.64
2003/2004	1.45

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 820 TO 827 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think when I asked about the 2003/2004 figure the Chief Minister was not very sure whether this was a new element that was added to the Savings Bank as a result of the creation of the Electricity Authority, can he tell me whether in fact the difference between the £1.45 million and the £6.04 million in answer to Question No. 827 of 2006, is because of the results of the Electricity undertaking and is it only since it has ceased to be a Government Department?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I am not in a position to tell him that, I am afraid, not because it may not be the case but because I simply do not know whether it is the case. What I can tell him is that the figure for 2003/2004 is actually £6.94 million and not £6.04 million as

mentioned in the question. I cannot tell him the impact that the Electricity Authority may have had on those figures, if any. If he is particularly interested in knowing that I can find out. Is it something I have agreed in the past to find out?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, in the last meeting of the House when I asked about the components of the Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises the Chief Minister told me it was the Savings Bank and the Electricity undertaking. If he has now given me the figure for the Savings Bank I am assuming that the difference between the two is the Electricity undertaking, but I did ask 'is this something that is peculiar to this element of the GDP since the Electricity activity was taken out of the Government as a separate entity?', and he was not sure whether this was the case or it was something that had been there throughout.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Gross Trading Surplus.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The performance of the Electricity Undertaking as a separate entity on the basis of the information provided in this answer and in the last meeting of the House would suggest that in fact the difference between £1.45 million and £6.94 million, which is of the order of £5.5 million, would be the profit made on electricity sales, given that in 2003/2004 there was a colossal loss I have difficulty in reconciling.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not think it could be, if what we are discussing is the order of the difference, in other words, the extent of the Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises that is attributable to the Electricity Authority and also the extent of it. Well obviously the existence of a gross trading surplus is not attributable because as the hon Member understands from the fact that he has asked for years going back long before the establishment of the Authority, has existed long before the establishment of the Authority. How much of it is attributable to the Electricity Authority I do not actually know. To my knowledge the Electricity Authority and before it the Electricity Department have not had trading surpluses of that or any magnitude. If one compares the differences in the figures, so for example, for the year 1997/1998 it is £5.03 million as against £2.77 million; in 1998/1999 it is £2.28 million as against £4.55 million; in 1999/2000 it is £2.28 million as opposed to £4 million so certainly the order of magnitude of the difference is getting bigger, so by 2000/2001 it was already in excess of £3 million. When did the Authority start? – after that. In 2002/2003 it was already £4 million in 2002/2003 nearly; £4.36 million against £0.95 million in 2001/2002 so certainly there is a clear trend because it is now £6.94 million not £6.04 million, so it is now in excess of £5 million. I would be interested in the answer to that myself. I will write to him on this.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Perhaps the Chief Minister might note that in fact in 1996/1997 the total figure is £4 million and the Savings Bank element is £3.97 million, which in fact rounded up comes to £4 million.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There must be other enterprises.

HON J J BOSSANO:

There is nothing else there except the Savings Bank in 1996/1997. The other element would have been £0.03 million out of the £4 million.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I will write to the hon Member setting out in respect of each of those years what in addition to the Savings Bank counts for the figure.

ORAL

NO. 828 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES

Can Government give the breakdown by companies of the estimated total of cash holdings for the financial year ending 31st March 2006 held by Government owned companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 829 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 829 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES

Can Government give the breakdown by companies of the estimated total of cash holdings for the financial year ending 31st March 2005 held by Government owned companies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a table showing the breakdown.

Answer to Question 829 of 2006

Breakdown of the cash holdings held by Government-owned companies as at 31 March 2005 and 31 March 2006 is as follows:

<u>Government-owned Company</u>	<u>Year Ended 31/03/05 £'M</u>	<u>Year Ended 31/03/06 £'M</u>
Gibraltar Land (Holdings) Ltd	2.6	18.9
GRP Investment Company Ltd	0.8	20.2
Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Ltd	1.7	1.3
Gibraltar Co-Ownership Company Ltd	4.7	0.8
Westside Two Co-Ownership Company Ltd	9.1	0.2
Brympton Co-Ownership Company Ltd	1.3	0.1
Gibraltar Information Bureau Ltd	0.3	0.3
Gibraltar Shiprepair Ltd	0.9	0.9
Gibraltar Industrial Cleaners	-	-
Gibraltar Community Projects Ltd	-	-
Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Ltd	-	-
Gibraltar Bus Company Ltd	0.2	0.2
KIJY Parkings Ltd	0.0	0.1
	<u>21.6</u>	<u>43.0</u>

ORAL

NO. 830 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GENERAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Can Government state what was the total Government General Revenue and the total Government General Expenditure for 2004/05?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 831 of 2006.

NO. 831 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GENERAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Can Government state what is the forecast outturn for the total Government General Revenue and the total Government General Expenditure for 2005/06?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

This information is set out in the Draft Estimates Book which has been provided confidentially to the hon Member in advance of the forthcoming Budget debate.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 830 AND 831 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Certainly that is not my understanding because the Government's General Expenditure and the Government's General Revenue is made up by aggregating different elements which are not in the Estimates for approval, in the Consolidated Fund, and it is a different figure that is produced which is much higher, which is the one that eventually appears.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The question has been interpreted to mean estimated revenue and forecast revenue as in the Consolidated Fund. The figure that the hon Member mentioned which I sometimes give in my Budget address by aggregating has not yet been calculated.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I would point out that I am asking for historic information and not for the forecast of the current financial year, I am talking about 2004/2005 which finished a long time ago and 2005/2006 which finished on 31st March.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Although I do a rough figure, I remember in the last year when we had the debate about the true extent of the surplus and the true extent of the deficit I added things

together which I do not know if I called general revenue or general expenditure or total revenue or overall, I think was the phrase I used, but if he is using the word general revenue and general expenditure in its technical public accounting sense, that is actually not calculated until the accounts for these respective years are prepared by the Accountant General and then published after. The formal concept of general revenue and general expenditure I think is a Government accounts concept which comes out at that time. It is actually disclosed in the Accountant General's report, which of course we see before they get published because they do not get published until they are audited.

NO. 832 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY

Can Government state whether any steps have been taken to establish how much of the near £1 million in electricity arrears in respect of inactive accounts in 2004/05 required write-off action?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Of the about £8 million of electricity arrears outstanding as at the end of March 2005, around £3 million is in respect of accounts which are now inactive. So the figure of inactive accounts appears to have risen. The Gibraltar Electricity Authority currently estimates that around £2.5 million of this is bad debt and will have to be written off. So basically what I have done is update the figure that the hon Member used in the question, which must be the last one that we gave him.

NO. 833 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

REVOLVING LOAN FACILITIES

Can Government state what has been the amount of outstanding Government debt in respect of the revolving loan from local banks in March, April and May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The amount of outstanding Government debt in respect of the revolving loan from local banks in March, April and May 2006 is as follows:

Date	Barclays	Natwest	Total
March 2006	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£10,000,000
April 2006	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£10,000,000
May 2006	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£10,000,000

ORAL

NO. 834 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK

Can Government provide the level of non-Government deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank giving a breakdown of on-call accounts, debentures, bonds and ordinary accounts as at the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 835 of 2006.

NO. 835 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK

Can Government provide the level of Government deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Tentative figures for non-Government deposits held in the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of May 2006 is £138.9 million as follows:

	£'m
On-Call Investment Accounts	17.0
Debentures	92.4
Bonds	7.1
Ordinary Accounts	22.4
	<u>138.9</u>

Tentative figures for Government deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of May 2006 is £97.5 million as follows:

	£'m
Government Liquid Reserves	74.9
GDC – Insolvency Fund	3.3
Special Funds	19.3
	<u>97.5</u>

ORAL

NO. 836 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE – PAYROLL COSTS

Can Government state how much of the Government Recurrent Expenditure in 2004/05 was in respect of Payroll and Payroll related costs and how much was in payment for services that had to be contracted out?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 837 to 840 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 837 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE – PAYROLL COSTS

Can Government state how much of the Government Recurrent Expenditure of £141.7 million in 1999/00 was in respect of Payroll and Payroll related costs and how much was in payment for services that had to be contracted out?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 836 and 838 to 840 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 838 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE – PAYROLL COSTS

Can Government state how much of the Government Recurrent Expenditure of £132.4 million in 1998/99 was in respect of Payroll and Payroll related costs and how much was in payment for services that had to be contracted out?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 836, 837, 839 and 840 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 839 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE – PAYROLL COSTS

Can Government state how much of the Government Recurrent Expenditure of £126.9 million in 1997/98 was in respect of Payroll and Payroll related costs and how much was in payment for services that had to be contracted out?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 836 to 838 and 840 of 2006.

NO. 840 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

RECURRENT EXPENDITURE – PAYROLL COSTS

Can Government state how much of the Government Recurrent Expenditure of £123.2 million in 1996/97 was in respect of Payroll and Payroll related costs and how much was in payment for services that had to be contracted out?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Payroll costs and contracted-out services included in the statement of 'overall' recurrent expenditure in the financial years 1996/1997 to 1999/2000 and 2004/2005 were as follows:

Financial Year	Total Payroll	Total Contracted-out Services
	£'m	£'m
2004/2005	94.6	17.8
1999/2000	62.4	14.0
1998/1999	58.1	14.0
1997/1998	52.5	17.0
1996/1997	45.5	0.0

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 836 TO 840 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

The 1998/1999 figure then is lower than the 1997/1998 is that correct? It goes down from £17 million to £14 million, did I get those figures right?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.