

NO. 841 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

The following areas have been resurfaced during the period June, July, August and September 2006:

1. The upper and lower car parks at South Pavilion Road;
2. Scud Hill, adjacent to the south district Post Office;
3. Moorish Castle Estate, from the entrance to the private car park up to the bridge;
4. Town Range involving the reconstruction of a trench from George's Lane up to the rear access to the Courts;
5. Hospital Ramp, from below the location of the ex-Maternity Ward up to Castle Steps;
6. Large patchwork repairs at Reclamation Road, Devil's Tower Road and Cumberland Road.

In addition to these, the Engineer Lane and Bell Lane beautification works are nearing completion, with the first sections from Cornwall's Parade down to the small car park at Engineer Lane already in use.

The Orange Bastion road project is also progressing well with a section of the new link road having already been opened.

NO. 842 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SMITH DORRIEN BRIDGE

Can Government provide the date on which the first phase of the maintenance works programme to Smith Dorrien Avenue was completed, the number of additional phases involved, the cost of each additional phase and the date on which the maintenance works are scheduled to be completed by?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

It had originally been planned to undertake the maintenance works to Smith Dorrien Bridge in two stages, the first being the replacement of the walkways and maintenance work to the gusset plates at the lower joints. The second phase, initially planned for a later date, involved resurfacing the bridge deck, maintenance work to the upper joints and painting. However, inspection of the bridge in connection with the first phase of the works along the western side, revealed substantial corrosion affecting the bridge's steel deck supporting plates. A decision was therefore taken to undertake the full refurbishment of the bridge as one continuous contract.

Works are progressing in a systematic manner for the west side of the bridge, across the roadways and onto the east walkway, at both upper and lower levels.

The estimated cost for the entire project is £430,000 and the works are scheduled for completion by mid-December 2006. The roadway will be opened to two-way traffic in early November 2006 upon completion of the final resurfacing works.

NO. 843 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. 843 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Is it likely to take very much longer, taking into account that the preliminary study was received in January 2006?

HON J J NETTO:

Well, Government are actually considering not only how to proceed with this one but also in conjunction with the works at the incinerator plant. This requires a lot of issues to be considered by Government, not just technical but financial as well and we are still considering the options available to us.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is there a deadline in the EC Directives that relate to having to have a treatment plant rather than put the sewage output into the sea, like we are doing at the moment?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes there is, of which almost everybody is in default. In other words, I think there is only one sewage treatment plant in this geographical region and everybody else is behind the schedule and I think that is more or less the pattern across large swathes of the European Union, but there is a deadline which we are now, together with

hundreds of other places, actually unlikely to meet because of the length of time that it would take to execute the project in any event.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But the deadline is still in the future?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the deadline is still in the future as we speak today, which I am not suggesting is tomorrow.

NO. 844 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Will Government state what progress has been made in respect of the potential works for the noise insulation of the OESCO power station at Europa Business Centre and what costs it will entail, or whether these plans will be abandoned in light of the establishment of a new power station in the area of Lathbury Barracks?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Government are currently considering the recommendations of a consultant's report and a public statement of its determination on this matter will be made in due course.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 844 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

Is it true, is it not, that the power station in the area of Lathbury Barracks is going ahead? We are not looking at a consultant's report in that respect, are we?

HON J J NETTO:

Well, as envisaged the Government proceed to relocate Waterport Power Station to Lathbury Barracks and regardless of the duration of the contract of OESCO, the reality remains that the roof where OESCO at the moment happen to be, is in a precarious condition which needs fixing up, so to speak. So those are areas which we need to consider as well as the fact that one of the issues in the consultant's report is that there are responsibilities within the Government and responsibilities to the actual operator there and those are the areas where we are at the moment in discussion with them, in order to apportion which responsibility follows on either so that, obviously, the work can proceed.

HON F R PICARDO:

So, is the consultant's report a consultant's report into the fabric of the building or into power generation in Gibraltar?

HON J J NETTO:

On the fabric of the building.

HON F R PICARDO:

So, is the new power generating station at Lathbury Barracks going to provide for all the power generation needs of Gibraltar, or are we going to still need to rely on OESCO?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There is a contract with OESCO which extends in time beyond the commencement of operation of the new power station. The new power station will have greater capacity than the present power station and will have space for even further capacity to be added, thereby leaving flexibility for the future to decide by the addition of engines whether the OESCO contract is renewed or not renewed and additional capacity installed in the other generating station.

HON F R PICARDO:

Let us be clear, the consultant's report is into who has to pay for the fixing of the fabric of the roof?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the consultant's report is predominantly..... The lease is clear and has been since the date that it was issued long before we arrived in office. The lease has always been clear about the landlord's responsibility for noise insulation and the report is technical as to the methods of noise insulating. That is what the report is really about. The reason why this has not been done much quicker than before and I suppose that is the reason why the hon Members did not do it when they were in office, is that until the MoD deals with its generating station the advice is, and I suppose they got the same advice as we have had, that the decibel reduction will be non-discernible. In other words, the Government can spend millions of pounds noise insulating OESCO's power station, the residents of the south district will not notice any meaningful reduction in noise whilst next door to it there is another power station producing the levels of noise. That is why we have dealt with both issues in tandem in relation to the MoD's plans to address its own power station.

HON F R PICARDO:

So what is the timetable for the completion of the consultant's report?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the consultant's report is completed. I interpret the hon Member's questions therefore to mean how quickly do the Government think that they will consider, make their decision and get on with it. We think that all of that will happen during the

course of early next year. In other words, we expect to have made a decision on the way forward and to put out the necessary execution contracts early in the new year. Indeed, the decision as to the way forward may very well be taken this side of the new year but it is unlikely that any implementation work will take place.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is there clarity as to the cost involved already? Are there a number of options which are already costed or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, there may be different options each of which have different cost implications. If the hon Member's next Supplementary Question is going to be 'well can he give us an indication of what they are?' the answer is no, because this will then be subject to a commercial tender process for due execution of the works and it would be most imprudent of the Government to publish to those tenderers what they think they expect to have to pay for the works.

HON F R PICARDO:

That was not going to be my next question. My next question is now going to be almost the same one, which is to say, have the consultants costed what they think the different alternatives should cost?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government have the consultant's report under consideration and this exchange in the House is not a debate about what the consultant's report says and the Government are not willing to publish details of what the consultant's report says. Certainly not until we have made a decision ourselves about which of its recommendations to accept and which not to accept. Even then, there is no commitment to publish it.

NO. 845 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

ENVIRONMENT – HYDROGEN SULPHIDE

Can Government confirm what levels of hydrogen sulphide have been detected in the south district arising from bunkering operations?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

Government have not undertaken any monitoring at present in the south district. Government, through the Bunkering Superintendent, have been carrying out spot checks at source, that is, the bunkering barges and the levels of hydrogen sulphide have been well below the recommended exposure limits.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 845 OF 2006

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Minister provide me with those levels?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes.

ORAL

NO. 846 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS

Can Government state, since the policy inviting anonymous phone calls on the non-use of Government rented dwellings was introduced on 14 December 2005:

- (a) how many phone calls have been received;
- (b) in how many cases was the information received correct;

and provide a breakdown by month and estate since April 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 846 of 2006

Since the policy of inviting anonymous phone calls on the possible non-use of Government rented dwellings was introduced on 14 December 2005:

- (a) 61 phone calls have been received;
- (b) in 12 cases, the information received was found to be correct.

A breakdown by month and estate since April 2006 is as follows:

	Alameda	South	Upper Town	Glacis	Varyl Begg	Total
April	2	1				3
May		1	3			4
June	1		2	1		4
July		1				1
August	1					1
September	2					2
October	1		1		1	3

ORAL

NO. 847 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ROSS HOUSE

Can Government state if it is aware of the dilapidated state of some of the external window sills, balconies and walls of Ross House, Alameda Estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 848 of 2006.

NO. 848 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ROSS HOUSE/RED SANDS HOUSE

Can Government state if it is aware of the dangerous state of disrepair of the overhead walkway linking Red Sands Road to Ross House and Red Sands House, Alameda Estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answer to Question No. 847 of 2006

Government are aware of some spalling concrete, in particular, window sills, balconies and walls of Ross House.

Answer to Question No. 848 of 2006

The Ministry for Housing is also aware that the reinforced concrete footbridges to Ross House and Red Sands House are affected with spalling concrete. This, however, does not mean that they are in a dangerous condition. They can, in fact they are being used in their current state.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 847 AND 848 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

Have Government not heard reports from neighbours who complain that there may be a tragic accident because bits of concrete do fall and are likely to fall on some individual? Are Government not aware of the length of time that these reports have actually been in the domain of Government, particularly the Ross House problems?

HON C BELTRAN:

Any loose concrete that is noticed, reported or seen by our officers is hacked off and the immediate area is made good and safe. These are first hand repairs until the Ross House external refurbishment contract is put out to tender. This is due to happen any day now.

ORAL

NO. 849 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

Answered together with Question No. 850 of 2006.

NO. 850 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

Answer to Question No. 849 of 2006

There are currently 33 properties in the hands of Buildings and Works for refurbishment.

Answer to Question No. 850 of 2006

The number of tenants awaiting work to be done by Buildings and Works currently stands at 2,119.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 849 AND 850 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

Did the Minister say 2,119?

HON C BELTRAN:

Yes, 2,119.

HON C A BRUZON:

What is the reason that these numbers of people waiting for repairs to be done by Government as landlords in their homes, what is the reason for these figures getting greater and bigger and bigger? Is it that there are more problems reported of minor jobs? Are there serious jobs? Is there a kind of breakdown that the Minister could offer us?

HON C BELTRAN:

These 2,119 tenants who are awaiting repairs will in fact be waiting for a whole variety of repairs, from very minor ones, repairs to bits and pieces within the home, to larger works. The number has gone up slightly, not hugely as the hon Member implies, actually because as he is aware there has been a six month period of industrial action, which was finished some three weeks ago and therefore, there has been a slight increase in the number that is traditionally there. This is not a number that was invented by this administration, there has always been a backlog, the numbers of reports come in very fluidly and therefore work is carried out all the time. But it is never quite resolved, this has been historically going back many years.

ORAL

NO. 851 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. 504 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 852, 855 and 856 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 852 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. 505 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 851, 855 and 856 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 853 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

Answered together with Question Nos. 854 and 857 to 859 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 854 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. 853 and 857 to 859 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 855 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. 506 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. 851, 852 and 856 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 856 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. 507 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 856 of 2006

Answer to Question 851

No applicants for housing have been rejected on the grounds that they were homeowners who had chosen to sell their homes, since Question 504 of 2006.

Answer to Question 852

In the judgement of the Housing Allocation Committee the sale was genuinely necessary in nine cases. The monthly breakdown is as follows:

June	-	2
September	-	4
October	-	3

Answer to Question 855

None.

Answer to Question 856

None.

ORAL

NO. 857 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. 853, 854, 858 and 859 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 858 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. 853, 854, 857 and 859 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 859 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

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

Answer to Question 859 of 2006

Answer to Question 853

There are currently a total of 785 applicants on the Housing Waiting List as follows:

1RKB	-	409
2RKB	-	64
3RKB	-	196
4RKB	-	104
5RKB	-	9
6RKB	-	3

Answer to Question 854

There are currently a total of 429 applicants on the Housing Pre-List as follows:

1RKB	-	289
2RKB	-	27
3RKB	-	74
4RKB	-	32
5RKB	-	7

Answer to Question 857

A total of 56 applicants have been medically categorised, to date, as follows:

A+	-	2
A	-	15
B	-	18
C	-	21

Answer to Question 858

A total of 245 persons who are non-applicants have been medically categorised, to date, as follows:

A+	-	15
A	-	77
B	-	66
C	-	87

Answer to Question 859

A total of 88 persons are currently on the Social 'A' list.

ORAL

NO. 860 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 since April 2006, providing a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 861 and 862 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 861 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. 495 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 860 and 862 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 862 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 No. 496 of 2006, giving a breakdown of pre-war and post-war?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 862 of 2006

Answer to Question 860

A total of six post-war housing units have been allocated to social cases since April 2006, as follows:

April	-	1
May	-	2
June	-	1
September	-	1
October	-	1

Answer to Question 861

A total of 11 pre-war housing units have been allocated, to date, since the answer given to Question 495.

Answer to Question 862

A total of four post-war flats have been re-possessed, to date, since the answer given to Question 496 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 863 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 June, July, August and September 2006, and what is the total of arrears covered by such agreements?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 864 to 868 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 864 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have applied for rent relief in June, July, August and September 2006 and how many were approved?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 863 and 865 to 868 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 865 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have received rent relief in June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 863, 864 and 866 to 868 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 866 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households were on full rent relief in June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 863 to 865, 867 and 868 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 867 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 863 to 866 and 868 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 868 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 868 of 2006

Answer to Question 863

The number of tenants that have entered into agreements to pay arrears of rent in June, July, August and September 2006, and the amount of arrears covered by such agreements is as follows:

Month	No. of Tenants Entering Agreements	Amount
June	8	£13695.96
July	13	£39170.80
August	7	£23064.74
September	27	£61243.08
TOTAL	55	£137,174.58

Answer to Question 864

The number of households that have applied for Rent Relief in June, July, August and September 2006, and the number that were approved is as follows:

June	-	7	(7 approved)
July	-	4	(3 approved)
August	-	8	(5 approved)
September	-	10	(4 approved)

Answer to question 865

The number of households that have received rent relief in June, July, August and September 2006 is as follows:

June	-	692
July	-	685
August	-	677
September	-	676

Answer to question 866

The number of households on full rent relief in June, July, August and September 2006 is as follows:

June	-	65
July	-	62
August	-	57
September	-	57

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Contd. Answer to Question 868 of 2006

Answer to question 867

The number of households on rent relief that have had this benefit terminated in June, July, August and September 2006 is as follows:

June	-	4
July	-	9
August	-	7
September	-	13

Answer to question 868

The number of households that have had the level of rent relief reduced in June, July, August and September 2006 is as follows:

June	-	41
July	-	68
August	-	47
September	-	36

ORAL

NO. 869 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

AQUAGIB – REVENUE COLLECTED AND AMOUNTS BILLED

Can Government state what where the amounts collected and the amounts billed in respect of water in the months of June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 870 to 877 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 870 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 869 and 871 to 877 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 871 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 869, 870 and 872 to 877 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 872 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

AQUAGIB – CUSTOMERS BILLED

Can Government state the number of customers that were invoiced for Domestic Primary Units of water in the months of December 2004 and January, February and March 2005?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 869 to 871 and 873 to 877 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 873 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

AQUAGIB – CUSTOMERS BILLED

Can Government state the number of customers that were invoiced for Domestic Primary Units of water in the months of December 2005 and January to September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 869 to 872 and 874 to 877 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 874 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 869 to 873 and 875 to 877 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 875 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 869 to 874, 876 and 877 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 876 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 869 to 875 and 877 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 877 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 June, July, August and September 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 which has been handed to him.

Just a very minor matter. Looking at the answer to Question No. 871 of 2006, there is a pound sign missing over the column of figures. They relate to value so they are in pounds.

Answer to Question 877 of 2006

Answer to Question 869

POTABLE WATER BILLED AND COLLECTED (Primary)	Billed £	Collected £
June 2006	453,916.24	383,477.98
July 2006	433,410.30	452,155.20
August 2006	452,999.97	434,428.82
September 2006	482,094.50	448,162.15

Answer to Question 870

POTABLE WATER BILLED BY UNITS (Primary Units)	
June 2006	390,589
July 2006	383,286
August 2006	387,562
September 2006	390,104

Answer to Question 871

POTABLE WATER BILLED BY VALUE (Primary Units)	
June 2006	82,023.69
July 2006	80,490.12
August 2006	81,388.08
September 2006	81,921.84

Answer to Question 872

No Of Customers invoiced for Domestic Primary Units	
December 2004	11,733
January 2005	11,707
February 2005	11,694
March 2005	11,639

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Contd Answer to Question 877 of 2006

Answer to Question 873

No. of Customers of Domestic Primary Units	
December 2005	11,660
January 2006	11,709
February 2006	11,710
March 2006	11,722
April 2006	11,780
May 2006	11,787
June 2006	11,881
July 2006	11,893
August 2006	11,790
September 2006	11,767
Total for 2006	106,039

Answer to Question 874

Standing Charges (Domestic)	
	£
June 2006	35,358
July 2006	35,529
August 2006	35,400
September 2006	35,331

Answer to Question 875

No. of Customers of Domestic Secondary Units	
June 2006	5,745
July 2006	5,365
August 2006	5,643
September 2006	5,750

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Contd Answer to Question 877 of 2006

Answer to Question 876

POTABLE WATER BILLED BY VALUE (Secondary)	
	£
June 2006	124,737.76
July 2006	109,656.48
August 2006	124,126.65
September 2006	129,783.14

Answer to Question 877

POTABLE WATER BILLED BY UNITS (Secondary Units)	
June 2006	239,880
July 2006	210,878
August 2006	238,705
September 2006	249,583

ORAL

NO. 878 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 879 to 886 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 879 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

ELECTRICITY – REVENUE COLLECTED AND AMOUNTS BILLED

Can Government state what were the amounts collected and the amounts billed in respect of electricity in the months of June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 878 and 880 to 886 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 880 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 878, 879 and 881 to 886 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 881 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 878 to 880 and 882 to 886 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 882 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 878 to 881 and 883 to 886 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 883 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 878 to 882 and 884 to 886 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 884 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 878 to 883, 885 and 886 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 885 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 878 to 884 and 886 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 886 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 June, July, August and September 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 now hand to him.

Answer to Question 886 of 2006**Answer to Question 878**

Amounts collected in respect of electricity

	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
Collected	£1,335,773.86	£1,401,272.55	£1,097,092.63	£1,395,880.25

Answer to Question 879

Amounts collected and billed in respect of electricity

	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
Collected	£1,335,773.86	£1,401,272.55	£1,097,092.63	£1,395,880.25
Billed	£1,309,834.65	£1,278,473.68	£1,413,499.47	£1,403,362.58

Answer to Question 880

FCA invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
Invoiced	£127,835	£118,649	£121,520	£133,881

Answer to Question 881

Standing Charges invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
Invoiced	£50,374	£51,504	£50,904	£51,052

Answer to Question 882

Total value invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
Invoiced	£463,747	£434,440	£444,493	£484,893

Answer to Question 883

Units invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
Units	3,858,619	3,571,448	3,676,612	4,053,515

Answer to Question 884

Number of Consumers invoiced under Tariff 3 Domestic

	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
Consumers	12,628	12,645	12,654	12,648

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Continued Answer to Question 886 of 2006

Answer to Question 885

Purchases from the MOD

	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
Units (kWh)	432,075	276,308	with Sep 06	685,126
Value	£44,233.94	£28,389.65	with Sep 06	£70,307.00

Answer to Question 886

Purchases from OESCO Ltd.

	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
Units (kWh)	4,786,440	5,436,210	5,642,680	7,529,750
Value	£675,758.97	£747,847.60	£774,693.66	£914,567.14

ORAL

NO. 887 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 June, July, August and September 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 a total of seven power cuts affecting whole districts in the period June, July, August and September 2006. The detailed information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule I now hand to him.

Answer to Question 887 of 2006

Number of Power Cuts affecting whole districts in the months of June, July, August and September 2006

YEAR 2006	Date	Duration	Districts affected	Cause
1	Mon 4 June 06 06.09hrs	3mins	One district supplied from WPS, 18	OESCO no 1 generator tripped on load due to low lub oil pressure switch
2	Wed 14 June 06 05.37hrs	22mins	Two districts supplied from WPS, 14, 17	Generator set no. 1 at WPS. Broken air valve caused turbocharger surge.
3	Sun 23 July 06 10.25hrs	10mins to 11mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15	Generator set no. 2 at WPS. Fuel changeover valve failure.
4	Fri 18 Aug 06 10.52hrs	3mins to 10mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18	Generator set no. 1 at WPS. Lub. Oil filter changeover activated low pressure trip.
5	Wed 23 Aug 06 12.48hrs	12mins to 21mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18	OESCO no 4 generator tripped on load due to high temperature alarm.
6	Sat 26 Aug 06 11.15hrs	2mins to 7mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18	OESCO no 4 generator tripped on load due to high temperature alarm.
7	Wed 27 Sep 06 06.41hrs	11mins to 12mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	OESCO no 7 generator tripped on load due to low pressure on coolant circuit.

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.

NO. 888 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

CULTURE – STEVE HOGARTH CONCERT

Can Government give the cost with a breakdown of the Steve Hogarth concert at St Michael's Cave on 9th September 2006?

ANSWER

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

The concert was organised jointly by the Ministry of Culture and Word of Mouth Concert Promoters. We are currently awaiting a full breakdown from Word of Mouth who handled all the logistics but this should be available very shortly and I shall then inform the hon Member of the cost and forward to him the breakdown thereof.

What I can inform the hon Member at this moment in time is that Steve Hogarth, who was very keen to perform on the Rock and in order to facilitate this he kept his artist fee down to just £1,900, which for anyone who knows about these things, is an extremely reasonable figure. I will certainly pass on to him the full information in due course.

ORAL

NO. 889 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

CULTURE – TAXI CONCERT

Can Government state how much was spent on transporting and the setting up of equipment of the Taxi concert during the National Week?

ANSWER

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

Government spent £6,189.94 on the transportation and setting up of equipment for the Taxi concert.

ORAL

NO. 890 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

CULTURE – ANNUAL FAIR

Can Government list the terms and conditions that were laid down to the company that set up the fair this year including the use of electricity, water and other utilities?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 891 of 2006.

NO. 891 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

CULTURE – ANNUAL FAIR

Can Government state how much was paid to the company from UK that set up the fair this year or to its local agent if not done directly?

ANSWER

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

The terms and conditions laid down to the company, Taylors Funfairs Limited, that set up the fair this year are exactly the same as the ones laid down in previous years.

It is not considered appropriate to list all the terms and conditions stipulated in the contract, but in direct answer to Question No. 891 of 2006, no money was paid to the company from the UK or to its local agents. As in previous years, Government met the costs of electricity and water.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 890 AND 891 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

In relation to Question No. 891, where the Minister says no money was paid to the company, how much then did the company pay the Government?

HON F VINET:

There was a consideration as part of the contract of £7,000.

ORAL

NO. 892 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

YOUTH SERVICE – ACCREDITATION OF YOUTH WORKERS

Can Government state whether the youth workers course is accredited by a UK institution and if so by which one?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 893 and 894 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 893 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

YOUTH SERVICE – TRAINING COURSE

Can Government state how many people were accepted for the youth workers training course offered by the Youth Service?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 892 and 894 of 2006.

NO. 894 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

YOUTH SERVICE – TRAINING COURSE

Can Government state how many people have applied for the youth workers training course offered by the Youth Service as advertised in the media in September 2006?

ANSWER

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

The part-time Youth Workers Training Course is accredited locally and not by any UK Institution.

A total of 14 applications were received for enrolment in the training course advertised in September 2006.

A total of 11 of the 14 applicants were accepted to undertake the training.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 892 TO 894 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Once the training has completed and people do get this local accredited certificate or qualification, are they employed and, if so, how many of the ones that have previously done the course are now currently involved in the Youth Service?

HON F VINET:

I do not have the figures with me, what I can say is that not necessarily everyone who undertakes these types of courses then wish to take up the position in the Youth Service. I know for a fact that there are some, perhaps one or two, who intend to work with church groups, for example, but obviously they welcome this training in their dealings with young people. So, I cannot give those figures at this moment in time.

ORAL

NO. 895 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

YOUTH SERVICE – YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Can Government state how many young people are currently involved in youth programmes run by the youth service giving a breakdown by programme?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 896 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 896 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

YOUTH SERVICE – YOUTH PROGRAMMES

Can Government state what youth programmes are been conducted this year by the youth service?

ANSWER

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

In reply to the hon Member's Questions I hand over a schedule detailing the Youth Programmes for 2006, including participation levels. The hon Member will see the list includes those events that have already taken place and, indeed, those that will take place from now until the end of the year.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO 896 of 2006

Answer to Questions 895 and 896

GIBRALTAR YOUTH SERVICE - YOUTH PROGRAMMES 2006

- January Two Floats for Cavalcade including Youth Centre and Montagu Bastion User Groups Participation. Involved more than Over 20 young people in making the floats and over sixty taking part in the Cavalcade parade.
- Cooking projects at two youth clubs encouraging young people to cook, consider balanced diets, role models, working together and accepting responsibility. Up to twenty young people aged 11 to 16yrs were able to take part in these programmes that continued until May.
- Commencement of "Anti- Social Behaviour Project" that included cleaning up some areas inside Laguna Estate and painting a vandalised façade involving a mixed group of twenty young people aged 12 to 17yrs. The young people who committed to the whole programme formed part of the trip to Sierra Nevada in March.
- February Preparation for the trip to Sierra Nevada working with young people from all the youth clubs that look at cold weather sports, clothing and preparation for a weekend long stay at Sierra Nevada. The run up to the trip included sessions with experienced ski enthusiasts, health and safety and personal equipment.
- The project included over forty young people from the four youth clubs who worked jointly as well as from their respective youth club.
- Continuation of "Anti Social Behaviour Community Project" with a sponsored clean up held jointly with Laguna Tenants Association that raised money for "Help us to Help Themselves"
- March Residential at Sierra Nevada - Mixed group of 40 + young people from 13 to 7yrs that were given the opportunity to learn "how to ski".
- No Smoking Day – during the week young people were given the opportunity to get information about smoking and its effects, take part in informal discussion on the topic. About 70 young people from 12 to 18yrs were approached on this topic during the week
- April Awareness about local facilities that involved young people from three youth clubs trying out local facilities to widen their choices during free time such as bowling, fishing, organised five a side football, visiting Botanical gardens and wild life sanctuary involving some 30 young people.
- Self-catering "Residential" culminating the "Anti Social Behaviour Community Project" to highlight the value of shared responsibility, rules and behaviour via an outdoor activities programme.
- May The UN Children's Charter, involving young people looking at Children's rights that resulted in their choosing to support the new "Childline Project" by holding a sponsored event for this purpose. A mixed group of over twenty young people aged 12 to 17yrs took part. **Cont...**

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 896 OF 2006

Contd Answer to Question 895 and 896

- June Summer programme: Outings to nearby locations, theme parks, outdoor events and one residential to give young people an opportunity to travel amongst friends, away from parents often for the first time and take part in fun but organised fun and "team building" events involving a mixed group of thirty young people aged 12 to 18yrs.
- July Peer Led Conference and Youth Exchange held jointly with The Gibraltar National Youth Council and the attendance of young people and youth workers from Bracknell Forest Youth Service and Poole.
The conference and youth exchange is the "continuing" commitment the GYS has to the development of "Active Citizenship Programmes" and work more exclusively with Over 16's in relevant programmes.
The Peer Led Conference and Youth Exchange involved a total of 30+ young people aged 16 to 20yrs and six youth workers.
The Youth Exchange programme continues in 2007.

Continuing support with the Cheshire Home Project and the commencement of the European Union co-funded "Interregional Cooperation" project between Morocco and Gibraltar
- August Arts project at Dolphins Youth Club for eleven year olds – Looking at sea life around Gibraltar waters delivered by GYS youth workers and young people volunteering involving a total of fourteen young people.
- September World Clean up Day in conjunction with the local ESG during which a mixed group of young people aged 12 to 17yrs and youth workers help clear Little Bay. The effort was followed up by ESG with a presentation on the importance of the environment. Young people also presented their experiences and views on the topic.

Discos re- commence at the Youth Centre involving user groups and their volunteers as well as Youth Service staff.

Youth Workers have been rotated in order to best utilise the expertise available in consideration of the groups of young people already established at the different youth clubs.

Young peoples' "individual support programmes" involving youth workers working with schools in an effort to reach out to young people who are disaffected and need specific attention.

Training for new part time youth workers delivered by GYS members of staff and open to anyone interested in delivering youth work.
- October Life Choice programme for young people – the programme looks at issues affecting young people such as childcare, pregnancy and parenting. This will be delivered at all youth clubs and referrals from other agencies. Involving anything up to 20 young people aged 13yrs and over until the end of the year.

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 896 OF 2006

Contd Answer to Questions 895 and 896

Forensic fashion project – Uses fashion and related creative fields to look at Bio-diversity and adaptability of a host of natural products to design and fashion. Young people have already responded favourably to this innovative but no less relevant manner of broaching these issues. The group involved in the project will present their efforts as a float at the next Cavalcade parade. The project could involve anything up to 15 young people until the float and consider further opportunities in the New Year.

A "sports day" will be organised that will include a sponsored effort to help GBC Open Day fund. The "sports day" will involve young people as volunteers as well as participants and also seeks to appraise them of local charities and what the money is used for. This project could involve a mixed group of 40+ young people aged 12 to 16yrs.

November Visit to the "Alameda Wild Life Sanctuary" as part of an awareness campaign for young people to learn how to respect animal life and proper care methods. This programme could cater for some twelve young people aged 12 to 1yrs.

Cooking will again be offered in two of the four youth clubs as a "life skills" initiative given its previous popularity and ease of delivery within youth club settings.

For girls "health and appearance" will also be launched in two youth clubs in response to some of the issues brought to our notice by service users. The delivery of these topics will include suitably qualified personnel under the auspices of GYS. This programme will be delivered to smaller groups of five or six girls and be delivered at all youth clubs.

During November the GYS takes the opportunity to support Drugs and Alcohol awareness and will deliver relevant programmes at all Youth Clubs covering these topics.

Anything up to eighty young people aged from 12 to 18yrs could be reached during the week in question

December A residential for young people will also be held during this month. The residential will again focus on shared responsibilities and common goals, giving those taking part the opportunity to learn from organised fun as well as assigned tasks and duties.

Youth Centre and Montagu Bastion user groups will be involved in the construction and preparation of floats for the forthcoming Cavalcade. There is already a commitment to construct two floats depicting two different themes with involvement from outside groups. Anything up to twenty young people could be involved in the preparation and construction of these floats and up to fifty or sixty forming part of the floats themselves.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 895 AND 896 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Is the Minister aware or has he got the facts of how many actually attend these programmes?

HON F VINET:

Yes, the number should be contained in the reply I have just passed on to him.

ORAL

NO. 897 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE DIVISION – PUBLICATION’S PROGRAMME

Can Government tell the House the criteria which is used by the Heritage Division to fund books about Gibraltar as part of it’s publication’s programme?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 899 of 2006.

NO. 898 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE – MANAGEMENT OF PARSON’S LODGE

Can Government say whether they have any plans to change the management and use of Parson’s Lodge and if so for what reason?

ANSWER

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

Yes, the Government do intend to change the management and use of Parson’s Lodge.

The Gibraltar Heritage Trust has expressed a preference to relinquish the management of Parson’s Lodge. The Government are currently looking at options for its future use. In doing so, the importance of the monument will be paramount and nothing will be done that compromises the heritage value of the site. The functions and uses currently under consideration are all related to the site’s use for heritage purposes.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 898 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

If I heard the Minister correctly, did he say there are a number of uses which Government are looking at? Can he say what the uses are?

HON F VINET:

I can certainly reveal what one possibility is. There are others that have some commercial elements and are subject to further discussions with those who have posed the ideas, but one of the ideas is for Parson’s Lodge to be used as a research and educational field centre by the Gibraltar Museum.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In terms of the arrangement as it stands today, is it that the Heritage Trust has the lease to Parson’s Lodge and somebody is managing it on their behalf, is that the current position?

HON F VINET:

That is correct, yes.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Have the new arrangements come about because the Trust is no longer interested in having the site managed, or is it the Government that has been interested in taking it over?

HON F VINET:

As I explained in the first part of the question, it is the Heritage Trust itself that has expressed a preference to relinquish the management of this site.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In terms of the people who are currently managing the site for the Trust, are the Government looking at taking them on board for whatever new venture they establish in the area?

HON F VINET:

It is not a question that Government have given any significant thought to it because we have not yet decided what will happen to this site and, I suppose, that will determine what will happen to the people who are presently managing the site on behalf of the Trust.

NO. 899 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE DIVISION – PUBLICATION’S PROGRAMME

Can Government list the books on Gibraltar’s heritage that have been funded as part of the Heritage Division’s publications programme since the Heritage Division was set up, showing the author and title of the book, the date and the nature of the funding?

ANSWER

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

Answer to Question No. 897 of 2006

The criteria used in funding books are as follows:-

1. Interest to a general audience.
2. Interest to a specific, for example, an academic audience with international readership.
3. Quality of the research to be published and track record of the authors.
4. Appertaining to an aspect of heritage that is considered to be of a particular significance to Gibraltar.

Answer to Question No. 899 of 2006

The books published under the Heritage Division’s publications programme have been numerous, although the nature of their funding has varied from book to book.

The full list of books is contained in the schedule I now hand over to the hon Member. Of these, Wonderful Rock, the latest book, is the sole publication entirely funded by the Ministry of Heritage and Culture. The other publications were funded by the Ministry for Trade, Industry and Communications. We are presently awaiting confirmation of the exact nature of the funding.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 897 AND 899 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Looking at this, the list is one of six books, the list that has been handed to me has six books, this is the one we are referring to. Can the Minister say how much the Government paid in each case?

HON F VINET:

No, I require prior notice of that although I can certainly forward the information to the hon Member.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can he say whether this was in terms of direct funding, that is to say, the Government paid out cash or whether the Government bought books as part of the deal, or both?

HON F VINET:

Well, as I have explained, the last of these books is the only one that has been funded by my Ministry so it is the only book I have any information of. From my recollection, I believe the funding of the book itself came from the Ministry as opposed to the purchase of the book.

ORAL

NO. 900 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE

How often and on what dates has the Heritage Action Committee met since 30 May 2006?

ANSWER

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

Following the meeting of the 30th May 2006, the Heritage Action Committee met on the 25th July 2006. The next meeting is scheduled for the 31st October 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 900 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say if the next meeting is scheduled for 21st October, is that correct?

HON F VINET:

The 31st October.

NO. 901 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE – VICTUALLING YARD

Has the Heritage Trust now formally applied for the listing of the Victualling Yard and if so when?

ANSWER

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

A request for the listing of the Victualling Yard was presented at a meeting held on the 12th September 2006 between the Gibraltar Heritage Trust and Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 901 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is that request now taken to be a formal application for listing or not?

HON F VINET:

Yes, I will imagine there are still some issues to be resolved and further information to be had from the Trust, but certainly we are interpreting that request as a formal application.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In what timescale do the Government envisage that this listing can take place?

HON F VINET:

Well, what was made clear to the Trust and indeed the Trust were happy to accept was that the Government agree in principle to the listing of the Yard under the Heritage Trust Ordinance, so long as the construction of the Nelson's View development is not compromised. So therefore, we envisaged listing the building once Nelson's View is completed and the Trust have been informed of this.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say whether the construction of the Nelson's View development on that site may compromise the heritage of the Victualling Yard before it is listed?

HON F VINET:

In all sincerity not to my knowledge.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

If that is the case, why is it the position of the Government that they are not prepared to list the Yard until the development has been constructed?

HON F VINET:

No, there is a pending issue which is not necessarily dependant on the construction or otherwise of the new housing development, but I recall from the meeting I have just referred to, which is where the Trust applied for the listing of the Yard, some further discussion needs to take place on the precise boundary area of the Yard. It is not something that Government and the Trust are at loggerheads on, it is a question that really needs to be clarified on behalf of Government and on behalf of the Trust itself.

NO. 902 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CULTURE – NEW YEAR’S EVE CELEBRATIONS

How many entities submitted a tender for the organisation of the New Year’s Eve Celebrations 2006, who was the successful tenderer, in what amount and was this the lowest bidder?

ANSWER

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

Three companies submitted tenders for the New Year’s Eve Celebrations 2006. The successful tenderer was Film Exhibitors Ltd for £35,000. This was not the lowest bidder.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 902 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Given that the tender was awarded to the company that was not the lowest bidder, can the Minister say what criteria was used in making the tender award?

HON F VINET:

Yes, I ought to add although I am not sure it has particular relevance, that the successful tenderer was not the lowest but there was just about £300 difference between that and the lowest tenderer. The procurement board recommended awarding the tender to Film Exhibitors on the grounds that the organisers submitted a fully compliant tender, they enjoyed a good track record and the offer was within the approved budget. The lowest tender was not accepted because the pertinent company omitted to include confirmation from the City Fire Brigade of an in-principle acceptance of compliance with fire precautions. A requirement which was passed of the conditions requested in the tender. To put it in a far simpler way, the lowest tender was not compliant fully with the conditions requested.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is getting permission from the City Fire Brigade something that the tenderer could not have done afterwards if they had been awarded the tender, given that that was one of the reasons why they did not get it?

HON F VINET:

Well, I suppose that could have happened but it was a condition of the tender. In any case that was not the sole reason for the award of this tender. I certainly was not even aware of who the tenderers were or what the specific nature of the tenders consisted, but that was the recommendation received by the procurement board.

ORAL

NO. 903 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 and Leisure Authority as at the end of September 2005 and 2006, providing a breakdown by grade, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

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

There have been no changes to the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority staff complement since my reply to Question No. 238 of 2006. Therefore, the information requested is contained in my reply to that Question.

NO. 904 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

GRANTS TO SPORTING ASSOCIATIONS

Can Government state how much has been given in the form of grants to sporting associations, clubs and other sporting entities in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date giving a breakdown by recipient?

ANSWER

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

The very extensive information requested is contained in the written schedules that I now hand over to the hon Member.

If it may be helpful, I notice that there is not actually a total given for each of the years, which I have been given by way of supplementary but I can certainly pass this across the floor. The total for the year 2001/2002 was £211,197.80; for the year 2002/2003 £168,292; for 2003/2004 £179,647.45; for 2004/2005 £207,419.43; for 2005/2006 £251,883.35 and so far in 2006/2007 £65,980

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**GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS - 2001/2002**

<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>£</u>
Gibraltar Basketball Association	6,499.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	752.00
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	2,032.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	1,485.00
Gibraltar Volleyball Association	2,000.00
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	500.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	2,285.00
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	3,880.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	10,000.00
Gibraltar Darts Association	1,250.00
Gibraltar Darts Association	750.00
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	2,660.00
Gibraltar Pool Association	4,500.00
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling Association	1,238.00
Gibraltar Darts Association	1,460.00
Gibraltar Rowing Association	1,026.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	18,835.00
Gibraltar Squash Association	402.00
Gibraltar Billiards and Snooker Association	1,290.00
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	3,000.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	5,594.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	5,225.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	5,250.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	1,719.50
Gibraltar Basketball Association	4,633.00
Gibraltar Darts Association	1,017.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	1,375.00
Gibraltar Swimming Association	2,141.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	2,201.50

**GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
MULTI SPORTS - 2001/2002**

<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>£</u>
Gibraltar Island Games Association	120.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	80.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	12,000.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	2,754.80
Gibraltar Island Games Association	37,968.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	276.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	5,000.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	5,000.00

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GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT 2001/2002

<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u> <u>£</u>
Gibraltar Basketball Association	371.00
Gibraltar Swimming Association	922.00
Gibraltar Football Association	408.00
Gibraltar Football Association	8,000.00
Gibraltar Skating Association	400.00
Gibraltar Rowing Association	857.00
Gibraltar Shooting Federation	1,450.00
Gibraltar Triathlon Association	300.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	1,346.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	500.00
Gibraltar Football Association	200.00
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling Association	195.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	887.00
Gibraltar Boxing Association	579.00
Gibraltar Artistic Gymnastics	750.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	227.00
Gibraltar Rugby Football Union	575.00
Gibraltar Swimming Association	805.00
Gibraltar Squash Association	1,538.00
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling	900.00
Gibraltar Badminton Association	462.00
Gibraltar Skating Association	609.00
Gibraltar Ju-Jitsu Association	2,399.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	928.00
Gibraltar Artistic Gymnastics	910.00
Gibraltar Tennis Association	1,288.00
Gibraltar Swimming Association	2,141.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	1,375.00
Gibraltar Yachting Association	650.00
London Rugby Development	450.00
Gibraltar Yachting Association	375.00
Gibraltar Skating Association	508.00
Gibraltar Badminton Association	455.00
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	390.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	171.00
Gibraltar Rugby Football Union	694.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	526.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	383.00
Gibraltar Volleyball Association	3,200.00
Gibraltar Football Association	3,275.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	10,600.00

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**GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS – 2002/2003**

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gib Pool Association	6,595.00
Gib Basketball Association	6,767.00
Gib Triathlon Association	885.00
Gib Hockey Association	7,500.00
Gib Federation of Sea Anglers	3,610.00
Gib Athletics Association	2,812.00
Gib Athletics Association	1,185.00
Gib Fed of Sea Anglers	3,255.00
Gib Darts Asstn	1,525.00
Gib Darts Asstn	475.00
Gib Ten Pin Bowling Association	1,363.00
Gib Ten Pin Bowling Association	1,584.00
Gib Badminton Association	2,664.00
Gib Swimming Association	2,844.00
Gib Shooting Federation	1,084.00
Gib Shooting Federation	1,354.00
Gib Shooting Federation	1,050.00
Gib Cricket Association	6,750.00
Gib Squash Association	210.00
Gib Hockey Association	5,998.00
Gib Pool Association	1,885.00
Gib Athletics Association	985.00
Gib Billiards & Snooker Association	1,493.00
Gib Billiards & Snooker Association	1,349.00
Gib Rowing Association	1,600.00
Gib Hockey Association	1,700.00

**GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATION
MULTI – SPORTS COMPETITIONS – 2002/2003**

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gib Island Games	26,400.00
Gib Commonwealth Games	2,000.00
Gib Commonwealth Games	125.00
Gib Island Games	2,500.00
Gib Island Games	30,200.00
Gib Island Games	500.00

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Contd Answer to Question 904 of 2006**GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATION
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT – 2002/2003**

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gib Badminton Association	1,240.00
Gib Squash Association	245.00
Gib Karate Do-Shotokai	600.00
Gib Rhythmic Gymnastics Asstn	600.00
Gib Football Association	591.00
Gib Swimming Association	550.00
Gib Swimming Association	500.00
Gib Basketball Association	3,000.00
Gib Karate Do-Shotokai	543.00
Gib Ju-Jitsu Asstn	1,308.00
Gib Triathlon Association	455.00
Gib Skating Association	1,200.00
Gib Badminton Association	500.00
Gib Volleyball Association	800.00
Gib Shooting Association	1,500.00
Gib Rowing Association	794.00
Gib Rowing Association	1,485.00
Gib Shooting Federation	774.00
Gib Rowing Association	639.00
Gib Cricket Association	495.00
Gib Cricket Association	700.00
Gib Tennis Association	645.00
Gib Squash Association	549.00
Gib Hockey Association	150.00
Gib Rowing Association	1,500.00
Gib Cricket Association	207.00
Gib Tenpin Bowling Association	2,100.00
Gib Volleyball Association	544.00
Gib Triathlon Association	1,178.00
Gib Basketball Association	1,860.00
Gib Rowing Association	125.00
Gib Shooting Association	1,166.00
Gib Skating Association	820.00
Gib Volleyball Association	2,159.00
Gib Badminton Association	235.00
Gib Rhythmic Gymnastics Asstn	1,400.00
Gib Swimming Association	1,700.00
Gib Federation of Sea Anglers	500.00
Gib Swimming Association	648.00
Gib Darts Association	2,040.00
Gib Basketball Association	310.00
Gib Basketball Association	275.00
Gib Athletics Association	500.00
Gib Billiards & Snooker Association	1,795.00
Gib Taekwondo Association	777.00
Gib Taekwondo Association	635.00
Gib Canoeing Association	260.00
Gib Football Association	500.00
Gib Chess Club	293.10

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**GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS – 2003/2004**

ASSOCIATIONS	AMOUNT £
Gib Darts Association	1,273.00
Gib Pool Association	3,375.00
Gib Basketball Association	6,450.00
Gib Athletics Association	2,990.00
Gib Fed of Sea Anglers	3,413.00
Gib Fed of Sea Anglers	2,437.00
Gib Fed of Sea Anglers	4,873.00
Gib Darts Association	2,025.00
Gib Ten Pin Bowling Association	1,378.00
Gib Athletics Association	532.00
Gib Darts Association	1,100.00
Gib Cricket Association	5,596.00
Gib Hockey Association	11,951.00
Gib Squash Association	2,550.00
Gib Billiards and Snooker	1,335.00
Gib Netball Association	2,750.00
Gib Swimming Association	3,122.00
Gib Netball Association	1,875.00
Gib Darts Association	1,338.00
Gib Ten Pin Bowling Association	1,478.00
Gib Squash Association	2,642.00
Gib Badminton Association	1,920.00
Gib Basketball Association	1,731.00
Gib Darts Association	1,500.00
Gib Basketball Association	1,861.00
Gib Billiards and Snooker	1,500.00
Gib Athletics Association	1,832.00

**GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
MULTI SPORTS COMPETITIONS – 2003/2004**

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gib Island Games Association	26,000.00
Gib Island Games Association	180.00
Gib Island Games Association	2,716.22
Island Games Association	689.95
Island Games Association	226.63
Island Games Association	2,281.00
Island Games Association	527.90
Island Games Association	566.66
Island Games Association	724.99
Commonwealth Games Association	5,000.00
Island Games Association	5,000.00
Island Games Association	18,000.00

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**GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT – 2003/2004**

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gib Volleyball Association	2,177.00
Gib Football Association	500.00
Gib Karate Do Shotokai	600.00
Gib Volleyball Association	500.00
Gib Karate Do Shotokai	244.00
Gib Swimming Association	534.00
Gib Squash Association	1,100.00
Gib Squash Association	139.00
Gib Rifle Association	75.00
Gib Skating Association	1,161.00
Gib Basketball Association	4,680.00
Gib Swimming Association	1,303.00
Gib Skating Association	1,210.00
Gib Cricket Association	519.00
Gib Football Association	169.00
Gib Skating Association	355.00
Gib Motorboat Racing Association	1,000.00
Gib Taekwondo Association	545.00
Gib Ten Pin Bowling	689.00
Gib Swimming Association	700.00
Gib Rowing Association	1,671.00
Gib Volleyball Association	350.00
Gib Badminton Association	500.00
Gib Rowing Association	963.00
Gib Tennis Association	650.00
Gib Taekwondo Association	500.00
Gib Badminton Association	92.00
Gib Netball Association	1,542.00
Gib Canoeing Association	805.00
Gib Basketball Association	626.00
Gib Sailing Association	345.00
Gib Ten Pin Bowling Association	90.00
Gib Ten Pin Bowling Association	399.00
Gib Rhythmic Gymnastics Asstn	1,919.00
Gib Triathlon	328.00
Gib Motorboat Racing Association	376.00
Gib Basketball Association	1,154.00
Gib Rugby Football Association	1,349.00
Gib Sports Shooting Association	1,160.00
Gib Motorboat Racing Association	225.00
Gib Motorboat Racing Association	225.00
Gib Squash Association	225.00
Gib Swimming Association	850.00
Gib Boxing Association	2,358.00
Ju-Jitsu Academy	660.00

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GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS - 2004/2005

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gibraltar Volleyball Association	500.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	655.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	481.00
Gibraltar Pool Association	5,000.00
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	4,575.00
Gibraltar Shooting Federation	5,428.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	6,224.43
Gibraltar Basketball Association	5,784.00
Gibraltar Rowing Association	412.00
Gibraltar Squash Association	3,208.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	8,401.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	550.00
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling Association	1,123.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	26,000.00
Gibraltar Veterans Federation	1,600.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	12,857.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	2,000.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	5,966.00
Gibraltar Darts Association	744.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	371.00
Gibraltar Shooting Federation	3,700.00
Gibraltar Darts Association	1,200.00
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	2,750.00
Gibraltar Golf Union	3,000.00
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling	5,123.00
Gibraltar Darts Association	875.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	2,300.00

GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
MULTI SPORTS - 2004/2005

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gibraltar Darts Association	1,050.00
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	3,926.00
Gibraltar Ju-Jitsu Academy	549.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	5,000.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	18,000.00
Gibraltar Commonwealth Games Association	5,000.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	907.00
Gibraltar Commonwealth Games Association	1,500.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	5,000.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	7,900.00

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GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT – 2004/2005

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gibraltar Basketball Association	434.00
Gibraltar Football Association	350.00
Gibraltar Badminton Association	485.00
Gibraltar Swimming Association	436.00
Gibraltar Swimming Association	1,668.00
Gibraltar Volleyball Association	500.00
Gibraltar Karate Do-Shotokai Association	400.00
Gibraltar Swimming Association	500.00
Gibraltar Tennis Association	570.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	1,000.00
Gibraltar Shooting Federation	1,750.00
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling Association	1,280.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	150.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	643.00
Gibraltar Skating Association	648.00
Gibraltar Skating Association	750.00
Gibraltar Ju-Jitsu Academy	200.00
Gibraltar Rowing Association	2,668.00
Gibraltar Football Association	3,500.00
Gibraltar Canoeing Association	800.00
Gibraltar Badminton Association	570.00
Gibraltar Karate Do-Shotokai	341.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	361.00
Gibraltar Yachting Association	350.00
Gibraltar Skating Association	1,452.00
Gibraltar Triathlon Association	400.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	461.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	524.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	296.00
Gibraltar Tennis Association	600.00
Gibraltar Volleyball Association	500.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	4,661.00
Gibraltar Skating Association	500.00
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	600.00
Gibraltar Triathlon Association	425.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	753.00
Gibraltar Cricket Association	4,050.00
Gibraltar Skating Association	1,200.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	2,880.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	950.00
Gibraltar Badminton Association	454.00
Gibraltar Island Games Association	6,700.00

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GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATION
OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS – 2005/2006

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gib Pool Association	4,727.00
Gib Hockey Association	2,000.00
Gib Hockey Association	7,500.00
Gib Darts Association	1,500.00
Gib Darts Association	1,508.00
Gib Cricket Association	9,921.00
Gib Shooting Federation	738.00
Gib Ten Pin Bowling	1,096.00
Gib Athletics Association	1,128.00
Gib Basketball Association	5,345.00
Gib Sea Angling Federation	9,529.00
Gib Athletics Association	1,233.00
Gib Golf Union	2,130.00
Gib Sea Angling Federation	2,842.00
Gib Hockey Association	3,256.00
Gib Ju Jitsu Academy	1,470.00
Gib Swimming Association	2,137.00
Gib Basketball Association	2,800.00
Gib Squash Asstn	3,116.00
Gib Hockey Association	5,516.00
Gib Hockey Association	5,801.00
Gib Hockey Association	8,398.89
Gib Ten Pin Bowling	2,400.00
Gib Netball Association	4,875.00
Gib Pool Association	4,569.10
Gib Basketball Association	4,559.00
Gib Badminton Association	2,120.00
Gib Hockey Association	8,886.00
Gib Athletics Association	1,128.00
Gib Basketball Association	5,345.00
Gib Sea Angling Federation	9,529.00
Gib Athletics Association	1,233.00
Gib Golf Union	2,130.00
Gib Basketball Association	2,800.00
Gib Hockey Association	8,398.89
Gib Ten Pin Bowling	2,400.00
Gib Netball Association	4,875.00
Gib Pool Association	4,569.10

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Contd Answer to Question No 904 of 2006

GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATION
MULTI - SPORTS COMPETITIONS – 2005/2006

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gib Island Games Asstn	14,590.00
Gib Commonwealth Games Asstn	8,425.32
Gib Commonwealth Games Asstn	5,000.00
Gib Commonwealth Games Asstn	1,145.00
Gib Island Games Asstn	4,000.00
Gib Commonwealth Games Asstn	9,904.20
Gib Commonwealth Games Asstn	5,000.00
Gib Island Games Association	5,000.00
Gib Island Games Association	21,650.00

GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATION
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT – 2005/2006

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gib Karate Association	654.00
Gib Rowing Association	1,840.00
Gib Cricket Association	180.00
Gib Taekwondo Association	718.00
Gib Basketball Association	981.00
Gib Volleyball Association	227.00
Gib Athletics Association	247.00
Gib Basketball Association	180.00
Gib Basketball Association	468.00
Gib Shooting Federation	1,325.00
Gib Skating Association	855.00
Gib Karate Association	437.00
Gib Volleyball Association	1,532.00
Gib Cricket Association	1,040.00
Gib Hockey Association	286.00
Gib Squash Association	172.00
Gib Shooting Federation	992.00
Gib Canoeing Association	853.00
Gib Football Association	2,120.00
Gib Shooting Federation	930.20
Gib Football Association	2,905.00
Gib Basketball Association	1,400.00
Gib Basketball Association	164.85
Gib Basketball Association	2,608.00
Gib Badminton Association	545.00

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Contd Answer to Question No 904 of 2006

GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS - 2006/2007

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	4,565.00
Gibraltar Darts Association	1,923.00
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling Association	1,592.00
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling Association	4,255.00
Gibraltar Hockey Association	2,000.00
Gibraltar Darts Association	1,664.29
Gibraltar Federation of Sea Anglers	8,359.00
Gibraltar Shooting Federation	3,438.00
Gibraltar Shooting Federation	450.05
Gibraltar Basketball Association	1987.50
Gibraltar Basketball Association	2,656.00
Gibraltar Darts Association	1,100.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	778.20
Gibraltar Cricket Association	4,747.50
Gibraltar Ju-Jitsu Academy	823.55
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling	755.00
Gibraltar Tenpin Bowling	1,342.50
Gibraltar Pool Association	5,575.00
Gibraltar Athletics Association	7,925.00

GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
MULTI SPORTS – 2006/2007

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £

To date, no grants have yet been awarded under Grants to Sports Associations – Multi Sports Competitions 2006/2007.

GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS
SPORTS DEVELOPMENT – 2006/2007

ASSOCIATION	AMOUNT £
Gibraltar Rhythmic Gymnastics Association	259.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	1,280.00
Gibraltar Basketball Association	282.82
Gibraltar Karate Do-Shotokai Association	844.00
Gibraltar Rhythmic Gymnastics Association	703.73
Gibraltar Swimming Association	141.86
Gibraltar Cricket Association	4,960.00
Gibraltar Taekwondo Association	1,572.00

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 904 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Are these grants usually given in full as they request it? Does the association, for example, ask for the grant and the Government accede to that amount, or do they negotiate an amount after the association or club has actually put in the bid for the grant?

HON F VINET:

Well, first of all the amount itself is not decided by Government but rather by the Sports Advisory Council and on occasions by sub-committees of the Council but the normal procedure is to encourage sporting associations and clubs to fund raise. So what normally happens is that Government pay 50 per cent of the funds required and the particular federation, association or club pays the remaining 50 per cent whether by way of sponsorship or whatever.

HON S E LINARES:

Another thing that I notice in the list that the Minister has passed on to me is that there are associations that seem to be asking for money, as in small amounts, but many times rather than what I would have thought that the Sports Advisory Council would actually get a figure at either the beginning or the end of the year and say, 'right this association is going to get, for argument's sake, £5,000 and that is it'. It seems as if the associations tend to come in, for example the basketball association seek £180 and then another £200. Is it not that the Sports Advisory Council does a fixed sum at the beginning of the year, end of year and that is it?

HON F VINET:

No for a variety of reasons. First of all, because some particular clubs and associations are more active than others and they hold more competitions or attend international competitions, whilst others do not, and each of those competitions, or each of those events is looked at on its merits by the Council. So, therefore, it is necessary, logical I would suggest and appropriate for each of those applications to be looked at individually.

HON S E LINARES:

Yes, but surely an association knows it is going to do an international or have a tournament, they should know at least a year before because they have to organise it, so it seems as if, again, these associations do not seem to, either the Sports Advisory Council does not ask for accounts and things like looking at how much is the expenditure for the year, they should have a medium long-term plan of what the association is going to do. Surely, is that the case?

HON F VINET:

I can assure the hon Member that the Council, as indeed Government, take very seriously the financial position of these applicants and we look at the accounts very fully. I think the hon Member, with respect, is confused by the manner in which the answer is detailed. It does not necessarily follow, as appears to be suggested, that these associations or clubs are not forward planning sufficiently and they apply for funding on an ad-hoc basis, that is not necessarily the case. It is just that the figures listed are pertaining to a particular competition or particular international event they are attending, rather than as a whole. I think this particular way actually provides more information than would have been the case if we simply present a global figure and there is no way really of knowing what that figure is composed of.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister then give a breakdown of what each item is? For example, if I have a whole list, association and I have Gibraltar Basketball Association £180; the next one on the list Gibraltar Basketball Association £468; we go down the list, we have Gibraltar Basketball Association £1,400, what are these figures for? If I do not have a breakdown I have got to assume that these are different items, like the Minister rightly said. They are different items but what I am saying is that if I am given a global figure, I will know that at the end of the year the Basketball Association for example, has got in grant x amount of money. If the Minister, which I appreciate, I appreciate the fact that he has given me a breakdown with different items, but for me these items are completely useless if I do not get what it is used for, if the Minister can understand what I am trying to say.

HON F VINET:

Yes I understand perfectly the logic of what the hon Member has just expressed, but the Question asked was 'can Government state how much has been given in the form of grants' and there was no suggestion whatsoever as to what those funds were used for. So, of course, I can understand the logic behind looking at each of those sums and explaining what they relate to, I suppose it would take some time to compile the information but the information, of course, is available. It might have been useful to include that detail as part of the question.

HON S E LINARES:

Okay, I would appreciate him giving me those details but if he questions my question as in how it was phrased, therefore I should have had a round figure per annum because I asked it per annum so therefore, a breakdown each year. What should have been given then is either a breakdown like he has given me with the item or not a breakdown at all. Like I said, since he has been forthcoming quite frankly in giving me all the list of the things that the associations asked for, then I would appreciate what they are for, that is all.

HON F VINET:

I suppose we could be discussing this for some more hours to come. The question does not refer to a total, the question asked for how much had been given in the form

of grants and the hon Member has been given an extremely full and detailed list of the information requested and I have volunteered the totals. Of course, I mean, there is no reason why the total could not have been included in that list but it was not specifically requested.

MR SPEAKER:

It is only a matter of presentation really.

ORAL

NO. 905 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

BAYSIDE SPORTS CENTRE

Can Government state the latest date for completion of the Bayside Sports Complex?

ANSWER

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

The latest date of completion for the Bayside Sports Centre project is 21st December 2006.

ORAL

NO. 906 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – COMMERCIAL WORKS

Can Government state when the payments to the Gibraltar Electricity Authority for commercial works amounting to £1.5 million were received in the financial year 2005/2006 and the source of each payment?

ANSWER

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

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

Answer to Question 906 of 2006

Project / Source received	Amount	Date Payment
Kaysery Ltd. - 10 Watergardens	£1,383.77	21/04/2005
Taylor Woodrow Ltd. - Rock Gardens	£8,696.64	12/05/2005
C Maskell - 7 Gardiner's Rd	£143.36	18/05/2005
Ministry of Tourism - Gib Phil Orchestra Show	£194.10	26/05/2005
Ministry of Tourism - Concert St. Michael's Cave 28 May 05	£258.80	02/06/2005
Ministry of Tourism - Concert St. Michael's Cave 3 June 05	£452.90	02/06/2005
Broadband Gib Ltd.	£339.73	22/06/2005
D Whitmore - 34 Prince Edward's Road	£289.37	05/07/2005
Europort International Holdings Ltd. - Bldg. No. 7	£21,390.37	07/07/2005
Europort International Holdings Ltd. - Bldg. No. 9	£14,994.53	12/07/2005
A Bassadone - 8/4 South Barrack Road	£2,957.96	25/07/2005
Sharrock Shand - 19B Town Range	£684.52	23/08/2005
Ministry of Culture - Miss Gibraltar Show	£679.35	24/08/2005
Ocean Village	£333,662.42	25/08/2005
Rock Cool - 101 Main Street	£397.15	25/08/2005
AquaGib Ltd. - City Mill Lane (project cancelled)	-£1,000.00	09/09/2005
Europlaza	£24,725.61	22/09/2005
Khubchands - 55 Main Street	£307.75	27/09/2005
Coaling Island Marina	£2,314.53	28/09/2005
Gibtelecom - Mount Pleasant	£26,145.46	03/10/2005
Eurofranchise Management - 13 Tuckey's Lane	£1,965.85	04/10/2005
Eurofranchise Management - 15 Parliament Lane	£4,016.11	12/10/2005
Ministry of Culture - Taxi Concert & National Day	£45,889.64	12/10/2005
Mr. Winwood - 5 Strait's View	£579.98	25/10/2005
Risso Bakery - 44 Irish Town	£4,446.53	02/11/2005
Genista House - Europa Road	£705.01	02/11/2005
Ministry of Tourism - Regimental Concert	£333.00	02/11/2005
L Byrne - 59 Governor's Parade	£370.37	14/11/2005
Calpe Rowing Club - Europort Road	£287.10	16/11/2005
The Cliftons - Royal Naval Hospital	£12,615.20	21/11/2005
A Lagiarich - 13 Benzimra's Alley	£319.73	24/11/2005
Norwich & Peterborough - Christmas Tree Lights	£284.71	25/11/2005
Ministry of Trade - Catalan Bay Festivities	£7,672.07	06/12/2005
Exchange Travel - 241 Main Street	£331.90	08/12/2005
Fit for All Co. - 24 Witham's Road	£105.74	08/12/2005
Ministry of Tourism - Regimental Concert 28 Nov 05	£274.78	12/12/2005
Ministry of Tourism - Gib Phil Orchestra Show	£432.90	13/12/2005
Entrecanales & Travora - Line Wall Road	£59,476.84	05/01/2006
Sapphire Network - Eurotowers	£17,500.00	18/01/2006
Rison Ltd. - Marina View Development	£1,173.10	23/01/2006
Hopefield Properties - Old Naval Hospital Road	£1,111.35	26/01/2006
AquaGib Ltd. - Rodger's Road	£1,030.62	07/02/2006
Jyske Bank - 76 Main Street	£1,162.57	13/02/2006
Capt. Of the Port - Western Arm Lighting	£21,0d00.00	15/02/2006
Chimney Corner Restaurant - Fish Market Road	£5,491.96	21/02/2006
Essardas & Sons - Oleander Court	£827.86	24/02/2006
Technical Services Dept. - Cormorant Wharf Sewage Station	£1,760.59	01/03/2006

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Gibtelecom - Rosia Rd & Camp Bay	£40,023.08	02/03/2006
Ministry of Tourism - Concert St. Michael's Cave 22 Mar 06	£199.80	08/03/2006
Sports Centre - Victoria Stadium	£1,336.99	09/03/2006
Grand Casemates - Illuminations	£709.80	09/03/2006
Ministry of Tourism - Concert St. Michael's Cave 10 Mar 06	£333.00	14/03/2006
Trade Winds - Marina Bay	£354,882.97	15/03/2006
Rower Ltd. - Watergate House	£325.49	15/03/2006
Majestic Ocean Plaza Ltd. - Glacis Road	£5,021.97	21/03/2006
Europort International Holdings Ltd. - New Substation	£246,744.10	24/03/2006
Pizzaghetti Ltd. - 56 Irish Town	£222.11	24/03/2006
MTI (Technical Installations) Ltd. - King's Bastion	£2,152.03	27/03/2006
Catering Unit - GHA	£209,691.00	31/03/2006
Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd.	£11,771.55	31/03/2006
Total	£1,503,597.72	

ORAL

NO. 907 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – COMMERCIAL WORKS

Can Government list the commercial works undertaken by the Gibraltar Electricity Authority to the value of £1.5 million in the financial year 2005/2006?

ANSWER

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

The detailed information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule I now hand to him. Essentially, it is the same list. The only difference is that in the second list some of the items have an asterisk next to them, simply to explain that they are on-going projects.

Answer to Question 907 of 2006

Project / Source

Most of these projects have been completed and others are on-going (*)

Kaysery Ltd. - 10 Watergardens
Taylor Woodrow Ltd. - Rock Gardens *
C Maskell - 7 Gardiner's Rd
Ministry of Tourism - Gib Phil Orchestra Show
Ministry of Tourism - Concert St. Michael's Cave 28 May 05
Ministry of Tourism - Concert St. Michael's Cave 3 June 05
Broadband Gib Ltd.
D Whitmore - 34 Prince Edward's Road
Europort International Holdings Ltd. - Bldg. No. 7 *
Europort International Holdings Ltd. - Bldg. No. 9 *
A Bassadone - 8/4 South Barrack Road
Sharrock Shand - 19B Town Range
Ministry of Culture - Miss Gibraltar Show
Ocean Village *
Rock Cool - 101 Main Street
AquaGib Ltd. - City Mill Lane (project cancelled)
Europlaza *
Khubchands - 55 Main Street
Coaling Island Marina
Gibtelecom - Mount Pleasant
Eurofranchise Management - 13 Tuckey's Lane
Eurofranchise Management - 15 Parliament Lane
Ministry of Culture - Taxi Concert & National Day
Mr. Winwood - 5 Strait's View
Risso Bakery - 44 Irish Town
Genista House - Europa Road *
Ministry of Tourism - Regimental Concert
L Byrne - 59 Governor's Parade
Calpe Rowing Club - Europort Road
The Cliftons - Royal Naval Hospital *
A Lagiarich - 13 Benzimra's Alley
Norwich & Peterborough - Christmas Tree Lights
Ministry of Trade - Catalan Bay Festivities
Exchange Travel - 241 Main Street
Fit for All Co. - 24 Witham's Road
Ministry of Tourism - Regimental Concert 28 Nov 05
Ministry of Tourism - Gib Phil Orchestra Show
Entrecanales & Travora - Line Wall Road *
Sapphire Network - Eurotowers *
Rison Ltd. - Marina View Development
Hopefield Properties - Old Naval Hospital Road
AquaGib Ltd. - Rodger's Road
Jyske Bank - 76 Main Street
Capt. Of the Port - Western Arm Lighting *
Chimney Corner Restaurant - Fish Market Road
Essardas & Sons - Oleander Court
Technical Services Dept. - Cormorant Wharf Sewage Station
Gibtelecom - Rosia Rd & Camp Bay
Ministry of Tourism - Concert St. Michael's Cave 22 Mar 06

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Sports Centre - Victoria Stadium
Grand Casemates - Illuminations
Ministry of Tourism - Concert St. Michael's Cave 10 Mar 06
Trade Winds - Marina Bay *

Rower Ltd. - Watergate House
Majestic Ocean Plaza Ltd. - Glacis Road *
Europort International Holdings Ltd. - New Substation *
Pizzagheti Ltd. - 56 Irish Town
MTI (Technical Installations) Ltd. - King's Bastion
Catering Unit - GHA
Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 907 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Given the nature of these works and the timing of the payments, is the Minister able to explain why it is that it was only as a last minute that the Estimates before the House were amended to change the sum that had been received? The money seems to have come in early enough to have been in the Estimates, most of it. Then, sort of 24 hours before the debate, we had an amending piece of paper showing the £1.5 million.

HON F VINET:

The information I am given by way of supplementary and which I hope may be useful, is that the payments received do not necessarily correspond to expenditure because projects may overlap a financial year and are still on-going. I am afraid that is the only information I have before me and I would require prior notice in order to be able to give a fuller answer.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I notice, in fact, that the amount that has been actually received in the last financial year, given that the original estimate was £325,000, we are talking about five times as much. Is the Minister saying that this does not mean that five times as much work was done and that some of this money may be for work completed in previous financial years?

HON F VINET:

Yes I suppose, I have already explained part of the reason, it is the latter alternative. The forecast outturn for 2005/2006 shown in the Estimates for 2006/2007, shows a figure of £333,000 and the payments received, as I have explained, do not necessarily correspond to expenditure because projects may well up in the financial year and are still on-going. That is the information I have before me. I not sure whether I am replying.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It just strikes me that if we go back to 2003/2004 the amount was £203,000, the estimate for 2004/2005 was £400,000 and the amount finally collected was £219,000, and then in the year to which we are referring the estimate was £325,000, which was entirely in line with what had been happening throughout and they finished up collecting £1.5 million. Now, the difference between £300,000 and £1.5 million would be indicative of a volume which is five times bigger, assuming that there has not been a big increase in prices charged by the Authority for this kind of work. So I am surprised that looking at the list of things, apart from two or three big projects which are obviously requiring a bigger input, there are an awful lot of very small jobs which I suppose is what is normally is happening all the year round. My question is, does he have any idea whether, of the £1.5 million we have got there, payment was for things that were actually carried out in previous financial years? Therefore we

would be having a situation then where really there was an element of collection of arrears in that £1.5 million and, presumably, the cost of the work had appeared in previous financial years on the expenditure side of the authority?

HON F VINET:

That may indeed be the case but I honestly do not have the information before me. What I have been given is exactly what I have passed on, which is the works, the amounts and the date of payment. That may be the case or it may not and I would rather not give an answer that I do not know fully the information of, but I will certainly attempt to find out as quickly as possible and inform the hon Member. I do not have the information before me.

NO. 908 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

JOHN MACKINTOSH HALL

Can Government explain to what they attribute the increase in revenue in respect of John Mackintosh Hall receipts from the estimated £20,000, to the forecast £35,000 for 2005/2006?

ANSWER

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

The revenue has increased partly due to rental fees collected from the cafeteria, which re-opened in September 2005. However, the major reason is that the John Mackintosh Hall is now collecting money in respect of the use of the sound system from the hirer of the theatre. In previous years hirers paid this money directly to the sound provider.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 908 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

So does it mean then that there is now an expenditure element which was not there before? That is to say, that the money comes in and it goes out.

HON F VINET:

Yes it is simply the case, as the hon Member will know, that a sound provider who provides sound on a contract basis to the Hall, and what used to happen was that users of the Hall, dance groups and so on, paid those sums directly to the sound provider and it was agreed at the last meeting of the John Mackintosh Hall Board that in order to keep a tighter control of the amounts paid to the sound provider, it was deemed necessary to collect the fees directly via the John Mackintosh Hall administration. All that happens is that money is then passed on via the administration of the Hall to the sound provider.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Minister tell me what that amount would be in respect of this financial year out of the £35,000?

HON F VINET:

No, I have not been given a breakdown. What I can say, although I have been given a reference to the rental fees for the cafeteria as part of the reason, I would assume that the bulk, the vast majority of that £15,000 difference between the £20,000 of the estimates and the forecast £35,000 is attributable to this reason, the new arrangement regarding the sound provider, but I have not got the exact figures with me.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Does the Minister know whether that would appear as a new item in the revised forecast of 2005/2006 on the expenditure side? The money comes in to the Consolidated Fund but who is the department that actually pays the sound provider?

HON F VINET:

I am trying to recall the name of the company that has the contract to run the Hall, I believe it is Knightsbridge Holdings but I am not entirely sure.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is not my question. If we have got an additional £15,000 that enters the Consolidated Fund and that money is then subsequently paid to the sound provider, whoever the sound provider may be, presumably the only way it can leave the Consolidated Fund is through it being appropriated in the Appropriation Ordinance approved by this House and therefore appearing as an expenditure item. If the expenditure item was not there at the beginning of the year, then presumably it has been introduced since and appears in the forecast outturn in the Estimates presented in the House this year. I am asking the Minister if he knows which is the department that makes the payment to the provider, because then presumably I can look in the book and find the payment.

HON F VINET:

No I do not, but I will endeavour to find out.

ORAL

NO. 909 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government say how often and on what dates the Development Appeals Tribunal has met in 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question No. 910 of 2006.

NO. 910 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government say how many cases remained pending before the Development Appeals Tribunal as on 31 August 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answer to Question No. 909 of 2006

In 2006 the Development Appeals Tribunal has to this date met on one occasion on the 13th October 2006.

Answer to Question No. 910 of 2006

As at 31st August 2006 there were five cases pending.

I think I should add to that for further clarification, that none were pending awaiting the Tribunal to deal with it. All five were pending for other reasons external to the case coming and prior to the case being able to come to the Tribunal.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 909 AND 910 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In the past the Minister has supplied me with a list of cases and of issues, what it was that they were appealing against, is the Minister able to do that today?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, there is no reason why I cannot. I do not have a list in prepared form here but I can certainly make the list available to him after the meeting of the House.

ORAL

NO. 911 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

GHA has received formal notification from Fitzpatrick to the effect that all shower seats were tested to loadings in excess of the manufacturer design specifications.

ORAL

NO. 912 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – ROTATING DOOR

Can Government provide a breakdown of the costs of the rotating door recently installed at St Bernard's Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The cost of the recently installed rotating door at St Bernard's Hospital is as follows:

Cost of new Rotating Door (including installation)	£41,000.00
Cost of matting	790.00
TOTAL COST	£41,790.00

ORAL

NO. 913 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government state whether they are aware of the state of disrepair that the benches in the grounds of the KGV Hospital find themselves in and what do they propose to do to rectify the position?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 914 to 924 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 914 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 June, July, August and September 2006 on the maintenance of the KGV Hospital by the GHA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 913 and 915 to 924 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 915 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL (COALING ISLAND)

Can Government confirm that they have undertaken to provide a Recreational Area at Coaling Island for the use of patients at KGV Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 913, 914 and 916 to 924 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 916 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government confirm that they are satisfied with the smoking facilities provided for patients at KGV Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 913 to 915 and 917 to 924 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 917 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government confirm that no occupational therapy activities are organised for patients at KGV Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 913 to 916 and 918 to 924 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 918 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government confirm that there is only one TV set at the KGV Hospital for the use of patients and that the control thereto does not function?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 913 to 917 and 919 to 924 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 919 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government state the level of the fortnightly allowance paid to patients at KGV Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 913 to 918 and 920 to 924 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 920 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL (PSYCHO-GERIATRIC PATIENTS)

Can Government state how many psycho-geriatric patients have been admitted in KGV Hospital during the months of June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 913 to 919 and 921 to 924 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 921 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 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 913 to 920 and 922 to 924 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 922 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 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 913 to 921, 923 and 924 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 923 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 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 913 to 921 and 924 of 2006.

NO. 924 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 KGV Hospital Long Stay Ward were occupied at the end of September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The Government are aware of the continuing need for improvements at KGV Hospital. Despite the investment of large sums of money, the Government recognise that the building is not ideal for psychiatric patient care. The hon Member is reminded that KGV Hospital is not a purpose built Psychiatric Unit but a converted medical unit. The needs are totally different. This is precisely why the Government recently announced their intention to commission a purpose built Psychiatric Unit. This is the final phase in the Government's commitment to re-model the health service and follows the inauguration of a new Primary Care Centre and the new St Bernard's Hospital.

Answer to Question No. 913 of 2006

Works in respect of the benches in disrepair, located in the grounds of KGV Hospital, commenced on the 11th October 2006 as part of our on-going programme of maintenance. Weather permitting, these works will be completed by the end of the month.

Answer to Question No. 914 of 2006

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.

However, 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 all GHA premises. As 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 the KGV in isolation of the costs throughout GHA. May I add that this answer was given almost in the same terms in the last session of the House to a very similar question, so I would suggest that the hon Member takes note of the answer because if he asks this again the answer will be the same. The costs are not identified separately.

Answer to Question No. 915 of 2006

Recreational and therapeutic activities are already being provided at Coaling Island for the benefit of outpatients undergoing mental health treatment.

No plans have been drawn up to provide a specific recreational area at Coaling Island for patients from KGV.

Answer to Question No. 916 of 2006

I can confirm that there is an agreed smoking policy in place at KGV Hospital and a smoking facility similar to that at St Bernard's Hospital is provided at KGV. However, the provision of smoking facilities internally, within the building in exceptional circumstances, is currently under review.

Answer to Question No. 917 of 2006

The GHA does provide Occupational Therapy services for in-patients at KGV and within the Community.

There is currently one full time Senior 1 Occupational Therapist and one full-time Occupational Therapy Assistant employed exclusively for the Mental Health Services.

Answer to Question No. 918 of 2006

There are three TV sets available to patients at KGV.

The remote control of one of these TV sets was damaged recently and has now been replaced.

I would ask the hon Member to note that the few days when the remote was unavailable the TV set was fully functional with full manual controls. In fact, may I add that there is a fourth set in store in case it is necessary to use it.

Answer to Question No. 919 of 2006

The allowances paid by the Department of Social Services to patients at KGV Hospital varies from £31.00 to £64.60. The majority of these patients receive an allowance of £31.00 fortnightly.

Answer to Question Nos. 920 to 924 of 2006

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

Answer to Question 920

Psychogeriatric admissions at KGV:

June 06	1
July 06	1
August 06	2
September 06	3

Answer to Question 921 to 924

As at September 2006	Long Stay Ward	Acute Ward
Bed Provision	30	24
Bed Occupied	28	18

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 913 TO 924 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

With reference to the answer to Question No. 916 of 2006 regarding the smoking facilities, the information that I have is that this is composed of the equivalent of a bus shelter outside the hospital. Is this correct and is the Minister therefore satisfied this is suitable for the purpose?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, the hon Member is correct but to put right a wrong impression that he may give those people listening, it is not that people are sent to a bus shelter to smoke. There is a structure in KGV, as there are several structures in St Bernard's Hospital, which are outside the building and which are similar to bus shelters in that they are transparent and have a domed type of roof effect, where people can go out in the open air and smoke protected from rain, basically, when it is raining. The stability of this shelter from rain is perfectly adequate and is used elsewhere, other than in Gibraltar, for exactly the same purpose.

HON L A RANDALL:

With reference to Question No. 915, did I hear the Minister correctly and did he say that there are no plans to provide a recreational area at Coaling Island for the use of patients of KGV Hospital?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The hon Member did indeed hear me correctly. What I said is that there are no plans at present to make any substantial changes at Coaling Island. I would remind the hon Member that the Government are currently carrying out a feasibility study of two sites in Gibraltar to replace the existing KGV and, almost certainly, the existing facilities at Coaling Island. So there is no major creation of a recreational area being done at this stage pending the way forward being established.

HON L A RANDALL:

I am surprised by the answer given by the Minister in the light of the information that was provided to me that there had been an undertaking by the Government to provide such a recreational area in the Coaling Island. I will refer that to the constituent who brought the information to my knowledge. As regards the level of fortnightly allowance paid to patients at KGV Hospital, again, the information that I was provided with was in the order of £15.00 a fortnight for their expenditure. The allowance paid by Government in respect of a patient may be £31.00 but the amount which is handed over to the patient is £15.00 a fortnight. Can the Minister confirm whether the figure that I have mentioned is an accurate figure or not?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

These allowances are paid by the Department of Social Services rather than by GHA, so I will apologise that I am not necessarily very well informed on the particular allowances, but the information that I have been given is, as I have said previously, that they vary between £31.00 and £64.60 and that the majority of the patients receive, and I take that to mean that it is the money paid to the patient, the majority of the patients receive an allowance of £31.00 fortnightly. It may be, I would venture to guess, that the person to whom he spoke may have said £15.00 meaning £15.00 a week. I do not know, the information that I have is that the majority receive £31.00 every fortnight.

HON L A RANDALL:

I can confirm to the Minister that the information which I received was £15.00 a fortnight, hence my question on bus fares for this patient was predicated on the level of this allowance.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I would venture to suggest that maybe she should write to my colleague, the Minister for Social Services, and to ask for the basis of an analysis of the allowances. There is no problem in her providing that information but it is not information that I have readily available here, but I would suggest to him that if he wants further information that it would be better to address it to the Minister for Social Services rather than to GHA. If he does address it to the GHA I will pass it on to my colleague to deal with.

HON L A RANDALL:

I intend to, obviously, bring to the attention of the constituent involved the answers which the Minister has provided to the questions I was asked to pose. Obviously it will be up to her whether she takes it up with the Ministry.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The only thing that I can add is that I did say that the majority of these patients receive an allowance of £31.00 fortnightly. Again I am guessing, it is possible I suppose, that obviously as majority does not mean everybody, it is possible that there are people who receive less than £31.00, I do not know. The first part of the answer says very clearly, the allowance varies from £31.00 to £64.00, which would seem to imply that nothing less than £31.00 is paid. Again, I apologise for not being able to provide further information on my feet.

HON L A RANDALL:

With reference to Question No. 918, the Minister said that there were three TV's available for the use of the patients and that only one had a damaged control which was replaced days after that. I just wanted confirmation.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, I can confirm that there is a TV set in each of the day rooms in each of the two wards, which is two TV sets and there is a third TV set in the OT Department and there is a fourth TV set in a cupboard or in a store somewhere not being used, but available to be used if there is a breakdown or if the need arises.

NO. 925 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – NUMBER OF BEDS

Can Government state during the months of June to September 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 No. 926 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 926 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 June, July, August and September 2006, giving a breakdown by sex and age?

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 926 of 2006

Answer to Question 925

1: The total number of elderly patients formally discharged who live alone is as follows :-

Age	June		July		August		September	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
71-80	2	0	2	1	2	1	1	2
81-90	1	1	1	1	1	1	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 926

The number of elderly patients at St Bernard's Hospital as at the end of June, July, August and September 2006 were as follows:-

Age	June		July		August		September	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65-70	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	1
71-80	4	9	6	13	4	9	7	10
81-90	9	15	9	13	9	11	9	12
91-100	2	9	2	9	1	8	1	8

ORAL

NO. 927 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – CT SCANS

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question No. 928 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 928 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 June, July, August and September 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 928 of 2006

Answer to Question 927

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

2006	CT SCANS LOCAL
JUNE	128
JULY	130
AUGUST	145
SEPTEMBER	139

No CT Scans have been undertaken in Spain.

Answer to Question 928

Payments made to Malaga Clinics in June, July, August and September 2006 in respect of patients referred for scans was as follows:

	£
June	-
July	551.98
August	1365.98
September	-

ORAL

NO. 929 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA - MAMMOGRAMS

Can the Minister for Health state what is the average waiting time for a routine mammogram at St Bernard's Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 934 to 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 930 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – DIALYSIS TREATMENT

Can Government state the number of dialysis patients that were treated at St Bernard's Hospital and those that were treated at hospitals in Spain during the month of September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 931 to 933 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 931 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 930, 932 and 933 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 932 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – PATIENT REFERRALS TO UK

Can Government state the number of patient referrals to the UK in the months of June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 930, 931 and 933 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 933 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 June, July, August and September 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 933 of 2006

Answer to Question 930

Patients treated for dialysis in Gibraltar or sponsored for dialysis in Spain during the months of September 2006 is as follows:

Gibraltar	Spain
11	0

Answer to Questions 931 to 933

	Patients Treated/Sponsored		Referrals
	Spain	UK	UK
2006			
June	60	69	98
July	36	78	100
August	25	78	97
September	24	96	108
TOTAL	145	321	403

ORAL

NO. 934 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – OUTPATIENT ATTENDANCES

Can Government state what was the total number of outpatient attendances at St Bernard's Hospital during the months of June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929 and 935 to 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 935 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929, 934 and 936 to 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 936 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929, 934, 935 and 937 to 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 937 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – OUTPATIENT ATTENDANCES

Can Government state the total number of outpatient attendances at the Primary Care Centre in the months of June, July, August and September 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. 929, 934 to 936 and 938 to 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 938 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – OUTPATIENT ATTENDANCES

Can Government state the 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929, 934 to 937 and 939 to 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 939 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 Primary Care Centre doctors in the months of June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929, 934 to 938 and 940 to 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 940 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929, 934 to 939 and 941 to 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 941 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – REFERRALS TO ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can Government state the number of new (excluding reviews) patients that were referred from the Primary Care Centre to consultants at St Bernard’s Hospital in the year 2005 and in the period January to September 2006, providing a breakdown by speciality and month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929, 934 to 940 and 942 to 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 942 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 in the months of June, July, August and September 2006, by speciality, specifying which were elective and which were emergencies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929, 934 to 941 and 943 to 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 943 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 speciality as at end September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929, 934 to 942, 944 and 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 944 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 the physiotherapy treatment as at the 30th September 2006, specifying those that were referred by a Doctor at the Primary Care Centre?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929, 934 to 943, 945 and 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 945 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Can the Minister for Health state what the average waiting time was for dental appointments, other than school children, at the Primary Care Centre as at end September 2005 and as at end September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 929, 934 to 944 and 946 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 946 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Can the Minister for Health state what the average waiting time was for dental appointments for school children, at the Primary Care Centre as at end September 2005 and as at end September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answer to Question No. 929 of 2006

The GHA does not provide a routine mammography service. What the GHA provides is a symptomatic diagnostic mammography service. This is a one stop clinic where, in urgent cases, patients are seen in conjunction with the surgeons on the same day. Appointments for non-urgent cases are scheduled in keeping with clinical considerations and are normally booked within two weeks.

Answer to Question Nos. 934 to 946 of 2006

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

Answer to Question 946 of 2006

Answer to Question 934

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

2006	Clinics	A&E			Physiotherapy
		Clinics	Dressings	Plasters	
JUNE	2270	2309	575	40	555
JULY	1947	2496	648	82	500
AUGUST	2132	2487	739	52	549
SEPTEMBER	2870	2266	643	50	681
Totals	9219	9558	2605	224	2285

Answer to Question 935

The total number of In-patient admissions during the months of June 2006, July 2006, August 2006 and September 2006 was as follows:-

June 2006:	415
July 2006:	435
August 2006:	388
September 2006:	390

The average number of in-patients per day during the months of June 2006, July 2006, August 2006 and September 2006 was as follows:-

June 2006:	137
July 2006:	128
August 2006:	125
September 2006:	130

Answer to Question 936

The number of non-entitled patients that have been admitted to St Bernard's Hospital during the months of June, July, August and September 2006 is as follows:

June	-	3
July	-	1
August	-	0
September	-	2

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Contd Answer to Question 946 of 2006

Answer to Question 937, 938, 939 and 940

DEPARTMENT	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06	TOTAL
AUDIOLOGY	121	142	94	131	488
DIETICIAN	105	75	80	82	342
CLINIC SISTER	1760	1454	1779	1631	6,624
SCHOOL HEALTH	190	154	184	196	724
SPEECH & LANGUAGE	117	12	38	111	278
MENTAL WELFARE	164	180	168	188	700
GP CLINIC	7230	6872	6845	7615	28,562
HOUSE CALLS*	539	422	508	583	2,052
DENTAL	1842	889	1161	1519	5,411
CHILD WELFARE	692	615	704	716	2,727
NURSE PRACTITIONER	777	797	1099	763	3,436
DERMATOLOGIST	106	N.C.H	107	N.C.H	213
CRYOTHERAPY	170	146	154	156	626
TOTAL	13,813	11,758	12,921	13,691	52,183

*Calls received during working hours are recorded until 4pm. Night calls do not form part of these statistics

COMMUNITY

PHYSIO	188	203	179	129	699
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	245	190	163	214	812
DISTRICT	2283	2362	2757	1839	9,241
TOTAL	2,716	2,755	3,099	2,182	10,752

GRAND TOTAL	16,529	14,513	16,020	15,873	62,935
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N.C.H. = NO CLINIC WAS HELD THAT MONTH

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Contd Answer to Question 946 of 2006

Answer to Question 941

Speciality	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Orthopaedic	38	75	54	45	58	64	79
Surgical	27	109	73	110	95	88	93
Medical	23	61	63	60	70	62	37
Ophthalmology	13	31	17	29	18	16	17
ENT	13	36	29	38	44	38	24
Paediatrics	1	15	12	11	4	5	6
Gynaecology	9	50	35	35	30	23	7
Pain Clinic	3	3	4	4	4	3	4
Radiology	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Podiatrist	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

The information requested by the Honourable Member is only readily available for the period February to August 2006 because it was specifically collected for a workshop. Data outside this timeframe has never been collected for statistical purposes and is not currently available.

The GHA is developing a software to enable this data to be analysed,

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Contd Answer to Question 946 of 2006

Answer to Question 942

Elective operations performed:

Speciality	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
General Surgery	58	71	65	66
General Surgery Initiative	4	-	8	-
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	21	13	25	15
Ophthalmology	29	32	23	24
Oral Surgery	35	13	13	22
Orthopaedics	36	25	69	41
Knee Initiative	10	20	10	-
Otorhinolaryngology	13	22	18	11
Otorhinolaryngology Initiative	5	-	3	-
Pain Relief	8	2	18	9
Plastic Surgery	-	-	-	15
Psychiatry	5	5	6	7
Spinals	-	-	4	-
Total	224	203	262	210

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Contd Answer to Question 946 of 2006

Contd Answer to Question 942

Emergency operations performed:

Speciality	June 2006	July 2006	August 2006	September 2006
General Surgery	8	15	10	6
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	5	3	4	5
Ophthalmology	-	-	1	1
Oral Surgery	-	1	-	2
Orthopaedics	3	14	11	11
Otorhinolaryngology	1	1	1	-
Plastic Surgery	-	-	-	1
Total	17	34	27	26

Answer to Question 943

Elective Surgery Waiting Lists

General Surgery	257
Gynaecology	76
Ophthalmology	32
Orthopaedics	197
Otorhinolaryngology	37
Plastic Surgery	182

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Contd Answer to Question 946 of 2006

Answer to Question 944

The waiting List for Physiotherapy as at 30th September 2006 is as follows:

Primary Care Centre referrals	48
Other referrals	6
Total Referrals	54

Answer to Question 945 and 946

Average waiting time for dental appointments.

Adults	6 Months
Children	6months

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 929 AND 934 TO 946 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

With reference to the reply offered by the Minister in respect of Question No. 929, where he said they were booked within two weeks, I have a constituent coming in to see me who told me that she had been given an appointment 17 months into the future, so I am rather surprised that he has given this answer. Perhaps he can explain some medical consideration which I am unaware of?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I have already explained that but I think, probably, the hon Member may have been confused by the medical terminology, so I will try and say it again in non-medical terminology. I said GHA does not provide a routine mammography service and we do not. This is what is sometimes known as screening. This is where the lady concerned goes to see a doctor and either she or the doctor, or both of them, think that it is a good idea for her to have a mammography just in case there is anything wrong with her, that there are no clinical indications like the usual indication of a lump, that there are others, that there are no clinical indications of a need for mammography. Now, the provision of a screening service if it were to be provided, would need to be provided on a selective basis for an age group of, I do not know the exact ages but usually it is between 45 and 55 or thereabouts, and the female part of the population is targeted and they are asked to come in for a screening process. That service is not being provided in Gibraltar, it may be provided in the future but it is not being provided as I answer the question. So I say again, what then is being provided is a mammography service for patients who go to see a doctor in the Primary Care Centre and that doctor sees clinical indications, like a lump in the breast, of a need for a mammography. Then that need is assessed clinically on whether it is urgent and if it is urgent the patient is seen on the same day and goes in from the Primary Care Centre to St Bernard's, the mammography is done immediately that day or at worst the next day and it is a one-stop shop in that the surgeon is brought in and the answers and the diagnosis is made immediately. If in the opinion of the GP the patient is not in an urgent situation, then the waiting time is for up to two weeks as we speak. That is an acceptable length of time. The extended period to which the hon Member has referred, which varies depending on a number of circumstances, is because the GHA in its desire to provide the service to those people who feel that they do need a screening but there are no medical indications or no medical need for that screening, has made a list somewhere on a board or somewhere in a book or on a computer somewhere and this particular patient who has seen the hon Member is due to go in in x number of months time. It is a service that is not a service that is being provided and therefore, will only be provided to this particular patient who does not need it but feels she wants the satisfaction of being screened, it is understandable, we provide it subject to other clinical considerations. The other clinical considerations obviously are that urgent cases are to be seen on the same day and patients that are not urgent but where there are clinical considerations are seen with greater priority. So the third category of what the hon Member called 'routine', are seen as and when it is possible to see them but with a lower priority than urgent and cases where it is medically necessary. I trust that long explanation will serve to clarify the situation.

HON L A RANDALL:

I thank the Minister for his explanation. However, the person concerned tells me that the GP at the Primary Care Centre recommended that the mammogram take place urgently. Notwithstanding this, she was given an appointment 17 months into the future and she was in such distress that she resorted to private facilities. I am grateful for the answer that has been given and, obviously, I will convey to the person concerned a copy of the Minister's reply as and when I receive the Hansard.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I was shaking my head because although nothing is impossible, and I am not saying that what the hon Member is saying is not correct, but in theory it is not possible for what the hon Member has described to happen. What do I mean by that? By that I mean that if the GP has said it is urgent and has written it on his referral letter, it is not possible unless whoever read the letter was not wearing glasses or had an off day and did not read the letter properly, which is highly unlikely, it is not possible for that person to be given an appointment into the future. What is more probable is that the person who came to see the hon Member is the same person who came to see me and who made exactly the same description the hon Member has just given, with the added embellishment and this may identify to him if it is the same person or not, with the added embellishment that the GP admitted that he had not put urgent the first time but put it the second time and then she was seen immediately, and with the other embellishment that the GP also said to her, 'what you need to do is write to the Chronicle and say that the Minister should provide more clinics and should do this and should do that', which is something that GP's are not paid to do or not encouraged to do. If that is the tone of what was said that will identify whether it is the same person, whose name obviously I will not mention.

HON L A RANDALL:

There is some similarity but when it came to the part of the Gibraltar Chronicle this was never conveyed by this patient to me, at all.

NO. 947 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS

Can the Minister for Health state whether he is satisfied that there is a waiting time of 3 months for an advance appointment, requested by telephone, to see the GP of choice at the Primary Care Centre?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

It is not correct to state that there is a three month waiting time for advance appointments at the Primary Care Centre. The appointment system was recently reviewed and appointment availability was extended from one month to three months. That means that people can call in and book appointments up to three months ahead. However, ten appointment slots per doctor on duty are available every day for appointments. Furthermore, this availability for on the day appointments is extended to 15 slots on the Monday morning and on the Friday afternoon, again, for all GPs on duty. These days were chosen following an audit of when the demand peaked on the day of the appointment. Additionally, any patient needing medical attention on the day will be seen at an emergency clinic.

Advance appointments are made available for follow-up and elective appointments and these are booked for the patient on whatever timescale is requested by the GP after the initial consultation, and the average request from the GPs is usually around the three month mark.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 947 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Can the Minister let me know the dates on which the appointment system was reviewed? Was it recent? He said recently reviewed. Perhaps, since I was informed that it was three months and the information which I have been given today.....

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I cannot answer that from memory but I would venture a guess at some time towards the beginning of the summer. When I say recently I did not mean in the last week or

the last two weeks or the last month. It is definitely west of the summer, July, August or even earlier. I cannot give an exact date on my feet as I do not have the information but it was some months ago.

HON L A RANDALL:

I just wanted to know whether this could have been after I had been informed of this by a constituent but, obviously, I was informed of this after so the review had already taken place.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

There is a legitimate confusion that can arise in the mind of a prospective patient, in that if he picks up the phone today and says, 'I want to see Doctor So and So, when is the next appointment for him?', and assuming there is not an appointment on that same day in those 15 slots or 10 slots that have been released, it is possible, I have details here. The waiting time varies from doctor to doctor and it can range from three weeks to, in one case, 15 weeks because it includes a period of six weeks during which the doctor is on leave or not working for whatever reason. So if a person picks up the phone today and says, 'I want specifically to see Doctor So and So', that particular doctor will have a waiting time from three to, in this case, 15 weeks which is exceptional. It cannot be more than 12 weeks because they are not given an appointment in more than 10 weeks, but the next available appointment for this particular doctor for only one case would be 15 weeks. Now, if that same person the next day or that same day goes to the Health Centre or telephones the Health Centre, and says 'I would like to see this same doctor', there are 10 slots available for him, five in the morning and five in the afternoon, to see that doctor. If he does not need to see the specific doctor and can see any doctor, there will be slots available for all doctors and if he calls halfway through the day and all the slots have been taken up, there is still the emergency clinic in the morning and in the afternoon and all patients are seen in the emergency clinic. So no person needing to see a doctor is left without seeing a doctor on the same day that he seeks the appointment, subject to him not insisting on seeing the specific doctor.

HON L A RANDALL:

I think this could very well be a case of lack of information on the part of the constituent or on the part of GHA, of making what the Minister has just made available in the House to the constituents so that they can challenge the appointments if they knew that there were 10 slots or 15 slots, and would not just accept it as some people just do, three months, three months.

ORAL

NO. 948 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 this financial year as at end September 2006, which is included in Sub-head 30, School of Health Studies of the GHA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 949 and 976 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 949 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 this financial year as at end September 2006 for accommodation under Subhead 22?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 948 and 976 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 950 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT (DONATIONS)

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £50,000 that was donated in the financial year 2005/06 to the GHA for the purchase of medical equipment and appliances?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 995 and 996 of 2006.

NO. 951 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT (DONATIONS)

Can Government provide the cost and the date of purchase of each of the items provided in answer to Question No. 574 of 2006, which were purchased with the donation of £770,000 from the Bonita Trust?

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.

Can I add to that again for his benefit, that the list provided in answer to Question No. 574 was slightly shorter than the one I am giving him now by about two or three items, that was because at the date of Question No. 574, the additional two or three items on this list, which is an updated list, had not yet been purchased, or had not yet been ordered or had not yet been received or paid for, however the list had been made up. So that list in answer to what we were saying before, that list provides or accounts for the expenditure of all of the £770,000 with the exception of £1,333.69, which is an unspent balance which is not necessarily the cost of one or a number of items. I say that because when the list of items from the original donation was made up and agreed with the donors, the prices that were attributed to items were as per quotes received or as per catalogue price lists or whatever. Since then the actual purchases there have been, I am told in some cases, where we have been able to obtain the item or procure the item at a lower price, be it from the same source or from a similar source. So, I suspect it would not be possible to answer a question like which item or items are still pending amounting to £1,333.69, but certainly there will be one or two items that are still pending and that have not been received that make up that figure.

Answer to Question 951 of 2006

Bonita Trust Equipment List

Equipment	Designated Use	Order Date	Model	Qty	Contracted Price
Anaesthesia Delivery Unit	Theatres	09/04/2006	4ADVANCE / AESPIRE 7900	3	£89,996.45
Bloodgas Analysers	Intensive Care	09/04/2006	ABL 725	1	£14,000.00
Bloodgas Analysers	Intensive Care	09/04/2006	ABL 77	1	£4,000.13
Blood & Fluids Warmer	Intensive Care / Theatres	07/04/2006	Hotline HL-90	4	£3,435.92
High End Patient Ventilator	Intensive Care	22/05/2006	Evita 4	1	£0.00
Ventilatory Support System	Intensive Care	09/04/2006	Bipap Vision + Masks	1	£20,196.00
Transport/Fixed Monitor	Intensive Care/Paeds/Maternity	09/04/2006	MP30 with ETCO2 Microstream	2	£19,950.00
Fibreoptic Intubation	A&E / Intensive Care	24/02/2006	1024324 & 1025000	2	£17,755.95
Syringe Driver	Anaesthesia/Intensive Care	16/05/2006	PCA IVAC 5001GB01	3	£3,958.00
Syringe Driver	Anaesthesia/Intensive Care	16/05/2006	Asena TIVA 80043UN00	3	£3,537.90
Hemofiltration	Intensive Care	07/04/2006	Multifiltrate M200701	1	£14,571.00
Transport Ventilator	Neonatal Transport Ventilator	04/04/2006	BabyPac Neonatal Ventilator	1	£7,816.91
Portable Ultrasound	Intensive Care/Theatres	Pending	Awaiting Confirmation*	1	£23,000.00
Oxygen Saturation Monitor	Paediatrics	02/06/2006	Ohmeda 3900	1	£1,750.00
NeoNatal Hearing screening equipment	Paediatrics	Pending	Awaiting confirmation	1	£1,994.00
Mucous Extractor	Paediatrics	Pending	Awaiting confirmation	2	£90.00
Audiometer/Otoscope	Paediatrics	02/06/2006	Audioscope 3	2	£1,198.10
Tympanometry Equipment	Paediatrics	02/06/2006	Microlymp 2	2	£4,775.80
Infusion Pump	Paediatrics	16/05/2006	Gemini PC1	2	£2,488.50
Transport Incubator	Neonatal	22/05/2006	TI 5400	1	£30,180.00
Neonatal Ventilator	Neonatal	20/01/2006	IV 100B	1	£8,609.60
Jaundice Treatment Equipment	Neonatal	02/06/2006	Billblanket	2	£3,276.05
Weighing Scales (Electronic)	Neonatal	Pending	Seca 336	1	£431.00
Jaundice meter	Neonatal	02/06/2006	JM-103 Awaiting Confirmation*	1	£3,586.00
Ultrasound Scanner IU 22	Radiology	11/04/2006		1	£95,500.00
Philips CT Scanner **	Radiology	09/01/2003		1	£303,000.00
Philips Mammography Unit **	Radiology	09/01/2003		1	£50,784.00
Philips / AGFA Mammo Processor **	Radiology	09/01/2003		1	£35,357.00
AGFA Processor	Radiology	07/03/2006		1	£3,241.00
	Total Donation		£769,813.00		Projected expenditure to date
					£768,479.31
					Balance
					£1,333.69

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 951 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

In this list there is an item in the column headed 'equipment', it is the fifth item down, 'High End Patient Ventilator' where the contracted price is zero. Was this given free to the GHA?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I had not noticed that item showing zero so I do not know the answer to that, I shall have to find out and let him know. It had escaped me in looking at the schedules or looking at the answers that I was providing, I had not noticed that. I will find out and let him know.

HON L A RANDALL:

Can the Minister also say whether these contracted prices are landed costs or factory prices?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, those have to be the actual cost to GHA, what he calls landed costs, yes, including duty if duty has been payable.

HON L A RANDALL:

Am I right in assuming that the orders for all these items were placed by the procurement department of the GHA and paid for by the GHA, or were they paid by the donor?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, not paid by the donor directly in the sense that the donor made the donation to the GHA which was passed to the Treasury. The system, as I understand it, is when GHA are going to procure a table, to use the example I used before, it does so through its normal procurement procedures and when the time comes to pay, it passes the payment to the Treasury and whether the Treasury make the payment direct or via GHA I would not know, but the money is drawn from that particular fund and paid to the supplier.

HON L A RANDALL:

The procurement is made by the procurement department of GHA?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

How does the Minister explain that there are a number of items here, one of which is shown as being £303,000, another one as £50,000, another at £35,000, which really means it is almost half the money which was ordered in 2003. Did they know in 2003 that they were going to get £700,000 in 2006?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I thought the hon Member might spot that, in fact I was going to volunteer the information but I did not get on to doing it. It is very simple, the main item in the donation was the CT Scan, £303,000 I think, Phillips CT Scanner fourth from the bottom and the two other items. When the donation was being discussed with the donors they expressed a specific interest in donating the Scan, at which stage the Scan had already been purchased and was either already installed or being installed, but had already been purchased and I am not sure whether already paid for, probably already paid for. The donor specifically wanted to provide the funding for this particular item, for the mammography and for the CT Scan, so the arrangement that was made and how it has been dealt with accountancy wise I cannot answer at this stage, but the arrangement and agreement was reached with the donor that they would provide the money that the items had cost GHA, retrospectively and that the money would be credited back into GHA as if GHA had not bought the item originally. If I explain myself, the funding that GHA had spent on those items would then be available to GHA for other things but the payment would be attributed, at the request of the donor, to the donor.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So then surely there is even more reason why that should appear as revenue of the Authority if it was available to meet normal recurrent expenditure?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, the hon Member may have misunderstood my explanation. GHA had already bought the CT Scan, this donation was given subsequent to the purchase, it was not my understanding of the technical accountancy treatment. It was not the amount given by the donor that was then available to GHA for other expenditure, the allocation of funds was to the scanner and the amount that had been paid by GHA out of Government funds was then used for something else. So the revenue to GHA from the donor was allocated to the purchase of the scanner retrospectively.

HON J J BOSSANO:

If the note that we have been provided for says that this was purchased in January 2003, it means that it must have appeared in the audited accounts of 2002/2003 ending in March 2003. Now, certainly the House has not been provided with revised

re-audited accounts correcting that item of expenditure going back four years, so therefore, the only way it can subsequently be available, the money can subsequently be available to the Health Authority, is if the Health Authority has received that money as if it had sold the scanner to Bonita Trust and then Bonita Trust has gifted it to the Health Authority. I cannot see any other way, from the explanation that we have been given, because it is not a question of going back and changing, one can change the books before they are closed un-audited but not four years after the event. So if the money came in in 2006, it cannot be credited in 2003 because it was not there. I mean, the money was spent in 2003, it cannot be shown as not having been spent because it did happen, so what I am saying is, it is all very well to talk about the footnote, but if in fact, if out of that £770,000 in the accounts that were shown here as the forecast outturn, there is a note at the bottom saying the £770,000 is not being shown, when we asked why the Minister has said that he remembers perhaps the Financial Secretary or somebody else saying, well perhaps yes it should have been shown. Well, really from all the explanations that we have been given today it cannot be shown because he is saying that there is an on-going equipment account funded by donations which is never shown. This really, presumably, would not normally have been a part of, but even if that were the case, surely, if the £330,000 was officially sort of earmarked as being available for a scanner, which the Authority already possessed, then the cash must be there in the Authority if they received it. It is not sitting in the Treasury waiting to be spent because it is being treated as having been spent. Then surely it ought to have been there, forget the footnote. Can the Minister say, for example, that when we look at the figure that is provided here under 'other receipts', where the figure on page 125 in Appendix G which says £450,000, that is not in there?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I cannot say. That is why I indicated, before the hon Member started asking Supplementary Questions, that I did not know what the accountancy treatment has been or had been by the Treasury. I am giving him the facts, what the accountancy treatment is behind the scenes I do not know. To be honest I am not even sure that the hon Member said that the cash has to be sitting in the GHA. My understanding is that not even that is correct in the sense that the £770,000 was received by the Treasury and if GHA had been debited for the cost of the Scanner in the first place, it would now have been purchased or gifted, it would now be credited with that amount and the donation account debited instead. I am assuming, I do not know what accountancy treatment has been given. That, I would venture to suggest, if the hon Member wants further clarification I am quite happy to accept his letter and to deal with the Treasury to provide the answer or pass it on to the Treasury to reply direct to the hon Member. I am not aware of what the accountancy treatment is.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I appreciate that the Minister does not know, because if he knew he would tell us. He is not trying to keep the knowledge to himself, that I am aware of. What I am saying is, it is not satisfactory to simply be told, well look, we ask a question where is this contribution and it turns out that the footnote that the House has been given at Budget Time is misleading to say the least. Now it seems it is not just misleading, it is actually incorrect because it is not just true that there was not £50,000 that came in, it is not even true that in the year in question £770,000 was spent, because we have just been given a breakdown which shows that £330,000 had been spent in January 2003, which means that that expenditure was expenditure approved by the

House of Assembly. In 2003, before the Minister had received any money from the Bonita Trust, he could not have bought the scanner without the approval of the House. We must have voted the money here for the scanner to be bought. Therefore, to say well look, because these people would like to say the scanner is what we donated, let us pretend that we bought it in 2003 and we will give the money in 2006. It is not a question of how do we deal with that in accountancy, there is only one way that we can deal with that. That is since we cannot go back and rub the entries and put something else three years after the event, the only thing we can do is show the cash that was in the suspense account for expenditure on equipment having been paid to the Authority. Otherwise, it is still there unspent and this schedule is wrong that we have been given today.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, the schedule is correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, if the schedule is right then it means that the fund provided by the Bonita Trust has been billed with £378,000 out of the £770,000 which is almost half the budget from the Bonita Trust, by somebody and it cannot be by the people who sold the scanner to Gibraltar in 2003, because they collected their money in 2003. It can only be by the people who have had the scanner since 2003, which is the Health Authority. Well look, the Minister is the Chairman of the Health Authority and the Minister for Health and he ought to know whether he has actually collected a third of a million pounds, which I would have thought would have come in quite handy in Health Services, or not collected it. Forget how it is dealt with in the books, I mean, I would expect him to know if he suddenly found himself with a windfall of £330,000 to spend.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I have provided that answer already, I am quite clear what the situation is. The equipment had been paid from the funds of the GHA or from the funds allocated to GHA. Subsequently the donation and the donors said, 'we want to pay for that that you have already purchased' and that freed money that had been previously paid. Now, that money would then have gone back to the Treasury, back to where it came from and the payment allocated to the Bonita Trust donation. I say again, that is what happened, now how it has been dealt with in accountancy terms I do not profess to know, but I can find out if the hon Member is that interested. What has happened in fact, what there certainly is not, as the hon Member was implying a moment ago, is a cash balance of £330,000 sitting in the GHA somewhere, waiting for someone to decide how to spend it. That certainly is not the case. The money was originally paid for by the Treasury, has now been paid for by the Bonita Trust itself and the money recouped by the Treasury. It is not held by the GHA.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is not a question that the money was originally paid for by the Treasury. The Treasury pays for everything on behalf of the Health Authority. The Health Authority does not have its own Treasury Department. The point is that if the Minister is telling

the House that the money that the House voted in 2002 was spent in January 2003 and that now somebody has come along in 2006 and said, 'I would like to pay for what you bought three years ago', then the only way, we will examine how the Treasury has reflected that on paper, but the only way that that transaction can take place as between the Health Authority and the Fund of Bonita Trust, is that the Fund pays the Health Authority the £300,000 and therefore the Authority must have £300,000 available to it in cash, because it has an equipment for which it previously paid out £300,000 which has now cost nothing and it has recouped the £300,000. Now the Minister is saying, 'no, that is not what has happened'. Well look, I have to say to him that that is the inevitable consequence of the explanation that he has given us.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I am sorry but I do not agree with the hon Member's analysis which does not take into account what I have explained to him. The explanation that I have given is that a cheque for £770,000 is given to the GHA by a donor. That money is handed over to the Treasury, so the implication that GHA has the money because it has not spent it, is already wrong or fraud. The £770,000 is given to the Treasury, now, the GHA buys the other £400,000 to make up the total of the donation and asks the Treasury for £400,000 to pay for the equipment as it arrives. But it does not ask the Treasury for the £330,000 that the CT Scan cost. That is in the Treasury and stays in the Treasury. Now, how the Treasury has dealt with the financial accounting side of it, that I cannot answer, I do not know how they have done it or how it is accounted for in their books. It is money that has gone to the Treasury and has not come to the GHA, that is the explanation.

HON J J BOSSANO:

When the Minister says it has not come to the GHA and the Treasury has that money when the cheque is handed over and can only use it for one thing, for the medical equipment, the Treasury is not free to make use of that money for anything else, presumably. I am correct in that, right. Now, the Treasury then says 'we are going to buy all these things' and we have been told in the House today, there is no longer £770,000 there is only now left £1,333.69, because they have spent £400,000 in all sorts of smaller costed elements and £300,000 in buying a scanner in January. Not in January 2006 in January 2003, so short of having a little blue telephone box borrowed from Dr Who, I do not see how they could have bought in 2003 something with money they had three years after the event. The only people that they could buy it from are the GHA because the GHA already owned it in 2006. We are being told here that in the Bonita Fund kept by the Treasury there is no longer £330,000 available because it has been used to buy a scanner. Well, who have the Treasury on behalf of the Health Authority and in the name of the Bonita Trust paid that £300,000 to? The only people they can pay it to is the Health Authority. Therefore, I have to say to him, irrespective of how they give effect to that transaction in the accounts, is he saying that that money is not there available to the Health Authority, the £330,000?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I say again, the colourful explanations of the hon Member are confusing to those who are listening. It is perfectly possible, as the hon Member well knows, to make

financial adjustments to books through journal entries after the events. So the fact that the money was spent originally in 2003, if there is a subsequent adjustment, that adjustment can be made and audited. What I am saying is that I do not know, because I am not in the Treasury or responsible for the Treasury, I do not know what the financial treatment has been by the Treasury. What is palpably clear and without a shadow of doubt, is that the GHA has not spent more and does not have extra funds available to it over and above the £770,000. The £770,000 were received, were given to the Treasury, the Treasury paid for the smaller list of items to which we referred and presumably, in their financial allocation of funds, the £330,000 that had already been paid they would have notionally allocated to the GHA, but because the money had already been spent, presumably the £330,000 from the £770,000 would have been allocated to the GHA and the amount that had previously been given to the GHA, would have been credited back to the Treasury for other expenditure. I say again, and I am not going to say it again, I cannot vouch for that explanation being accurate and if the hon Member wants to know exactly how it has been dealt with, then I would suggest he writes to me or writes to the Accountant General and asks me specifically what he wants to know and I will venture to provide the information. I have already said three times that I do not know how the Treasury have dealt with it, what I do know is that no funds in excess of the £770,000 have been spent by the GHA in relation to this donation. How the accountancy treatment has been done I do not know and I cannot answer.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The Minister keeps on referring me back to the Treasury even though I keep on prefacing my questions by saying, 'irrespective of how it is eventually shown in the books'. I mean, we are talking about a Statutory Body which it is the policy of this Government to create more and more of them and then we get answers as if this were still the Health Department in 1987. There are accounts which he has tabled here which are audited by the Principal Auditor, but that does not mean that the Treasury can now come along and say, 'ah well, we are now going to take back some of the money you had in March 2004 and change the money available to you'. Well then we have not got a Statutory authority any more. They may be able to do that in Government Departments, in the Education Department or in some other Department, but this is something where if the Health Authority had revenue and expenditure audited in 2002/2003 what cannot happen in 2006, as far as my understanding of the Ordinance is concerned, is that they say, 'ah well, since you have now been given by a kind donor £770,000 for spending on equipment and that person would like the equipment that he pays for to include something you bought in 2003, we are now going to reduce the money we gave you in 2003'. Then I am afraid the £770,000 has not been used for equipment, I am sorry to say, because £330,000 has now been diverted. I would have thought the Minister, as Minister for Health, would fight his corner, 'no, this is money for equipment for the Health Authority and if I am given £770,000 for equipment, that is because the Bonita Trust want that to go to the benefit of health service users'. If they say, 'well look, we fancy having a plaque on the scanner that says donated by the Bonita Trust even though the thing has been there for four years already or three years, then the obvious thing must be that he as Minister, should argue, 'well look, that is fine but I am now being done out of £330,000 because I already got the money to buy the scanner in 2003, I am getting £770,000 more but am only being allowed to spend £400,000 of it'. Surely he can see the logic of that?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

There is no logic, with respect, if the GHA had not agreed to what was being requested the donation would not have been £770,000 it would have been £440,000. We would not have had the extra £330,000 to spend on other things because the donor specifically wanted to donate the scan. So, if we had said 'no, you cannot donate the scan because we have already bought it', then the donation would have been £770,000 less £330,000.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I have not suggested that to him at all. I am not saying that he has got a responsibility as Minister for Health to fight his corner with Bonita Trust who is giving him money, I am saying he should have it with the Treasury who is keeping part of that money. Bonita Trust wanted him to buy £770,000 of equipment and wanted the scanner to be part of that equipment, which he had already bought. Surely, that means that the saving that is made in 2003 has to be available for the Authority for other equipment, not available to the Treasury to then say 'ah now we can claw back the money that we gave you three years ago and give it to somebody else and use it for somebody else'. Then, in fact, all that the Bonita Trust has done is not really to provide a scanner, what they have really done is to provide cash to the general revenue and that cash will finish up, presumably, in the Consolidated Fund and not be available to the Government. If in fact the Minister does not agree that that is what ought to happen and should happen and that the Health Authority should have that money, because this is money that it received in 2006, well then by that logic anybody can come along and say 'well I fancy something that I have seen in a ward that was bought ten years ago, so I am giving you the money now and I want you to put a little plaque there saying donated by Joe Bossano'. That means he has then got to give money back to the Treasury that they gave him ten years ago. I do not think even the accounts can allow that kind of change, but even if it were possible from an accounting point of view to do that, I would have thought that as a matter of principle the benefit of the £770,000 has not been obtained by him for the Health Authority, only the benefit of £400,000, because all he has got is a paper transaction saying what he bought with Health Authority money. Presumably, I would imagine, that it has probably been funded by a vote from the Improvement and Development Fund which is where the capital money comes for injections to the Health Authority that was voted this year. So I would put it to the Minister that independent of how they treat it in the books, he should be arguing that it is the £330,000 of the Department and will he consider doing that?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I do not think I can add any more at this stage. I have said what I have said, I have said in answer to the question what has happened in actual fact. If the hon Member wants any more information on the financial treatment of the amount, I invite him to write to me and I will answer him on the basis of accurately obtained information.

MR SPEAKER:

I think the point has been well made, there is not much more we can take it further.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am just being told, he may be relieved to hear, that apparently the Minister for Health has been able to establish that the Government did not, in fact, cheat the Health Authority out of its £300,000 odd and that, indeed, it was just a question of pleasing the donor by booking this for the scan but that the Health Authority did indeed spend the money on other things. So the Government did not keep the money.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see and not only then is it the case that the Government did not keep the money for some other purpose but that all the information we were given this morning is incorrect.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I do not want to start the debate again. What I said this morning is that I did not know how the Treasury had dealt with the accountancy side of the problem but that the donation had been given that it had been used by the GHA and I was not sure how the £380,000, whether it had been kept by the Government or whether it had been kept by the GHA. But I did not know, I now know, it has been kept by the GHA.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, I am glad to know that he now knows that he has got it. But in fact, he cannot say that he did not know because I said to him that he was not fighting his corner and he should not be allowing it not to be available to the Health Authority, and he was quite clear that he did not have it, that he did not have the money to spend on other equipment. Now what we are being told is that it has actually been spent on other equipment?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, and no to the first part of it. No, I did not say I did not have the money I said I did not know whether the money had been kept by the Government or had been spent by the GHA. That I did not know and that I would find out. I have found out and it has been spent and is being spent, there is still a little bit of it left. It is being spent by the GHA on other equipment.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, we will have to see what the record shows but I can assure the Minister that I would not have pressed him the way I did if that is the impression that they had given us, which was that the money might be with the Health Authority and might have been spent on something else but that he did not know it. He was very clear, he kept on talking about the accounts and when I pressed him by saying it was not the

accounts I was concerned with he said, 'well look, that is the way it is. It does not appear in the Health Authority because it is in a capital account controlled by the Treasury and they have probably rebooked the expenditure to the Bonita Trust from where they originally booked it when they paid for it'. That is how we left it and I asked him, in fact, to press for the money to be made available to the Authority. I would not have asked him to do it unless he had given us that impression, but no doubt when the Hansard comes out we will be able to see just what words were used.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I could not give that impression because I was not able to ascertain positively that GHA had spent the money and it is not my style to bluff. So as I could not say we had spent it he may have got the impression that we had not. What I was saying was that I do not know how it has been dealt with from a financial accounting point of view.

ORAL

NO. 952 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – GP UPDATING COURSES

Can Government state the number of GP's that attended updating courses in 2005 and in the period January to September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 956 and 957 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 953 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 September 2006, listing the speciality in which they are employed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 954 and 955 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 954 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 September 2006 what was the distribution of nurses by wards and departments at St Bernard's Hospital, specifying their grades?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 953 and 955 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 955 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 September 2006, giving a breakdown by grade?

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 955 of 2006**Answer to Question 953**

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

Director of Nursing & Patient Services	1
Education Development Officer	1
Nurse Lecturer	2
Nurse Practitioners	2
Charge Nurses	3
Staff Nurses	24
Staff Nurses (part-time)	1
Registered Sick Children's Nurses	5
Registered Mental Nurses	8
Theatre Nurses	3
Midwives	8
Midwives (part-time)	2
Operating Department Practitioners	5

Answer to Question 954

WARD/DEPT	CHARGE NURSE/SISTER	STAFF NURSE	ENROLLED/ SENIOR/OPD NURSE	NURSING ASSISTANTS/ AUXILLARY
Blood		1.5		
IC Nurse	1			
Dialysis		1		
Palliative Care		1		
John Ward	2	8	7	13
Victoria Ward	3	8	8	10.5
ICU	2	18.5	7.5	
Eye		3		1
Night Sister	4			
Cardiac Rehab		1		
Dudley Toomey	2	12	6	10.5
Capt Murchison	2	11	5	12
Rainbow	2	7	6.5	2
A/E	2	12	10.5	
Maternity	1+1 acting	14		3.5
Clinics		1	1	10
Operating Theatre	2	11	6	1

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Continued Answer to Question 955 of 2006

Answer to Question 955

The following is a breakdown by grade of nurses in post as at the end of September 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	2
Nurse Practitioners	2
Charge nurses	31
Staff Nurses / Midwives	135.5
Operating Department Practitioners	5
Senior Enrolled Nurse	5
Enrolled Nurses	77
Nursing Auxiliaries / Nursing Assistants	90

ORAL

NO. 956 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

Answered together with Question Nos. 952 and 957 of 2006.

NO. 957 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GHA – GENERAL PRACTITIONERS

Can Government provide an update on the status of the discussions with GPs regarding their job descriptions, conditions of work and salaries?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answer to Question No. 952 of 2006

A total of 10 GPs attended updating courses in 2005 and five GPs attended updating courses in the period January to September 2006.

Answer to Question Nos. 956 and 957 of 2006

The position in respect of discussions with the GPs remains as stated in answer to Question No. 1181 of 2005, Question No. 118 of 2006 and Question No. 604 of 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 952, 956 AND 957 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Am I right then in assuming that no meetings have taken place since this House last met in June?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I think that is correct, in fact, I am almost certain it is correct. It has to be correct, there has been no change.

HON L A RANDALL:

Are there any meetings planned in the immediate future?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I think efforts are being made to arrange meetings but I do not think there are any meetings yet scheduled, any former meetings yet scheduled.

ORAL

NO. 958 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA - GYNAECOLOGIST

Can Government provide the reasons for the termination of employment of Dr Brooks, the Gynaecologist, at St Bernard's Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question No. 959 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 959 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA - RADIOLOGIST

Can Government state whether the GHA has concluded a monetary settlement with Dr Hassan, the Radiologist?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The Government do not consider it appropriate to comment on individual staff related matters, unless an issue of public safety arises requiring a public statement by the Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 958 AND 959 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

With regard to Question No. 958, could the Minister at least say whether the employment was terminated by the GHA or whether the Gynaecologist resigned?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I do not have anything further to add.

HON L A RANDALL:

I do not understand the stand the Government have taken. In June 2006 they issued a press release regarding Dr Hassan, so they made the issue public. What I am asking is, has there been a monetary settlement or a settlement?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The Government do not consider it appropriate to comment on individual staff related matters, unless an issue of public safety arises requiring a public statement by the Government, which was what was done when the hon Member refers.

HON L A RANDALL:

What I am trying to find out is whether Government funds were involved in the settlement. If there was a settlement it must have been paid out of Government funds. Surely, the Government is answerable for that to the Opposition? Has there been a monetary settlement?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I have nothing further to add on either of these two questions at this moment in time.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it that the matter is still open, which is often used as a reason given in this House for not providing information because it is still on-going?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, it is implicit in the answer. There are still on-going factors that could influence things that are happening and, therefore, I do not wish to make any public comment. There are certain implied assumptions in the question that are not even accurate. Like for example, assumptions of terminations of employment that have not happened.

HON J J BOSSANO:

If we ask in a question in this House, presumably because people are saying that it has happened, whether a settlement has been reached, the answer yes or no is very easy. It is either yes or it is no. If we then say if the answer is yes, then what has been the settlement and the answer is 'well we cannot give you what is the settlement because it is still on-going', then it should not have been yes, it should have been no in the original answer, because it has not been settled. If we ask what are the reasons for somebody's employment being terminated, because people do not see him there so they assume that if he is not there he is no longer working. I do not think it is an unreasonable thing that somebody should say, 'well look, is it that we do not have that Gynaecologist any more?'. We come and we ask the Government, who else can we ask? If the Government say 'no, his employment has not been terminated', then I think it is a reasonable supplementary to say 'well if it is not terminated what is he on holiday, suspended or what?'. These are matters that contributors to the Health Authority, who pay for half of the cost of the thing through their insurance stamps, are entitled to this kind of information. Can the Minister shed any more light than he has done until now, which is remarkably little?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I do not wish to make any further comment at this stage.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can I just ask the Minister to confirm, given the indication that we have had, that Dr Hassan continues to be an employee of the Gibraltar Health Authority?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, that is not the case.

HON F R PICARDO:

So has there been a termination of employment as a result?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I will say it once more and I will not say it again. I do not wish to make any further comment. Dr Hassan is no longer working at the GHA. I do not want to make any further comment at this stage, because there are on-going factors that could influence further developments in the future. So, I do not want to make any further comments at this stage.

HON F R PICARDO:

I accept that but what I cannot accept is that if on 22nd June 2006 in a press release on GHA letterhead, the Minister has said or the GHA has said publicly, 'after careful consideration of all these factors' (referring to the factors in the press release) 'the GHA Board decided to terminate Dr Hassan's contract of employment', that he should say publicly things which he is not prepared to say in this House. Is that still the case?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Of course it is, that is a document that is available publicly. Nothing has changed to what was said in that document. I do not want to comment further on anything further because there could still be developments in the future.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Given that the last supplementary was to seek confirmation that the employment had been terminated, either it was terminated when it was said to be terminated in June, or that is incorrect and the termination is being challenged.....

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I would recommend the hon Members to read the two questions again and they will find that all references to terminations are to Question No. 958 and not to Question No. 959. The situation in terms of Question No. 959 is as given in that public statement, that press release.

HON F R PICARDO:

Absolutely, but my supplementary question was specific because I had noted that, and that one question talked about the monetary settlement and the first question talked about termination. That is why my supplementary question was specific and the Minister seemed not to want to say that, perhaps as a result of a confusion between Dr Brooks and Dr Hassan, but the position in respect of Dr Hassan then remains that there has been a termination?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Correct, the position in respect of Dr Hassan is as given in the public statement. He is right, I do not want any confusion between one and the other.

ORAL

NO. 960 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Can the Minister for Health state whether the Chief Executive of the GHA received additional remuneration for having carried out, in an acting capacity, the duties of Medical Director, and if so, how much?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 961, 962 and 963 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 961 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Can the Minister for Health state what will be the remuneration that the Gibraltar Health Authority will be paying to Mr Kevin Pizarro as Medical Director and as Consultant Orthodontist?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 960, 962 and 963 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 962 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Can the Minister state whether the GHA have already come to a decision on whether they will extend the contract they gave to the present Chief Executive, Dr McCutcheon?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 960, 961 and 963 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 963 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Can the Minister for Health state whether the Gibraltar Health Authority intends to localise the job of Chief Executive, when the contract of the current incumbent expires in 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answer to Question Nos. 960 to 963 of 2006

The Government intend to localise the post of Chief Executive. The duration of Dr McCutcheon's tenure is under consideration.

Dr McCutcheon received no additional remuneration for carrying out the duties of Medical Director.

Dr McCutcheon's predecessor as Medical Director received an enhancement of 30 per cent of his Consultant Salary to carry out that role. Mr Kevin Pizarro will receive a similar enhancement.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 960 TO 963 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

So what the Government are saying is that in answer to Question No. 962 of 2006, no decision has been taken and that, therefore, if the decision is to extend the contract the localisation will take place at the end of that extension, is that the correct interpretation of the two answers?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is correct.

ORAL

NO. 964 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – VACCINE (CANCER OF CERVIX)

Can the Minister for Health state whether the Government proposes to follow the United Kingdom in providing a vaccine for girls, which reduces the risk of cancer of the cervix?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 965 to 968 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 965 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 June, July, August and September 2006 and whether any were fatal, providing a breakdown by patients and members of staff?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 964 and 966 to 968 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 966 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 avian flu have been detected in Gibraltar?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 964, 965, 967 and 968 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 967 OF 2006

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 deceases for the months of January to September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 964 to 966 and 968 of 2006.

NO. 968 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 period January to September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answer to Question No. 964 of 2006

The vaccine to which the hon Member refers is a new vaccine that has only very recently been licensed for use by doctors.

The suitability of the vaccine in a mass immunisation programme is currently under assessment by the Joint Council for Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI), the UK national advisory body on such matters.

If and when the Council issues its guidance, the position will be reviewed locally.

Answer to Question No. 965 of 2006

There were two cases of MRSA in June, two cases in July, four cases in August and one case in September.

Of these, three were imported, four were hospital acquired and two were carried in by the patient.

None of the above patients died.

None of the above infections occurred in members of staff.

Answer to Question No. 966 of 2006

The Government can confirm that there have been no cases of Avian Flu detected in Gibraltar.

Answer to Question Nos. 967 and 968 of 2006

The data for laboratory confirmed notifiable diseases and the percentage distribution for cause of death is collected on an annual basis and presented in the GHA report. Data for the year 2006 will be available in the first quarter of 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 964 TO 968 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Much as I was taking note as fast as I could, I would be obliged if the Minister would confirm that no cases of MRSA infection were detected amongst members of staff.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is correct, no infections in members of staff.

NO. 969 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA - MEALS

Can Government state the number of times, since the answer to Question No, 692 of 2005, that the results of the weekly audits on the temperature and quality of the food being served at St Bernard's Hospital were favourable?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Since the new food trolleys were introduced last June, no complaints in respect of the temperature of meals have been received.

Food is being served within the temperature parameters recommended by the European Union. Weekly audits ceased following the commissioning of the new heated food trolleys only days after the answer was provided to Question No. 692 of 2005. The new trolleys are set to the recommended temperature of 75 degrees centigrade. A subsequent audit of the temperature reading of the trolleys at ward level confirms that temperature levels are being maintained.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 969 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

I note the answer that the Minister has given me but I would also like him to note that we get a stream of people coming in still complaining about food being served cold. I offer this just as an observation which he may like to investigate further.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I did specifically ask for confirmation of this. The tests that were carried out only two days ago showed that all the trolleys are working to specifications and I will give an example. I think the Maternity Ward was used, the temperature in the kitchen when the trolley was closed, the soup was at 75 degrees, the stew was at 74 degrees and the pasta salad (which is cold) at 9 degrees. Fifteen minutes later, taken in the basement of the hospital, the temperatures were exactly the same. Some time later, taken when the trolley arrived in the ward, the temperatures of the three plates were exactly the same and when the recipient of the tray received his food, covered his

food and took the foil paper off, the temperature was 69 degrees for the food, 67 degrees for the stew and 9.6 degrees for the salad – all of which are perfectly acceptable. In fact, I am told that if anything, the odd rumble that is now heard by staff is that the food is too hot rather than the food is too cold. But I say what I always say to the hon Members, if they do receive a complaint from anybody with rightly special circumstances of an individual case, I would be grateful if he would inform me or pass the details on to me and I will investigate the particular ward and the particular day where it is always possible that something may have gone wrong. I reiterate and reassure hon Members that the trolleys are working very well and that food is remaining hot as long as the trolley is still closed and connected. Assuming that it is not switched off, opened and then someone takes half an hour to provide a meal to a patient, which would be unforgiveable, then the food would get cold. Now it does not cold en route as it was getting cold before.

ORAL

NO. 970 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

Can the Minister for Health confirm whether the E111 Form for Emergency Treatment provided in European States, has now been extended to include other forms of medical treatment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 971 to 974 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 971 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

Can the Minister for Health confirm whether the E111 Form for Emergency Treatment provided in European States, has now been extended to include routine elective surgery?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 970 and 972 to 974 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 972 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

If the E111 Form for Emergency Treatment provided in European States has been extended to include other forms of medical treatment, can the Minister for Health provide a list of such treatments?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 970, 971, 973 and 974 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 973 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

If the E111 Form for Emergency Treatment provided in European States has now been extended to include routine elective surgery, can the Minister for Health provide a list of such elective surgical interventions?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 970 to 972 and 974 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 974 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – EUROPEAN HEALTH INSURANCE CARD

Can the Minister for Health confirm whether the Gibraltar Health Authority is obliged to implement any new arrangements that may have come about in European States in relation to the E111 Form?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The European Health Insurance Card, which has replaced the old E111 form which no longer exists, has not been extended to cover other forms of treatment within Member States. The GHA would be obliged to implement any new arrangements if they did come about in future.

ORAL

NO. 975 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 Seventh Draft of the Hospital Rules has now been received. If, as expected, this is the final draft, it will be published in the Gazette in the near future.

ORAL

NO. 976 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 Gibraltar Health Authority in the period June to September 2006, providing a breakdown by month?

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 976 of 2006

Answer to Question 948, 949 and 976

Date	Study Leave	Accomodation	Legal Claims
As at 30 th September	£83,188.52.	£167,417.01	
1 st June – 30 th September			Nil

NO. 977 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

There have been no complaints lodged with the Independent Review Panel during the months of June, July, August and September 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 977 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

No complaints? Not even verbal complaints?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

It seems that once again there is confusion on the Opposition side of the House. I ventured to explain this more than once before. If the question is as stated, how many new complaints have been lodged with the new Independent Review Panel? The answer is none. The hon Member has maybe forgotten how the system works. Complaints that are made to the GHA are either of a formal, written nature or of a verbal, informal nature. Those complaints are dealt with by GHA, to the satisfaction or otherwise of the complainant. Occasionally, I think there have been off the top of my head six or seven cases up to now, occasionally, the complainant is not satisfied with the final answer given by the GHA and it is then that the complainant is able to exercise his or her statutory right to visit the Ombudsman and ask for an independent review panel to be appointed to consider the case beyond. Then the GHA steps back and says, 'well, this is what we have said to the complainant' and then, that independent review panel, where GHA is not represented, consisting of peers, looks at the case and comes back and says, 'we think the complainant was right, we think GHA was right' and gives its decision. The question is how many cases have been referred to the Independent Review Panel, the answer is none.

ORAL

NO. 978 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2006/2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 979 to 982 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 979 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2006/2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 978 and 980 to 982 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 980 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

GHA – PAYMENTS TO PHARMACISTS

Can Government state what was the amount paid to Pharmacists for the periods 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2006/2007 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. 978, 979, 981 and 982 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 981 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2006/2007 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. 978 to 980 and 982 of 2006.

NO. 982 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 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 of 2006/2007?

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.

If I may, I have been noticing over recent Question Times that there are a number of questions that are usually clustered together and always answered with the same answer. There is no script, the statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the list. There are usually four or five clusters of these questions which are purely statistical and which have no script to them. Rarely, if ever, certainly today it has not happened, do they attract any Supplementaries on the day. No doubt, Members use the information for their statistics or for their press releases later on. I am intending, at the next Question Time of the House, instead of having four or five clusters of statistical answers, to group all the statistical questions together and provide all the schedules in one answer. With your leave, when you see the questions, and I would like Opposition Members to assess it when I do that the next time and if it is acceptable to them I will carry on doing it. If it is not, I will go back to the present system. The information provided will be the same but I think it will save the time of the House, instead of making the clerk walk round five times and the hon Member standing up five times, instead of me standing up five times it will all be done in one go. If it is found to be too much we will go back to the current system. The present clusters are divided using this criteria, very broadly, all waiting lists, all patient movements, in St Bernard's or in the Primary Care Centre. Here we had all the prescription questions together, there are usually six or seven questions about how many nurses there are here or there and what they do. I stress that I am only talking about questions that do not ask for a verbal answer, I will not do it with anything that needs a verbal answer, but I think it would be helpful for the House and it would not be less helpful to Opposition Members. If they were to find it, I would be quite happy to change it.

Answer to Question 982 of 2006

Answer to Question 978

	Financial Year 06/07			
Period	1	2	3	4
Scripts	14342	14136	13970	13568
Items	55631	55097	53408	52516
Cost	£583,000.09	£596,370.13	£575,119.07	£571,323.69

Period 5 and 6 of financial year 2006/2007 are incomplete.

Answer to Question 979

	Financial Year 06/07			
Period	1	2	3	4
Dispensing Fee	£100,135.80	£99,174.60	£96,134.40	£94,528.80

Period 5 and 6 of financial year 2006/2007 are incomplete.

Answer to Question 980

	Financial Year 06/07			
Period	1	2	3	4
Paid to Pharmacist	£651,555.89	£664,579.73	£640,955.97	£637,444.99

Period 5 and 6 of financial year 2006/2007 are incomplete.

Answer to Question 981

	Financial Year 06/07			
Period	1	2	3	4
Scripts	6376	6125	6170	5873
Items	12632	12386	12119	11363
Cost	Cost not Known			

Period 5 and 6 of financial year 2006/2007 are incomplete.

Answer to Question 982

No – but the following are the number of items on paying prescriptions that have not attracted a charge

	Financial Year 06/07			
Period	1	2	3	4
No.of Items	4958	4723	4457	4282

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 978 TO 982 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

In principle I see nothing wrong with it. There is something, of course, that is a matter of concern to us and that is that these are questions for oral answer and even though, in the main, they do not generate supplementaries, if I take the example of what we have just had when the Minister gave the breakdown of the dates of the purchases of equipment and the Bonita Trust, if that information had not been available by me taking my colleague's copy, I would not have been able to put those supplementaries. Therefore, I think, it is fine to say I hand over a schedule but I think we need more than one copy of the schedule, because if it was being read out we would all hear it and we would all be able to raise a point that the actual original questioner might not have picked up and somebody else can. I think that Question Time allows other Members to raise points on other people's questions, and at the moment, we are in a bit of difficulty by having to pass one copy around. So, perhaps in looking at this, they can also look at providing more than one copy so that while somebody is looking at one question somebody else can be looking at another one.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I thank the Leader of the Opposition for that, I would not include a question like the Bonita Trust question, which is a one-off. I am thinking of the questions that we get at every meeting, where all the changes at the time previously, are covered. But I would suggest we try it and see how it goes. I cannot vouch for being able to provide two schedules because it might upset the way the system is. This is done at No. 6 before they get here, but I occasionally ask the Clerk to get two answers and give them two. I will try to do it but I think it would only be to the questions that are asked by one particular hon Member rather than by two. If hon Members are amenable I will try to see how it goes. I think it will be time-saving.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In terms of other questions as well, where information is provided in writing, it is difficult sometimes if we spend too much time passing pieces of paper, because I may have gone on to another question. Although they are always flexible in letting us get back, it is not really the way it should be happening. We ought to be asking the supplementary when the answer is given.

MR SPEAKER:

Might it not be, perhaps may I commend the system which I think is working very well between the Hon Fabian Picardo and the Hon Dr Bernard Linares, where information is being sought and exchanged and obtained outside of the sittings and that information does form part of Hansard as written questions and written answers. That would give Members more time to look at the information in their own time and pose more meaningful questions when it comes to the actual sitting of the House. I do not think I have convinced everyone but it may be worth looking at. I think it helps all sides to have the information flowing rather than lots of paperwork handed over which means nothing to most people until one actually examines it. Certainly, it would work on that basis.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I have offered to do this in the past to the Hon Miss Montegriffo but the answer that I got back was not very enthusiastic about it so I did not pursue it. But I certainly am quite happy for these periodic questions that are purely statistical and only reflect the change of date, I am quite happy to provide it, say on a quarterly basis, and of course hon Members can ask supplementaries afterwards if they want. I would leave it with them to consider and if they are happy to do it, I am quite happy to provide them on a regular basis.

ORAL

NO. 983 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – ENROLLED NURSE

Can Government confirm that there will be no exceptions made to the rule contained in the advert for Enrolled Nurse vacancies that applicants must reside, or take up residence, in Gibraltar on employment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 984 to 989 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 984 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – ENROLLED NURSE

Can Government state if any of the applicants for the vacancies of Enrolled Nurse were prospective frontier workers and whether any such applications were rejected on this count?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 983 and 985 to 989 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 985 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – ENROLLED NURSE

Can Government state how many of the applicants for Enrolled Nurse vacancies were successful and awarded 12 month contracts giving the commencement dates of the contracts and nationality of the successful applicants?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 983, 984 and 986 to 989 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 986 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – ENROLLED NURSE

Can Government provide a breakdown by gender, nationality and residence of the persons whose applications were received by 8 September 2006 for the Enrolled Nurse vacancies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 983 to 985 and 987 to 989 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 987 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – ENROLLED NURSE

Can Government confirm whether all the vacancies opened for Enrolled Nurse on the 8 September were part of the complement and if not provide a breakdown showing the number of supernumerary vacancies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 983 to 986, 988 and 989 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 988 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – ENROLLED NURSE

Can Government state how many vacancies for Enrolled Nurse there were in the Gibraltar Health Authority on the 8 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 983 to 987 and 989 of 2006.

NO. 989 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – ENROLLED NURSE

Can Government state how many applications for the vacancy of Enrolled Nurse were received by the closing date of 8 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answer to Question Nos. 983 to 989 of 2006

Two valid applications were received from resident female British Nationals by the 8th September, 2006 for the post of Enrolled Nurse.

At the time the answer to this question was being drafted the interviews had still not been held. The residency requirements will be applied.

As at the 8th September, 2006 one vacancy for Enrolled Nurse existed in the Gibraltar Health Authority and this vacancy was part of the complement.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 983 TO 989 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

So in fact, there is only one vacancy available then, is that correct?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is correct.

ORAL

NO. 990 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – PROVISION OF TECHNO-MEDICAL SERVICES BY GEA

Can Government identify where in the estimated expenditure of the Gibraltar Health Authority for 2006/2007 the payment of £809,000 for techno-medical services to be provided by the Gibraltar Electrical Authority is charged?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 991 to 994 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 991 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – PROVISION OF TECHNO-MEDICAL SERVICES BY GEA

Can Government identify where in the forecast outturn for the Gibraltar Health Authority for 2005/2006 the payment of £250,000 for techno-medical services paid to the Gibraltar Electricity Authority is charged?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 990 and 992 to 994 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 992 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – PROVISION OF TECHNO-MEDICAL SERVICES BY GEA

Can Government describe the techno-medical services to be provided in the current financial year by the Electricity Authority to the Gibraltar Health Authority at an estimated cost of £809,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 990, 991, 993 and 994 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 993 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – PROVISION OF TECHNO-MEDICAL WORKS BY GEA

Can Government describe the nature of the techno-medical services to the value of £250,000 provided by the Gibraltar Electricity Authority to the Gibraltar Health Authority in 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 990 to 992 and 994 of 2006.

NO. 994 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – PROVISION OF TECHNO-MEDICAL SERVICES BY GEA

Can Government say what were the techno-medical services that the Gibraltar Health Authority required from the Gibraltar Electricity Authority when the estimated cost for 2005/2006 was £41,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The £250,000 techno-medical services identified under the forecast outturn 2005/2006 and the estimated £809,000 for 2006/2007 are debited to maintenance charges under the allocation for facilities management. That is on page 126. The services provided as part of a maintenance agreement with the Gibraltar Electricity Authority include mechanical, electrical and clinical engineering services.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 990 TO 994 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

The maintenance agreement that is £1,350,000 for 2006/2007 is the one the Minister is referring to and the £809,000 is included there, is that correct?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In the preceding year the figure of £1,638,000 includes the £250,000 even though there is no breakdown?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is correct. As the hon Member correctly says, since in the previous year there was no breakdown, it was decided to break the figure up this year as it was getting biggish, so as to be able to provide more information.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Has the Minister answered all the questions now or am I expecting any further information?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I do not understand.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, one of the things that I asked in Question No. 994 was what were the nature of the techno-medical services when the Authority thought it would cost them £41,000 and they finished up costing six times the amount estimated. It is the kind of difference that would suggest that at the beginning of the financial year, the expected anticipated requirement for the service must have been dramatically different from what it finished up being.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The first part of the question, the nature of the services I did give him, which I said included mechanical, electrical and clinical engineering services. The estimate of £41,000 is an Electricity Authority estimate and the actual outturn is a GHA figure. The hon Member should remember that this was at the beginning of the opening of the new hospital, things were being identified and against a background where the FM package for the hospital had been recommended to be put out and done externally. When the tender offers came in, the figure was running in excess of £3 million, if I remember rightly. So it was decided not to grant it to whoever the successful tenderer was at the time, but it included the people who were doing it whilst the hospital was being built and to take it in-house and to engage the Electricity Authority to do the work. So there was a changing situation which may account for the considerable difference between the original estimate and the final scope of the works. It is now taking on a more established level because we are now doing the same things.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, I would draw the attention of the Minister to the fact that the original budget was £2 million and that the budget for this year is still £2 million. I find it peculiar that in terms of estimating, one would think that one needs to spend £2 million on facilities management, of which only £41,000 is needed for electro-mechanical services, then in the following year one still needs £2 million but this time, instead of the share being £41,000, the share is now £800,000. The total thus seems to go up, notwithstanding the fact that there seems to be more being done. The element of the maintenance agreement which is £1,350,000 includes now £800,000. If we look at the estimate approved by the House in the preceding budget, the total was still £2 million which is the total for this year, but in that total of £2 million there was only £41,000 provided for the Electrical Authority to do medical technical work. So I find it strange because, presumably, the balance of the budget was intended to be for other things which would have been as high as £1,900,000.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I cannot account for the difference between the two figures, other than one was done by one Department and the other was done by the other and one would have thought that they would have talked to each other before producing the figures. I do not know the reason for the differences. What I can say is that, that the services have been increasing and in the forecast outturn for last year was of the order of £250,000 but now this year, for the estimate for this year is now for the level of services. The services have now stabilised, they have been growing up to now, but now they have been standardised and stabilised so the level of service should remain the same for the foreseeable future, unless demand changes. It has been an adjusting situation and an expanding situation up to now.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Are there other elements in the facilities management, any of the other done in-house, or are they all contracted out? Is this the only bid?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Any other elements?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, there is a total of £2 million of which £809,000 is now going to the Electricity Authority and the facilities management, which is where the Minister has pointed me to on page 126.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, the others that are shown here – maintenance agreement £1,350; equipment spares £300; security £295; fire prevention £50 and planted areas £5.

HON J J BOSSANO:

My question is, are these things paid to sort of other Government entities or are these things that have gone out to the private sector?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I would need notice of that question. Planted areas is definitely a contract, fire prevention is pretty much certain to be the Fire Brigade, security is a contracted local service, equipment spares I do not know without notice, I would need to check.

ORAL

NO. 995 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT (DONATIONS)

Can Government identify the source of the £50,000 donation received by the Gibraltar Health Authority in 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

Answered together with Question Nos. 950 and 996 of 2006.

NO. 996 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT (DONATIONS)

Can Government provide the dates on which the donations of £820,000 were received by the Gibraltar Health Authority in 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The Gibraltar Health Authority did not receive a donation of £820,000 in the year 2005/2006. It is presumed that Question Nos. 950, 995 and 996 of 2006 are based on the footnote to Appendix G (Page 127) of the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year 2006/2007. This footnote gives an erroneous impression of the facts, but should I add a justifiable one. The explanation is as follows. The GHA did indeed receive a single donation of £770,000 on the 27th January 2006 from a single source and a total of £9,989.52 from several sources. A breakdown of these donations showing the amount donated and the date of the donation is shown in the schedule which I will shortly hand over to the hon Member. It would, however, be inappropriate to disclose the source of each individual donation, other than the big one which has already been disclosed, without having previously obtained the donor's consent.

The figure of £50,000 (the difference between the Bonita Trust donation of £770,000 and the total of £820,000 identified in the footnote in page 127) is the balance brought forward in the GHA donations fund accumulated over many years, of receipts and purchases. This is explained in more detail in the schedule which I now hand over to the hon Member.

As a means of explanation in anticipation of a question and for further clarification, there should be a separation on this schedule or a bigger separation, should I say, where the dotted line is. It is two separate parts of the answer. The figures above the dotted line amounting to a total of £9,989.52, what is shown there as the dates and the receipt numbers and the amounts of the individual small donations received by GHA during that financial year. The small account at the bottom of the page below the broken line, seeks to explain how the figure of £50,000 has been summarised in the footnote to page 127. I will try and explain that further by saying, Opposition Members will understand that a donations account is an on-going ledger page and one opens the financial year with a balance of unspent money made up of amounts or part amounts from previous years, during the year one receives more donations and one draws on the fund, which fund by the way is controlled in the Treasury not by GHA, just as a side issue, one receives more donations which go to the Treasury and one draws on the fund to make payments for purchases of items which have either been specifically donated or the donation may be of a generalised

nature, then at the end of the year there is a balance remaining, which in this case was £51,181.37, which has been rounded off in the footnote to £50,000. I hope that explains it the way I understand it but I am quite happy to try and explain further.

Answer to Questions 996 of 2006

Answer to Questions 950, 995 and 996

06/06/2005	-	AE 053184	-	£1,376.75
30/06/2005	-	AE 042843	-	£625.00
18/07/2005	-	AE 042875	-	£100.00
20/07/2005	-	AE 042884	-	£100.00
01/08/2005	-	AE 043028	-	£126.50
30/09/2005	-	AE 042899	-	£1,369.00
18/10/2005	-	AG 001120	-	£1,473.00
08/11/2005	-	AG 001241	-	£28.98
18/11/2005	-	AG 001253	-	£40.00
24/11/2005	-	AG 001143	-	£1,040.00
25/11/2005	-	AG 001147	-	£200.00
01/12/2005	-	AG 001162	-	£113.95
16/12/2005	-	AG 001179	-	£800.00
22/12/2005	-	AG 001258	-	£100.00
03/01/2006	-	AG 001264	-	£821.34
20/01/2006	-	AG 001191	-	£800.00
03/02/2006	-	AE 053508	-	£25.00
14/03/2006	-	AG 001318	-	£800.00
15/03/2006	-	AG001320	-	£50.00

Total - **£9,989.52**

2004/2005 Balance brought forward	-	£73,012.55
Funds donated During 2005/2006	-	£9,989.52
Total	-	£83,002.07
Less Purchases during 2005/2006	-	<u>£31,820.37</u>
Balance Brought Forward to 2006/2007	-	£51,181.37

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 950, 995 AND 996 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, it does not explain it because in fact if it was rounded off then it does not make sense that it should be rounded off and the footnote says that it has been spent in 2005/2006. What the Minister is telling is that it was not spent in 2005/2006 and that, therefore, if it was rounded off it should have been shown as being rounded off for the purpose of being available in 2006/2007. So his explanation does not explain the figure.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I understand what the hon Member is saying. I would ask the hon Member to note that neither I nor GHA are responsible for this footnote. That footnote is a Treasury footnote and this is the explanation that has been given to us by the Treasury for the basis of that footnote. All I can give the hon Member is the summary of the figures for donations in that current period. As I say, we started the year with £73,000, we had additional funds donated of about £10,000, giving a total of £83,002 for that year, during the year we drew on the funds to a total of £31,800 and the balance at the end was £51,000.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is all very well for the Minister to say this is put there by the Treasury, so is the whole of Appendix G presumably. This information was provided when the Estimates were debated for the purpose of enlightening the House not confusing it. Is he saying then that the £770,000 came in that year and was spent that year and did not go in and out of this account that he has provided us with today?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The amount of £770,000 is the subject of another question, Question No. 951, where I will be providing the hon Member with a detailed schedule. In fact, in the last meeting I provided hon Members with a schedule of the items that had been purchased, the question now asked me to provide a breakdown of the costs and I will be giving the hon Members a breakdown of the £770,000. I would respectfully suggest that it may be easier to deal with the £770,000 on its own and with the next question of whether it is £50,000 or not £50,000, separately. I am not really able to offer much more explanation than I have done, I have tried to give as much information as I can, I would just take up the hon Member on something he said just now when he said that the whole of Appendix G was drawn up by the Treasury. Yes, but drawn up by the Treasury based on the information provided to them by the GHA. In terms of this particular footnote, I would remind the hon Member of how I said the fund worked. The GHA does not hold the money, the money is held by the Treasury in a deposit account, the GHA receives a sum of £155.33 from people who have been collecting money and it is given to GHA not for any specific purpose. The GHA accounts for it in its books by receiving it and then sends it on to the Treasury to hold it safe. So it is an in and out debit/credit entry in the GHA books. Similarly, with an amount like the £770,000 which was for a specific list of items, receives it and passes it on to the Treasury. Now, the GHA can only account for what it does with the

money it receives and how it then draws on the fund and spends it. This footnote, I agree, was supposed to be there for further clarification, I say again, it was not written by me or by GHA and I agree that it is confusing because we had, as will be appreciated from my answer, a little bit of trouble identifying what was the source of the question and that is the answer that we have been able to put together in conjunction with the Treasury. However, as I say, if there is further information I can provide I will try and provide it. If there is not, maybe the hon Member could follow it up by letter and we will attempt to identify his concerns, if there are any concerns or any desire for further information.

HON J J BOSSANO:

He has not answered the question actually. My question was, if the explanation we have been given in the note that he has passed across to us, which says, balance brought forward £73,000, funds donated during 2005/2006 £9,900 then how come the £770,000 is not shown as going in and coming out there, that was my question.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I say again I did not write the note.

HON J J BOSSANO:

This is not about the footnote, I am talking about the note that he has provided today in the House. That, surely, he must be responsible for. He has given it to us ten minutes ago.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, sorry, now I understand what he is saying. I have kept the £770,000 separately, as I suggested a few minutes ago, because it is the subject of a separate question and it is easier to deal with separately. The £770,000 was received and spent almost in its entirety, there is a balance of £1,000, almost in its entirety and accounted for separately. I was trying to reach this figure of £50,000 which appears from the footnote to mean that £50,000 was received, whereas in fact, my understanding of what the footnote is saying is that GHA received £820,000 of which £770,000 is one donation, and the balance which it does not spell out in the footnote, but the balance is implied as being one donation or a series of donations, whereas in fact, it is not a series of donations it is the amount that was available at the end of the year. It has been taken as the amount that was available at the end of the year, has been taken by whoever pencilled this, has been taken as the amount that was received, £51,000 rounded off to £50,000. That is my understanding of the footnote. Obviously an erroneous impression is given and, obviously, the person who wrote it must have had an erroneous impression themselves when they wrote it. I do not know who wrote it or where it came from, we have just been struggling to identify and to be able to give as full and detailed an answer as possible.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I ask, in the Appendix the amount is not shown as being credited as revenue of the Authority but then the Appendix of course are not really accounts at all, they are just there for the sake of providing additional information. Would that information have to be reflected in the audited accounts such as the one tabled by the Minister today?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Taking the last question first, I assume so because that is money that has been received and spent so it would need to be audited and therefore would need to be shown in the accounts. In respect of it not being shown in the Estimates, if my memory does not fail me, his colleague the Hon Mr Randall, identified this in a previous question in a previous meeting. I think the question, if I remember rightly, was on the basis of 'why is the donation from the Bonita Trust not shown in the Estimates?' and I distinctly remember either the Chief Minister or the Financial Secretary saying, 'no it is not but it should have been', words to that effect. Again, I cannot say why it was or why it was not but I think it has been acknowledged that it should have been. Obviously it will show in the accounts, that is without doubt. Let me also say, for what it is worth, that the amount donated by the Bonita Trust which the items on the list that I will shortly give him in answer to another question, the items on that list were specifically agreed with the donors and their medical technical people. The money that has been spent, almost all of it, has some time recently been shown to the representative of the donors in its existing donated form, the items of equipment, as has a whole package of receipts and technical data and so on been provided to the donor. Obviously it is a donation out of the ordinary, so in the interests of clarity we have shown that we have bought a table and the table is indeed there and that it is not a picnic table worth £5 and it is a solid wooden table worth £2,000. As far as I am aware, the meeting that was held was to the satisfaction of the donors.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Given that the Minister has tabled the Authority's accounts for the year ending March 2004, and there appears to be no item resembling this, can he tell us that the balance brought forward in 2004/2005 was all accumulated in 2004/2005 and there was nothing from the year 2003/2004? If there was something from the year 2003/2004 I have not been able to find it in the accounts as tabled today.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The short answer to this question is, no Sir. No in various ways. No, I cannot say that the balance is only for the previous year. From the explanation that I was given the answer is almost certainly that it every year brings a residue from previous years, because it is an account that is standing over. I asked whether it was not possible, to try and accommodate Opposition Members, to break down what had been spent and we were able to break down the £9,989 because all were items that were specifically spent in that particular period. What the amounts left over from previous years are and which donations they come from, that is a major bookkeeping accounting exercise. Now, in respect of whether it should appear in the accounts or not appear in the accounts, there I profess the first amendment, or the third amendment, or

whichever one it is. I do not know is the answer to that question. I do not prepare the accounts.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

I accept entirely that the Minister does not prepare the accounts but he is the one that provides them to the House, nobody else, so we cannot ask whoever prepares them because whoever prepares them is not here to be asked. Presumably, these accounts are being done because it is in the Ordinance. That is to say, in accordance with section 15(2) of the Gibraltar Medical and Health Authority Ordinance 1987. So, consequently, if that Ordinance says that the audited accounts must show all the receipts, and we have been told today that there is an account into which donations are put and from which money is drawn to buy specific pieces of equipment, it seems to me that independent of the fact that where the money is not spent it may be sitting in the Treasury, well, that is true presumably of all the money. That is to say, if the money from the collection of social insurance stamps were to come in on 1st January, it would not be sitting in the basement of the hospital, one would hope, it would be sitting in the vaults of the Treasury, which is where the money of everything that is public funds is kept. But it would be reflected as receipts in a financial year and then at the end of the financial year either the expenditure would have exhausted the receipts or there would have been a plus or a minus. Now, that account that we have been told about today presumably can never be in minus because it is a question of spending depending on what there is, but there does not seem to be in the audited accounts produced by the Principal Auditor, a reference to this element of it. Perhaps the Minister can look into it and find out whether it is something that has sort of been overlooked and is going to be provided in the future, or whether, indeed, the accounts that have been tabled today may actually need amending to give a full picture.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I will certainly look into it for my own education as much as anything else, because as I said, this whole situation has been identified because of the question. I think it would also be helpful if the hon Member has a specific question that he wants, rather than wait for the next meeting, if he were to write to me and express what he has said now and ask for clarification of (a), (b), (c) and (d), then in conjunction with the Treasury we shall provide that explanation. It seems to me that like all accounts, that has to be treated in some way and is bound to be part of the accounts whether it is readily identifiable or not readily identifiable is a different thing. We will have a similar example in another question, probably, on the electro-technical or electro-mechanical services being provided by the Electricity Authority to the GHA, where he is asking specifically for clarification under which Head it appears and which I will be providing to him. But if one looks at the Estimates it is obvious why he has asked the question, it is not clear which Head it has been allocated to. I think this is obviously a similar situation, so I will certainly start the ball rolling from my end and I will then deal with his specific query when he writes to me.

NO. 997 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – HOSPITAL RENT

Can Government explain what is the reason for the £60,000 increase in the hospital rent payable by the Gibraltar Health Authority to the Royal Bank of Scotland in the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The increase is in keeping with the rental agreement of a 1 per cent uplift per annum.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 997 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

This is 1 per cent of what?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Of the rent.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, the rent goes up by 1 per cent but is it that it is 1 per cent of the existing rent or 1 per cent of the value of the investment?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The rent itself goes up by 1 per cent. To 1 per cent of the rent of the previous year.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I ask the Minister for Health before he departs? Having looked at the estimates, is he sure of the accuracy that he has just provided me in the final answer, because I said it is 1 per cent of the preceding year's rent, which is what he confirmed, and the preceding year's rent was £4,290,000 (on page 126, the same page he pointed out to me before), of course, 1 per cent of that does not produce £60,000.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am confident that it is in line with a 1 per cent increase. Quite frankly, that it is a 1 per cent increase per annum. The information I was given verbally was that it was on the rent and the hon Member is saying that on page 126, if he bears with me whilst I find it, where is the rent identified? Yes, I see. I have not worked out the percentage figure myself but I do have the schedule of payments of what has happened up to now, I assume the figure is accurate. If it is not 1 per cent there I would have to check.

HON J J BOSSANO:

One per cent of £4,290,000 is £42,900 not £60,000.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That rings a bell. The bell is that the annual total, according to the figures that I was given, is £4,332,736 and is the actual annual total which has been rounded up, obviously, in the estimates to £4,350,000. If one takes the difference of £4,350,000 as it is there, then the actual difference is £61,164 which is the figure identified by the hon Member in his question. Whereas the actual difference between the actual rent last year and the actual rent this year will be £42,900, amounting to £4,332,736. Have I confused the hon Member totally?

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, it is perfectly clear. The figure they put in the book is wrong, that is what the Minister is saying.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

What he could say and I could not possibly comment. What I am confident of is that the accuracy of the actual rental for the coming year will be £4,332,736.

NO. 998 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PROMOTION OF ENGLISH IN THE CAMPO AREA

Can the Minister of Education state how he intends to promote English in the Campo area following the recent statement on the subject?

ANSWER

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

This matter has been placed on the agenda of the Joint Commission of Co-operation (the “Comision Mixta”) between the Government of Gibraltar and the Mancomunidad de Municipios, which will establish the appropriate mechanisms to develop the learning of the English language and bilingualism in general at an academic level in the Campo Area. Indeed, we already have very close contacts, for some time now, between educators in Gibraltar and in the Campo area, and offering opportunities for the development of English and bilingualism in the neighbouring region has already been and will continue to be discussed and planned at a technical and practical level between them.

In fact, since 1996, TEFL Courses have been on-going as part of the Adult Education programme in the College and these are often taken up by Spanish students from across the border.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 998 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister confirm whether these TEFL Courses are still available?

HON DR B A LINARES:

I think so, otherwise my officers would not have put it on my answer sheet. I am pretty sure that there are TEFL Courses in the College of Further Education.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister then explain why the Social Services Agency, who employ Spanish people, have been given this TEFL Course that is being conducted by a New

Zealander for the Government Social Services Agency, because TEFL, for anybody who does not know, is Teaching English as a Foreign Language, why then contract somebody from abroad if we have qualified people here to teach TEFL? So the Minister says, because it is still on-going at the College.

HON DR B A LINARES:

I cannot answer for my colleague, the Minister for Social Services, but I would have thought, and I am speculating, that obviously they have made separate arrangements. Remember, these courses are the Adult Education Programme in the College, at a certain time, with a certain roster, certain timetable, they may have thought it better and more practical to give these courses to their own people in the Social Services Department in a different context altogether. As I say, I am speculating. One thing does not take it away from another.

HON S E LINARES:

In a way it does because the argument was that the Social Services Agency had to contract somebody from abroad because we did not have people qualified here to teach the TEFL Course. That is the issue that I am harping on, because if we do have qualified people, I am sure we did, of course we do and I know that we do, but the argument then was that we did not have people qualified to teach TEFL Courses. For me I was so surprised to hear this because, as the Minister and myself know, and probably everybody in Gibraltar knows, we have got very qualified, very good teachers in English, and Spanish, who can teach all these subjects. Again, the question is can the Minister ask the Minister for Social Services why she has decided to contract somebody from abroad to teach TEFL Courses to Spanish employees in the Social Services Agency and the Elderly Care Agency, who are employed from across the border?

HON DR B A LINARES:

As I said, I cannot answer for my colleague but I am sure they have good reasons, probably practical reasons as I say. The fact that there are many local teachers who are qualified in teaching English as a foreign language, TEFL, does not mean they are always available, perhaps not available in the particular circumstances that these lessons and courses had to be given to the actively employed social workers from Spain. As I say, I do not really know the situation but I am sure there are good, practical and sensible reasons for it.

NO. 999 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – NON-UK UNIVERSITIES

Can Government state how many students have chosen non UK universities in order to pursue their first degree course or equivalent with a breakdown by academic year 2002/2003, 2003/2004, 2004/2005, and 2005/2006 to date and showing the country, course and the university chosen?

ANSWER

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

We currently have one student studying Medicine at the National University of Ireland in Dublin. This is for the session 2006/2007. We have had no students studying at non-UK Universities for the other academic years specified in the question. We do have, I had occasion to explain before, however, currently pupils studying at UK Universities who are on placement or secondment at other non-UK Universities as one of the requirements of their courses in the UK University.

ORAL

NO. 1000 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – NUMBER OF PUPILS SUSPENDED

Can Government state how many children have been suspended from school in the years 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 to date giving a breakdown by school and term?

ANSWER

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

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

Answer to Question 1000 of 2006

2004/5 SUSPENSIONS	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
SCHOOL			
BAYSIDE	20	29	21
WESTSIDE	5	6	1
SACRED HEART	2	2	0
ST. ANNE'S	1	1	0
BISHOP FITZGERALD	1	0	0
ST. JOSEPH'S MIDDLE	0	0	0
GOVERNOR'S MEADOW	1	0	0
ST. BERNARD'S	0	0	0
NOTRE DAME	0	0	0
ST. MARY'S	0	0	0
ST. JOSEPH'S FIRST	0	0	0
ST. PAUL'S	0	0	0
HEBREW SCHOOL	0	0	0
ST. MARTIN'S	0	0	0

2005/6 SUSPENSIONS	AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
SCHOOL			
BAYSIDE	23	26	17
WESTSIDE	4	4	0
SACRED HEART	1	0	0
ST. ANNE'S	0	0	0
BISHOP FITZGERALD	0	0	0
ST. JOSEPH'S MIDDLE	0	0	0
GOVERNOR'S MEADOW	0	0	0
ST. BERNARD'S	0	0	0
NOTRE DAME	0	0	0
ST. MARY'S	0	0	0
ST. JOSEPH'S FIRST	0	0	0
ST. PAUL'S	0	0	0
HEBREW SCHOOL	0	0	0
ST. MARTIN'S	0	0	0

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1000 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Could the Minister state what, for example in Bayside where it seems very high, the figure autumn term 20 represents? I presume that it is 20 times rather than 20 different individuals. Is that correct? So, for example, there are 20 suspensions but it could well be that one student was suspended twice during that autumn term, is that the case?

HON DR B A LINARES:

No, it is 20 children.

HON S E LINARES:

Thank you.

NO. 1001 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTRE

Can Government state what is the estimated expenditure allocated for the Pupil Referral Unit which has been set up in Bayside school?

ANSWER

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

The Government have made a capital investment of £125,458 in the setting up of the Alternative Learning Centre at Bayside School.

The amount has been spent in the following way:

- Total refurbishment of the building, which originally housed the showers.
- The building now consists of:
 - (i) a computer room, which houses four computer stations;
 - (ii) a kitchen, which has two cookers, a washing machine and other utilities, which are used for Food Technology and Life Skills;
 - (iii) a counselling room, which is also the office of the Manager of the Centre;
 - (iv) two small general classrooms with tables and chairs, and
 - (v) a shower and a toilet.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1001 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Is the Alternative Learning Centre, and it states that there is a Manager and I presume there are more staff under the Manager, are they all qualified teachers or what sort of qualifications are necessary for this Manager to have?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Yes, the Manager is of course a qualified teacher, with wide experience precisely in special needs and behaviour modification techniques. He is a full time teacher in the ALC and there is also a Classroom Aide, also with experience of special needs, also full-time. Then, of course, there is dipping in on occasions for particular subjects,

teaching, tuition, other teachers who are timetabled on specific occasions and also when required. They may not always be required by the number of pupils in the Centre.

HON S E LINARES:

What is the procedure then for pupils to actually attend this Alternative Learning Centre? For example, the previous question was to do with suspended pupils, therefore, is it that for example, a pupil who is suspended has already gone through this Alternative Learning Centre, or is it the other way? They are suspended and then, subsequently on returning back to school, they are placed in this Alternative Learning Centre. Or is there another criteria?

HON DR B A LINARES:

Well, I will remind the hon Member that the Alternative Learning Centre has just been started this September so it is gradually being structured. But certainly, as regards his specific question, no, we are hoping actually that the number of suspensions may now drop because there is this alternative, other than just a pure sanction of a suspension, there is this counselling process and a pretty structured protocol for behaviour modification in this Centre.

NO. 1002 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTRE

Can Government state how many students are currently in the Pupil Referral Unit which has been set up in Bayside School?

ANSWER

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

The Alternative Learning Centre at Bayside School has been designed to cater for approximately ten students at any one particular time. There are currently four pupils but this could change at any time, given that students attend for specific reasons and for specific periods of time. So it could go up or it could go down throughout the school year.

ORAL

NO. 1003 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – DISTANCE LEARNING GRANTS

Can Government state how many people were awarded distance learning grants in 2005/2006 and this academic year giving a breakdown by gender?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 1004 to 1006 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1004 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – DISTANCE LEARNING GRANTS

Can Government state how many people applied for distance learning grants in 2005/2006 and this academic year giving a breakdown by gender?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 1003, 1005 and 1006 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1005 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Can Government state how many students applied for discretionary grants this academic year giving a breakdown by gender?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 1003, 1004 and 1006 of 2006.

NO. 1006 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

Can Government state how many students have been awarded discretionary grants this academic year giving a breakdown by gender?

ANSWER

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

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

May I take this opportunity to congratulate the Opposition Member, for having himself obtained a Distance Learning grant, and having pursued with great effort, I am sure, also because of the nature of his having to work and at the same time study, not like other students, to pursue his studies. I understand that they will soon come to fruition, so I do want to wish him all the best.

HON S E LINARES:

Thank you. I am hoping that by December I will have finished the course, thank you very much.

Answer to Question 1006 of 2006

Question Number		2005/06	2006/07
1004	Number who applied	45	63
1004	Male	27	35
1004	Female	18	28
1003	Successful applicants, male	22	30
1003	Successful applicants, female	18	25

Question Number		2006/07
1005	Number of students applying for discretionary grants	41
1005	Discretionary applications, male	16
1005	Discretionary applications, female	25
1006	Successful discretionary applications, male	8
1006	Successful discretionary applications, female	8

ORAL

NO. 1007 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – MANDATORY GRANTS

Can Government state how many students have been awarded mandatory grants this academic year giving a breakdown by gender?

ANSWER

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

A total of 164 mandatory grants have been given. Of these, 72 correspond to male students and 92 to female students.

ORAL

NO. 1008 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – A-LEVEL EXAMS

Can Government state how many pupils sat A Level this academic year giving a breakdown by gender and school?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 1009 and 1010 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1009 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – AS LEVEL EXAMS

Can Government state how many pupils sat AS Level this academic year giving a breakdown by gender and school?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 1008 and 1010 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1010 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – GCSE EXAMS

Can Government state how many pupils sat GCSE's this academic year giving a breakdown by gender and school?

ANSWER

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

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

Once again, may I take the opportunity, and I am sure the House will join me, in congratulating all our students at all levels of public examinations this year, for obtaining such excellent results.

Answer to Question 1010 of 2006

Answer to Question 1008

Number of pupils sitting public examinations - Summer 2005/06

A Level			
Institution	Total	Male	Female
Bayside	70	70	0
Westside	78	0	78
College	56	34	22

Answer to Question 1009

AS Level			
Institution	Total	Male	Female
Bayside	74	74	0
Westside	122	0	122
College	94	46	48

Answer to Question 1010

GCSE Level			
Institution	Total	Male	Female
Bayside	189	189	0
Westside	205	0	205
College	88	68	20

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1008 TO 1010 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Yes, I join with the Minister to congratulate all the students that sat and have been successful, which is a high rate, of those who sat. That is why I am asking the question so I am really pleased about that, thank you.

NO. 1011 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EDUCATION – MOD SCHOOL FEES

Can Government explain why it estimates that the receipts from MOD School fees will go up from £95,000 to £280,000 in the current financial year?

ANSWER

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

The explanation is the fact that there has been a 42 per cent increase in the school fees charged to non-entitled children between 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 as recommended by the Principal Auditor in his annual report. The £95,000 refers to two terms at the old rate whilst the £280,000 refers to five terms at the new rate. This is due to the time lapse that exists between us billing the MOD and the actual payment by the MOD. I believe they have to get approval from MOD Education Headquarters in Germany and that takes a bit of time, but anyway they do pay up. I can also say that it is not due to any significant increase in the number of pupils, that has remained pretty stable. It varies a bit because of the postings of the parents but at the moment we have 44 MOD pupils in our secondary schools, it has always been around 40 to 50. So it is not due to any significant increase in the number of pupils but those two factors. One, that there was a 42 per cent increase in the basic rate, as recommended by the Principal Auditor and, also, the accumulation of payments from last year to this year.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1011 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it that the Principal Auditor actually recommended 42 per cent, or that he recommended that the rate should be reconsidered or re-valued or whatever?

HON DR B A LINARES:

I am not too sure he actually quoted a specific percentage but he did carry out a sort of actuarial costing of the different elements in the costs involved in any particular student in a secondary school, resources, staffing and that sort of thing. That was put together, I think, by the officers in the Department and it amounted to 41.9 per cent to be exact.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it that this, in fact, is the rate that is applied to all non-entitled not just to MOD, is that correct?

HON DR B A LINARES:

That is right, I remember asking something along those lines before, that it is across the board to non-entitled private individuals and also to the MOD.

ORAL

NO. 1012 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

GOVERNMENT HOSTEL

Can Government state whether, following the answer given to Question No. 535 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

I can confirm that the new Government Hostel will have 242 beds.

ORAL

NO. 1013 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 June, July, August and September 2006, giving a breakdown of their age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1014 and 1015 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1014 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Can Government state what was the number of persons receiving social assistance in June, July, August and September 2006 giving a breakdown by age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1013 and 1015 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1015 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Can Government state how many persons receiving social assistance in June, July, August and September 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

I now hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1015/2006

Answer to Question No. 1013 of 2006

PERSONS RECEIVING DISABILITY ALLOWANCE UNDER THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 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
Jun-06	24	25	25	14	17	11	2	118	81	37
Jul-06	24	24	26	14	18	11	2	119	82	37
Aug-06	24	24	26	14	18	11	2	119	82	37
Sep-06	24	24	26	14	18	11	2	119	82	37

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1015/2006

Answer to Question No. 1014 of 2006

**PERSONS RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE IN JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND
SEPTEMBER 2006 GIVING A BREAKDOWN BY AGE AND SEX**

2006	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
JUNE	160	285	445	56	151	113	125
JULY	157	285	442	54	147	116	125
AUGUST	161	286	447	53	149	115	130
SEPTEMBER	162	293	455	60	149	118	128

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1015/2006

Answer to Question No. 1015 of 2006

PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2006

MONTH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
Jun-06	160	285	445	56	151	113	125
Jul-06	157	285	442	54	147	116	125
Aug-06	161	286	447	53	149	115	130
Sep-06	162	293	455	60	149	118	128

PERSONS EMPLOYED DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2006

MONTH	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
Jun-06	5	2	7	3	1	2	1
Jul-06	4	0	4	1	3	0	0
Aug-06	7	1	8	1	1	3	3
Sep-06	3	2	5	1	3	0	1

AS AT	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
20-Oct-06	165	290	455	60	145	119	131

ORAL

NO. 1016 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1017 to 1019 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1017 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1016, 1018 and 1019 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1018 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1016, 1017 and 1019 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1019 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I now hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1019 OF 2006

Answer to Question No.1016 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 June, July, August and September 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND

	<u>30-Jun-06</u>	<u>31-Jul-06</u>	<u>31-Aug-06</u>	<u>30-Sep-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£4,107,304.08	£4,060,879.46	£4,027,847.04	£3,984,032.11
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts	£21,302.75	£26,010.77	£21,449.13	£2,919.76
	<u>£4,128,606.83</u>	<u>£4,086,890.23</u>	<u>£4,049,296.17</u>	<u>£3,986,951.87</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Payments	<u>(£67,727.37)</u>	<u>(£59,043.19)</u>	<u>(£65,264.06)</u>	<u>(£66,315.27)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£4,060,879.46</u>	<u>£4,027,847.04</u>	<u>£3,984,032.11</u>	<u>£3,920,636.60</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1019 OF 2006

Answer to Question No.1017 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 June, July, August and September 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

SOCIAL INSURANCE (SHORT-TERM BENEFITS) FUND

	<u>30-Jun-06</u>	<u>31-Jul-06</u>	<u>31-Aug-06</u>	<u>30-Sep-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£1,198,450.78	£1,209,925.88	£1,238,593.47	£1,232,798.55
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts	<u>£73,037.46</u>	<u>£91,275.54</u>	<u>£74,743.34</u>	<u>£70,183.94</u>
	£1,271,488.24	£1,301,201.42	£1,313,336.81	£1,302,982.49
Payments	<u>(£61,562.36)</u>	<u>(£62,607.95)</u>	<u>(£80,538.26)</u>	<u>(£84,141.96)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£1,209,925.88</u>	<u>£1,238,593.47</u>	<u>£1,232,798.55</u>	<u>£1,218,840.53</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1019 OF 2006

Answer to Question No.1018 of 2006

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 June, July, August and September 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>30-Jun-06</u>	<u>31-Jul-06</u>	<u>31-Aug-06</u>	<u>30-Sep-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>£386,139.66</u>	<u>£390,689.18</u>	<u>£301,184.56</u>	<u>£465,307.15</u>
<u>"Local Account"</u>				
Opening Balance	£226,523.82	£170,346.33	£94,234.92	£123,735.89
<u>Add</u>				
Transfers from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund	£900,000.00	£850,000.00	£950,000.00	£900,000.00
Other Receipts	<u>£2,006.06</u>	<u>£1,351.43</u>	<u>£1,669.73</u>	<u>£100.26</u>
	<u>£1,128,529.88</u>	<u>£1,021,697.76</u>	<u>£1,045,904.65</u>	<u>£1,023,836.15</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Pension Payments	<u>(£958,183.55)</u>	<u>(£927,462.84)</u>	<u>(£922,168.76)</u>	<u>(£934,425.30)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£170,346.33</u>	<u>£94,234.92</u>	<u>£123,735.89</u>	<u>£89,410.85</u>
<u>"Spanish Account"</u>				
Opening Balance	£159,615.84	£220,342.85	£206,949.64	£341,571.26
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts from DFID	<u>£1,020,000.00</u>	<u>£190,000.00</u>	<u>£160,000.00</u>	<u>£980,000.00</u>
	<u>£1,179,615.84</u>	<u>£410,342.85</u>	<u>£366,949.64</u>	<u>£1,321,571.26</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Pension Payments	<u>(£959,272.99)</u>	<u>(£203,393.21)</u>	<u>(£25,378.38)</u>	<u>(£439,805.90)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£220,342.85</u>	<u>£206,949.64</u>	<u>£341,571.26</u>	<u>£881,765.36</u>
<u>Fund Account</u>				
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£390,689.18</u>	<u>£301,184.56</u>	<u>£465,307.15</u>	<u>£971,176.21</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1019 OF 2006

Answer to Question No.1019 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 June, July, August and September 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>30-Jun-06</u>	<u>31-Jul-06</u>	<u>31-Aug-06</u>	<u>30-Sep-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£13,289,736.76	£13,122,280.63	£13,280,908.22	£13,076,829.49
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts	£835,817.43	£1,123,499.15	£857,353.02	£828,709.85
	<u>£14,125,554.19</u>	<u>£14,245,779.78</u>	<u>£14,138,261.24</u>	<u>£13,905,539.34</u>
Payments	<u>(£1,003,273.56)</u>	<u>(£964,871.56)</u>	<u>(£1,061,431.75)</u>	<u>(£1,009,793.71)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£13,122,280.63</u>	<u>£13,280,908.22</u>	<u>£13,076,829.49</u>	<u>£12,895,745.63</u>

ORAL

NO. 1020 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1021 to 1023 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1021 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 June, July, August and September 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. 1020,1022 and 1023 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1022 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1020, 1021 and 1023 of 2006.

NO. 1023 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

In answer to Question Nos. 1020 to 1022, I now hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

Answer to Question No. 1023 of 2006

The transfers made from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund to the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for June, July, August and September 2006 are as follows:

June 2006	£900,000
July 2006	£850,000
August 2006	£950,000
September 2006	£900,000
	<u>£3,600,000</u>

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1023 of 2006

Answer to Question No.1020

The income, expenditure and balance of the Short-Term Benefits Fund for the months of June, July, August and September 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

SOCIAL INSURANCE (SHORT-TERM BENEFITS) FUND

	<u>30-Jun-06</u>	<u>31-Jul-06</u>	<u>31-Aug-06</u>	<u>30-Sep-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£1,198,450.78	£1,209,925.88	£1,238,593.47	£1,232,798.55
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts	<u>£73,037.46</u>	<u>£91,275.54</u>	<u>£74,743.34</u>	<u>£70,183.94</u>
	£1,271,488.24	£1,301,201.42	£1,313,336.81	£1,302,982.49
Payments	<u>(£61,562.36)</u>	<u>(£62,607.95)</u>	<u>(£80,538.26)</u>	<u>(£84,141.96)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£1,209,925.88</u>	<u>£1,238,593.47</u>	<u>£1,232,798.55</u>	<u>£1,218,840.53</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1023 of 2006

Answer to Question No.1021

The income, expenditure and balance of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for June, July, August and September 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>30-Jun-06</u>	<u>31-Jul-06</u>	<u>31-Aug-06</u>	<u>30-Sep-06</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>£386,139.66</u>	<u>£390,689.18</u>	<u>£301,184.56</u>	<u>£465,307.15</u>
<u>"Local Account"</u>				
Opening Balance	£226,523.82	£170,346.33	£94,234.92	£123,735.89
<u>Add</u>				
Transfers from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund	£900,000.00	£850,000.00	£950,000.00	£900,000.00
Other Receipts	<u>£2,006.06</u>	<u>£1,351.43</u>	<u>£1,669.73</u>	<u>£100.26</u>
	<u>£1,128,529.88</u>	<u>£1,021,697.76</u>	<u>£1,045,904.65</u>	<u>£1,023,836.15</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Pension Payments	<u>(£958,183.55)</u>	<u>(£927,462.84)</u>	<u>(£922,168.76)</u>	<u>(£934,425.30)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£170,346.33</u>	<u>£94,234.92</u>	<u>£123,735.89</u>	<u>£89,410.85</u>
<u>"Spanish Account"</u>				
Opening Balance	£159,615.84	£220,342.85	£206,949.64	£341,571.26
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts from DFID	<u>£1,020,000.00</u>	<u>£190,000.00</u>	<u>£160,000.00</u>	<u>£980,000.00</u>
	<u>£1,179,615.84</u>	<u>£410,342.85</u>	<u>£366,949.64</u>	<u>£1,321,571.26</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Pension Payments	<u>(£959,272.99)</u>	<u>(£203,393.21)</u>	<u>(£25,378.38)</u>	<u>(£439,805.90)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£220,342.85</u>	<u>£206,949.64</u>	<u>£341,571.26</u>	<u>£881,765.36</u>
<u>Fund Account</u>				
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£390,689.18</u>	<u>£301,184.56</u>	<u>£465,307.15</u>	<u>£971,176.21</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1023 of 2006

Answer to Question No.1022

The income, expenditure and balances of the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund for the months of June, July, August and September 2006 is as per the following tentative statement:

OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

<u>Fund Account -</u>	<u>30-Jun-06</u>	<u>31-Jul-06</u>	<u>31-Aug-06</u>	<u>30-Sep-06</u>
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£13,289,736.76	£13,122,280.63	£13,280,908.22	£13,076,829.49
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts	£835,817.43	£1,123,499.15	£857,353.02	£828,709.85
	<u>£14,125,554.19</u>	<u>£14,245,779.78</u>	<u>£14,138,261.24</u>	<u>£13,905,539.34</u>
Payments	<u>(£1,003,273.56)</u>	<u>(£964,871.56)</u>	<u>(£1,061,431.75)</u>	<u>(£1,009,793.71)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£13,122,280.63</u>	<u>£13,280,908.22</u>	<u>£13,076,829.49</u>	<u>£12,895,745.63</u>

ORAL

NO. 1024 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the number of pensioners being paid or with entitlement to payment in June, July, August and September 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. 1025 and 1026 of 2006.

NO. 1025 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN/CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

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 June 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. 1024 and 1026 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1026 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the number of pensioners being paid or with entitlement to payment for each month since June 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 now hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1026 of 2006

Answer to Question 1024

The following pensioners were being paid or with entitlement to payment from the Closed Long-term Benefits Fund for the months of June, July, August and September 2006

	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06
<i>Pre-1969 Spanish Pensioners</i>	5896	5874	5855	5817
<i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i>	5120	5116	5113	5125
<i>Moroccan Pensioners</i>	1730	1733	1732	1731
<i>Other Nationalities</i>	478	475	475	478
Total	13224	13198	13175	13151

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1026 of 2006

Answer to Question 1025

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 June, July, August and September 2006.

	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06
<i>Spanish Pensioners</i>	116	117	117	119
<i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i>	2397	2405	2406	2426
<i>Moroccan Pensioners</i>	642	643	643	643
<i>Other Nationalities</i>	34	35	35	35
Total	3189	3200	3201	3223

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1026 of 2006

Answer to Question 1026

The following pensioners were in receipt of payments from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund for the months of June, July, August and September 2006.

	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06
<i>Spanish Pensioners</i>	109	109	109	111
<i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i>	2385	2393	2394	2413
<i>Moroccan Pensioners</i>	642	643	643	643
<i>Other Nationalities</i>	34	35	35	35
Total	3170	3180	3181	3202

ORAL

NO. 1027 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SOCIAL SERVICES – MEDICAL APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government state the number of cases that were pending reference to the Medical Appeals Tribunal for determination of medical questions as at end August 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1028 and 1029 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1028 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SOCIAL SERVICES – 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. 1027 and 1029 of 2006.

NO. 1029 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SOCIAL SERVICES – MEDICAL APPEALS TRIBUNAL

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answer to Question No. 1027 of 2006

There were 13 cases pending as at the end of August 2006.

Answer to Question No. 1028 of 2006

The last meeting of the Medical Appeals Tribunal was held on 25th September 2006.

Answer to Question No. 1029 of 2006

A specific date has not yet been set for the next one. May I add, that following on from Question No. 1027 of 2006, I can confirm that further to the meeting of 25th September 2006 there are now only eight pending cases.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1027 TO 1029 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

May I ask the Minister what determines the frequency of the meetings? Is it the number of cases pending, or is it every three months or any other criteria?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I think that, historically, the Tribunal has met and continues to meet on average four times a year.

ORAL

NO. 1030 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

HM PRISON

Can Government state the number of receptions into and releases from HM Prison in the period April to September 2006 and the population in custody as at 30 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

There were 101 receptions and 94 releases from HM Prison in the period April to September 2006.

The population in custody as at 30th September 2006 was 35.

ORAL

NO. 1031 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

MOUNT ALVERNIA – ELDERLY CITIZENS FROM ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

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 September 2006, giving a breakdown of sex and age?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

As at the end of September 2006 there were 122 elderly citizens in the waiting list for Mount Alvernia, 36 are occupying a bed at St Bernard’s Hospital, and I hand over to the hon Member a written schedule giving a breakdown by age and sex.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1031 OF 2006

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

SEX	Ages 60-70	Ages 70-80	Ages 80-90	Ages 90+	Total
Male	2	2	3	3	10
Female	0	9	13	4	26
Total	2	11	16	7	36

ORAL

NO. 1032 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

SWIMMING POOL – SENIOR CITIZENS

Can the Minister state how many persons have been authorised to use the swimming pool for the elderly who are not categorised as elderly, but who have been certified by a GHA Medical Practitioner to be suffering from a physical condition?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question No. 1033 of 2006.

NO. 1033 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

SWIMMING POOL – SENIOR CITIZENS

Can the Minister state whether persons suffering from certain physical conditions, can use the pool which has been constructed for the elderly, even though they do not qualify as elderly persons?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answer to Question No. 1032 of 2006

A total of 89 disabled persons who are not categorised as elderly have been authorised to use the swimming pool.

Answer to Question No. 1033 of 2006

I can confirm that persons with certain physical disabilities can also use the pool even though they do not qualify as elderly persons. In fact, the pool was built specifically for the elderly and disabled persons in mind.

ORAL

NO. 1034 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

COMMUNITY SERVICE SENTENCE

Can Government state how many out of the 21 juveniles who were given community service as a sentence as stated in answer to Question No. 576 of 2005 completed this and how many are still serving their sentence?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1035 to 1038 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1035 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

COMMUNITY SERVICE SENTENCE

Can Government state how many juveniles who were convicted were given community service as a sentence from October 2005 to date giving a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1034 and 1036 to 1038 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1036 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

COMMUNITY SERVICE SENTENCE

Can Government state how many who were convicted completed their community services sentence from October 2005 to date giving a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1034, 1035, 1037 and 1038 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1037 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

COMMUNITY SERVICE SENTENCE

Can Government state how many persons who were convicted were given community service as a sentence from October 2005 to date giving a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1034 to 1036 and 1038 of 2006.

NO. 1038 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

COMMUNITY SERVICE SENTENCE

Can Government state how many persons who were convicted completed their community services sentence from October 2005 to date giving a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answer to Question No. 1034 of 2006

None are serving sentence at this time. All 21 juveniles pre-November 2005 who were given community service have completed.

Answer to Question No. 1035 of 2006

A total of eight convicted juveniles were given community service orders from October 2005 as follows:

December 2005	3
January	1
February	1
May	1
June	2

Answer to Question No. 1036 of 2006

A total of seven juveniles completed their community service sentence from October 2005 to date as follows:

February	1
May	2
June	1
July	2
October	1

Answer to Question Nos. 1037 and 1038 of 2006

I now hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1038 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1037

37 convicted persons received community service as a sentence from October 2005.

Oct'05	0
Nov'05	4
Dec'05	8
Jan'06	5
Feb'06	4
Mar'06	3
Apr'06	0
May'06	6
Jun'06	4
July'06	1
Aug'06	0
Sep'06	1
Oct'06	1

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 1038 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1038

20 convicted persons completed their community service sentence from October 2005.

Oct'05	0
Nov'05	1
Dec'05	1
Jan'06	0
Feb'06	1
Mar'06	3
Apr'06	1
May'06	1
Jun'06	2
Jul'06	3
Aug'06	3
Sep'06	2
Oct'06	2

ORAL

NO. 1039 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

(On behalf of 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 month since the end of February 2006 to date by Social Services for hearings in both the Magistrates and Supreme Courts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question No. 1040 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1040 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

SOCIAL SERVICES – WELFARE REPORTS

What is the period that the courts have had to wait for the preparation of welfare reports delivered each month since the end of February 2006 (giving a breakdown by month) from the date that the preparation of such a report had been ordered by a court and what was the number of such reports, giving a breakdown between Magistrates and Supreme Court matters?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I now hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1040 of 2006

Answer to question 1039

Pre-sentence Report

Feb 06 – 9
Mar 06 – 5
Apr 06 – 3
May 06 – 14
Jun 06 – 5
Jul 06 – 2
Aug 06 – 4
Sept 06 – 5
Oct 06 – 7 (present – 23/10/06)

Total 54

Court Welfare Report

Feb 06 – 2
Mar 06 – 0
Apr 06 – 0
May 06 – 6
Jun 06 – 2
Jul 06 – 6
Aug 06 – 2
Sept 06 – 4
Oct 06 – 2 (to date)

Total 24

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1040 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1040

Court	Date requested	Date completed
Supreme	12/05	7/06
Supreme	2/06	5/06
Supreme	3/06	9/06
Supreme	3/06	5/06
Supreme	3/06	5/06
Magistrates	4/06	6/06
Supreme	4/05	5/06
Magistrates	4/06	7/06
Supreme	1/06	6/06
Supreme	7/05	7/06
Supreme	2/06	5/06
Supreme	2/06	5/06
Magistrates	6/06	9/06
Supreme	6/06	7/06
Supreme	5/06	7/06
Supreme	6/06	8/06
Magistrates	7/06	10/06
Supreme	7/06	8/06
Magistrates	11/05	7/06
Supreme	7/06	9/06
Supreme	7/06	9/06
Supreme	8/06	10/06
Supreme	2/05	2/06
Supreme	6/05	2/06

ORAL

NO. 1041 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - EMPLOYEES

Can Government state of the permanent employees at the Social Services Agency on the 30th September 2006 how many were on permanent and pensionable terms and how many were on contract terms, giving a breakdown by grade?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I hand the hon Member a list giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.1041 OF 2006

Social Services Agency Employees as at 30th September 2006

Grade	Number of Employees	Civil Service / GoG Pension	Eligible to Gib Provident Fund PS No.2	Contributor under Gib Provident Fund PS No.2	On Contract Terms (Non-pensionable)
<u>Employees on GoG Terms:</u>					
Chief Executive	1	1			
Team Leaders	2	2			
Counselling Psychologist	1	1			
Senior Social Workers	3	3			
Social Workers	10	8			2
Trainee Social Worker/Probation Officer	1		1		
Administration Manager (HEO)	1	1			
Personnel Officer (EO)	1	1			
Administrative Officer (GOG)	1	1			
Typist	2	2			
<u>ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE</u>					
St. Bernadette's Manager	1	1			
St. Bernadette's Deputy Manager	1	1			
Enrolled Nurses	2	2			
Administrative Officer - Part-time (GOG)	1	1			
Classroom Aides (full time)	7	7			
(Special Needs)					
Classroom Aides (part time) (20hrs)	7	7			
Handyman/Driver	1	1			
Vehicle/Escort	1	1			

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.1041 OF 2006

Social Services Agency Employees as at 30th September 2006

Grade	Number of Employees	Civil Service / GoG Pension	Eligible to Gib Provident Fund PS No.2	Contributor under Gib Provident Fund PS No.2	On Contract Terms (Non-pensionable)
<u>DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</u> Drug strategy Co-ordinator	1	1			
<u>Employees on SSA terms:</u> Counsellor	1		1		
Social Workers (Out of Hrs)	2		2		
Community Service Officer	1		1		
<u>Accounts/Admin</u> Finance Officer	1		1	1	
Administrative Officers	3		3		
Receptionist	1		1		
Day Centre Support Worker	1		1		
Shop Mobility Attendant	1		1	1	

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.1041 OF 2006

Social Services Agency Employees as at 30th September 2006

Grade	Number of Employees	Civil Service / GoG Pension	Eligible to Gib Provident Fund PS No.2	Contributor under Gib Provident Fund PS No.2	On Contract Terms (Non-pensionable)
<u>DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL</u>					
Dr. Giraldi Manager	1		1		
Senior Support Workers (40hrs)	4		4		
Support Workers (40hrs)	1		1	1	
Support Workers (40hrs)	13		13	9	
Support Workers (39hrs)	1		1	1	
Support Workers (37.5hrs)	28		28	3	
Support Workers (30hrs)	2		2		
Support Workers (20hrs)	7		7	2	
Domestic Support Worker (22.5hrs)	1		1	1	
Domestic Support Workers (20hrs)	5		5	4	
Domestic Support Worker (15hrs)	1		1	1	
<u>CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL</u>					
Senior Care Workers (40hrs)	6		6	3	
Care Workers (37.5hrs)	26		26	10	
Care Workers (31hrs)	10		10	5	
<u>Industrial Staff</u>					
Cleaner - 37 hrs per week	2	2			
Cleaner - 25 hrs per week	1	1			

* As at 30th September 06 a further 12 non-industrial posts and 1 industrial post were vacant - enclosed herewith

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1041 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I note that there are only two individuals on contract non-pensionable terms, is it that after a period of time these two would move to be permanent, is this an initial situation for a period of time, before they move to permanent and pensionable status, being that they are only two out of the whole workforce?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

They might not necessarily be automatically moved to permanent status. I think we are talking about two Social Workers (UK Nationals) who are on renewable yearly contracts.

ORAL

NO. 1042 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - EMPLOYEES

Can Government state how many persons have been appointed to the post of Chief Executive Officer at the Social Services Agency since its commencement in August 2002?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1043 to 1047 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1043 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - EMPLOYEES

Can Government state whether the selection process for Chief Executive Officer is carried out by the Public Service Commission or by the Social Services Agency?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1042 and 1044 to 1047 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1044 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - EMPLOYEES

Can Government confirm whether all the Chief Executive Officers appointed by the Social Services Agency have been appointed as Civil Servants on permanent and pensionable terms?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1042, 1043 and 1045 to 1047 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1045 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

Can Government state who are the four persons currently appointed by the Minister as members of the Social Services Agency and the dates of their appointments?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1042 to 1044, 1046 and 1047 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1046 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

Can Government state what is the period for which the members of the Social Services Agency appointed by the Minister hold office?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1042 to 1045 and 1047 of 2006.

NO. 1047 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

Can Government state which are the terms on which members of the Social Services Agency have been appointed by the Minister?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answer to Question No. 1042 of 2006

Two persons have been appointed to the post of Chief Executive Officer since the commencement of the Social Services Agency.

Answer to Question No. 1043 of 2006

The selection of Chief Executive Officer is carried out by a Board appointed by the Social Services Agency.

Answer to Question No. 1044 of 2006

The two Chief Executive Officers appointed to date have been Civil Servants on permanent and pensionable terms. However, the post of Chief Executive Officer is not a Civil Service post. The two Chief Executive Officers appointed happened to be Civil Servants when they were chosen and they were seconded to the Agency.

Answer to Question No. 1045 of 2006

The five current members of the Social Services Agency appointed by the Minister are:

Mr Eric Rowbottom
Dr Lisa Penrice
Mrs Priscilla Sacramento

The three of them appointed on the 8th August 2002, and

Mrs Angela Lukas – Appointed on 8th August 2004;
Mr Mario Gomila – Appointed on 22nd September 2005

Answer to Question No. 1046 of 2006

Members, other than the Chief Executive Officer and the Minister, can hold office for such period as the Minister deems appropriate.

Answer to Question No. 1047 of 2006

The members of the Social Services Agency are appointed upon such terms as the Minister deems appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1042 TO 1047 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am able to read what the Ordinance says, I am trying to establish what the Minister has thought appropriate, that is the question.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Well, in terms of the period in which the office is held, I think the decision was taken originally for it to be reviewed every two years. Basically, what is done is that I ask the members whether they would like to stay on, obviously if I am happy that they do stay on, and it is gazetted accordingly. The names are gazetted every two years.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So it means, effectively, that the three names the Minister has given me dating from 2002 have now been renewed in 2004 and in 2006, is that correct?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Those who came later, were they in replacement of the people there were before or is it that the numbers have grown?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Mrs Angela Lukas replaced a previous member who decided to leave. Mr Mario Gomila is a new addition.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Mr Mario Gomila, is he not an employee of the Agency?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, Mr Gomila is the Director of Social Security.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see, and that is separate from the Agency is it?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes

HON J J BOSSANO:

So in his job, as it were, he has no actual involvement with the work of the Agency then?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Well, apart from being the Controlling Officer he has no involvement.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In answer to the previous question on the Chief Executive Officer, the Minister said that the Chief Executive Officer need not be a Civil Servant, although it happens that they have been until now. Is there any basis as to deciding what jobs are done by Civil Servants and what jobs are done by Agency employees, or does it just happen to be on whether the individual that gets the job is already a Civil Servant or not?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, I am sure the hon Member is aware that there are historical Civil Service posts within Social Services. All the extra posts that were created as a result of the formation of the Agency were Social Services Agency posts. When we recruited for the Chief Executive post it was always intended for it not to be a Civil Service post. It just happened to be that the best suited candidates happened to be Civil Servants, because they can obviously apply as well, and they were seconded.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So does that mean then, for example other than the Chief Executive, people like the team leaders and so on are seconded to the Agency and came from the Civil Service?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

If a vacancy occurs in that branch of the Agency, does it have to be replaced by somebody from the Civil Service or is it open so that people can apply from both ends as it were?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, if it is an existing Civil Service post they have to be replaced by Civil Servants. That is an agreement we entered into with the Union when the Agency was set up.

ORAL

NO. 1048 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - EMPLOYEES

Can Government state of the persons employed by the Social Services Agency on pensionable terms how many were eligible for a Civil Service non-contributory pension and how many were eligible to join the Provident Fund Pension Scheme giving a breakdown by grade, nationality and date of employment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1049 to 1051 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1049 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - EMPLOYEES

Can Government provide a breakdown by grade, gender, nationality and residence, that is whether in Gibraltar or Spain, of all the employees of the Social Services Agency as at 30th September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1048, 1050 and 1051 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1050 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - EMPLOYEES

Can Government state how many persons were employed at the Social Services Agency on supply, casual, temporary or short-term contracts on the 30th September 2006 giving a breakdown by grade and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1048, 1049 and 1051 of 2006.

NO. 1051 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - EMPLOYEES

Can Government list the number of persons that have left employment with the Social Services Agency since it started in August 2002, giving a breakdown by grade and showing the reason for termination of employment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answer to Question No. 1048 of 2006

I hand the hon Member a list giving the information requested in this Question.

Answer to Question No. 1049 of 2006

I hand the hon Member a list giving the information requested in this Question.

Answer to Question No. 1050 of 2006

The Social Services Agency have 27 supply workers employed as at 30th September 2006 as follows:

- 19 Gibraltarians
- 6 UK Nationals
- 5 Spanish Nationals

Answer to Question No. 1051 of 2006

I hand the hon Member a list giving the information requested in this Question.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1051 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1048 of 2006

Social Services Agency Employees eligible to Pensions as at 23rd October 2006

Grade	Number of Employees	Date of First Appointment to service of GoG or SSA	Eligible for Civil Service/GoG Pension	Eligible to join Provident Fund PS	Gibraltarian	UK National	Spanish National	Dutch National
Employees on GOG terms:								
Chief Executive	1	12.1.04	1		1			
Team Leaders	2	1.5.82	1		1			
		3.2.88	1		1			
Counselling Psychologist	1	4.11.02	1		1			
Senior Social Workers	3	19.9.72	1		1			
		14.7.80	1		1			
		1.6.00	1			1		
Social Workers	8	10.7.02	1		1			
		30.5.00	1		1			
		20.3.78	1		1			
		15.10.79	1		1			
		1.6.98	1		1			
		23.2.96	1		1			
		2.5.06	1					
		24.2.03	1					
Trainee Social Worker/Probation Officer	1	17.10.05		1				
Administration Manager (HEO)	1	27.4.81	1		1			
Personnel Officer (EO)	1	31.1.86	1		1			
Administrative Officer (GOG)	1	1.7.83	1		1			
Typist	2	4.5.04	1		1			
		4.5.98	1		1			
ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE								
St. Bernadette's Manager	1	30.9.85	1		1			
St. Bernadette's Deputy Manager	1	5.2.97	1		1			
Enrolled Nurses	2	14.10.73	1			1		
		15.2.84	1		1			

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1051 OF 2006

**Answer to Question 1048 of 2006
Social Services Agency Employees eligible to Pensions as at 23rd October 2006**

Grade	Number of Employees	Date of First Appointment to service of GoG or SSA	Eligible for Civil Service/GoG Pension	Eligible to join Provident Fund PS	Gibraltarian	UK National	Spanish National	Dutch National
Administrative Officer - Part-time (GOG)	1	13.12.82	1		1			
Classroom Aides (full time) (Special Needs)	7	5.2.97	1		1			
		6.9.85	1		1			
		28.4.05	1		1			
		15.10.03	1		1			
		3.9.90	1		1			
		28.4.05	1		1			
		23.4.90	1		1			
Classroom Aides (part time) (20hrs)	7	15.10.02	1		1			
		18.4.06	1		1			
		18.4.06	1		1			
		1.9.06	1		1			
		28.4.05	1		1			
		28.4.05	1		1			
		28.4.05	1		1			
Handyman/Driver	1	1.6.03	1		1			
Vehicle/Escort	1	5.2.97	1		1			
DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN								
Drug strategy Co-ordinator	1	21.1.84	1		1			
Employees on SSA terms:								
Counsellor	1							
Social Workers (Out of Hrs)+A30	2	4.10.04		1	1	1		
		21.8.06		1		1		
Community Service Officer	1	12.12.05		1		1		
Accounts/Admin								
Finance Officer	1	2.12.02		1				
Administrative Officers	3	7.4.03		1				
		1.3.04		1				
		1.1.04		1				
Personal Assistant	1	16.10.06		1				
Receptionist	1	1.8.05		1				
Day Centre Support Worker	1	30.8.05		1				1
Shop Mobility Attendant	1	2.9.02		1				1

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1051 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1048 of 2006

Social Services Agency Employees eligible to Pensions as at 23rd October 2006

Grade	Number of Employees	Date of First Appointment to service of GoG or SSA	Eligible for Civil Service/GoG Pension	Eligible to join Provident Fund PS	Gibraltarian	UK National	Spanish National	Dutch National
<u>DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL</u>								
Dr. Giraldi Manager	1	26.9.05		1		1		
Deputy Manager	1	1.6.05		1		1		
Part-time Admin Officer	1	9.10.06		1	1			
Senior Support Workers (40hrs)	2	14.9.04		1		1		
		17.7.00		1	1			
Support Workers (40hrs)	1	12.5.97		1				
Support Workers (40hrs)	13	1.1.97		1				
		2.6.97		1				
		16.7.00		1		1		
		26.6.01		1				
		2.4.01		1				
		4.10.04		1				
		11.11.97		1				
		9.9.01		1				
		21.7.98		1				
		4.1.00		1				
		22.12.97		1				
		6.7.00		1				
		23.2.98		1				
Support Workers (39hrs)	1	1.3.96		1				

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1051 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1048 of 2006

Social Services Agency Employees eligible to Pensions as at 23rd October 2006

Grade	Number of Employees	Date of First Appointment to service of GoG or SSA	Eligible for Civil Service/GoG Pension	Eligible to join Provident Fund PS	Gibraltar	UK National	Spanish National	Dutch National
Support Workers (37.5hrs)	28	20.10.03		1		1		
		25.2.02		1	1			
		12.6.06		1	1		1	
		4.11.02		1				
		24.2.03		1	1			
		20.1.03		1	1			
		10.4.01		1	1			
		14.4.03		1		1		
		1.9.04		1			1	
		20.6.06		1		1	1	
		12.6.06		1		1	1	
		12.6.06		1		1	1	
		12.6.06		1		1	1	
		12.6.06		1		1	1	
		12.6.06		1		1	1	
		12.6.06		1		1	1	
		24.7.06		1	1			
		24.7.06		1	1			
		24.7.06		1	1			
		24.7.06		1	1			
		24.7.06		1	1			
		25.9.06		1	1			
		25.9.06		1	1			
		25.9.06		1	1			
		25.9.06		1	1			
		25.9.06		1	1			
		30.8.05		1	1			
		25.9.06		1	1			
		25.9.06		1	1			
		20.6.06		1	1			
		1.1.00		1	1			
Support Workers (30hrs)	2				1		1	1

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1051 OF 2006
Answer to Question 1048 of 2006
Social Services Agency Employees eligible to Pensions as at 23rd October 2006

Grade	Number of Employees	Date of First Appointment to service of GoG or SSA	Eligible for Civil Service/GoG Pension	Eligible to join Provident Fund PS	Gibraltarian	UK National	Spanish National	Dutch National
Support Workers (20hrs)	7	28.11.03		1		1	1	
		11.11.97		1				
		1.3.03		1		1		
		22.11.04		1				1
		17.2.03		1		1		
		1.3.04		1		1		
		1.11.02		1		1		
		9.10.95		1		1		
		31.5.00		1		1		
		1.6.03		1		1		
Domestic Support Worker (22.5hrs) Domestic Support Workers (20hrs)	5	1.2.98		1				
		30.9.00		1				
		25.9.00		1		1		
		29.1.96		1		1		
		23.11.01		1		1		
		2.3.02		1		1		
		8.10.99		1		1		
		26.4.03		1		1		1
		26.10.01		1		1		
		9.1.96		1		1		
Domestic Support Worker (15hrs) <u>CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL</u> Senior Care Workers (40hrs)	6	8.10.03		1			1	
		3.8.01		1		1		
		10.5.02		1		1		
		13.9.04		1		1		
		14.9.02		1		1		
		1.4.05		1		1		
		29.12.03		1		1		
		6.6.95		1		1		
		17.6.03		1		1		
		3.12.03		1		1		
Care Workers (37.5hrs)	26	17.2.03		1			1	
		3.7.03		1				1
		9.3.04		1		1		
				1		1		

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1051 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1048 of 2006

Social Services Agency Employees eligible to Pensions as at 23rd October 2006

Grade	Number of Employees	Date of First Appointment to service of GoG or SSA	Eligible for Civil Service/GoG Pension	Eligible to join Provident Fund PS	Gibraltar	UK National	Spanish National	Dutch National
		26.2.96		1	1			
		4.6.96		1	1			
		17.7.03		1	1			
		5.3.03		1	1			
		9.2.03		1	1			
		17.6.03		1	1			
		6.3.00		1	1			
		17.6.03		1	1			
		19.2.03		1	1			
		17.1.01		1	1		1	
		25.3.96		1	1			
		3.5.02		1	1			
		17.6.03		1	1			
Care Workers (31hrs)	10	1.10.01		1	1			
		17.2.03		1	1			
		1.6.97		1	1			
		24.11.01		1	1			
		5.3.03		1	1			
		24.9.02		1	1			
		11.3.03		1	1			
		8.2.99		1	1			
		10.6.02		1	1			
		22.3.96		1	1			
Industrial Staff:								
Cleaner - 37 hrs per week	2	5.10.85	1					
		20.2.06	1					
Cleaner - 25 hrs per week	1	20.2.06	1					

* As at 23rd October a further 11 non-industrial and 1 industrial posts were vacant

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1051 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1049 of 2006

Social Services Agency Employees as at 30th September 2006

Grade	Number of Employees	Female	Male	Gibraltarian	UK National	Span National	Dutch National	Resident Gibraltar	Resident Spain
EMPLOYEES on GOG Terms									
Chief Executive	1	1		1				1	
Team Leaders	2	2		2				2	
Counselling Psychologist	1	1		1					1
Senior Social Workers	3	3		2	1			1	2
Social Workers	10	9	1	6	4			8	2
Trainee Social Worker/Probation Officer	1		1	1				1	
Administration Manager (HEO)	1		1	1				1	
Personnel Officer (EO)	1	1		1				1	
Administrative Officer (GOG)	1	1		1				1	
Typist	2	2		2				2	
ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE									
St. Bernadette's Manager	1	1		1				1	
St. Bernadette's Deputy Manager	1	1		1				1	
Enrolled Nurses	2	2		1	1			2	
Administrative Officer - Part-time (GOG)	1	1		1				1	
Classroom Aides (full time) Spec. Needs	7	7		7				7	
Classroom Aides (part time) (20hrs)	7	7		7				7	
Handyman/Driver	1		1	1				1	
Vehicle/Escort	1	1		1				1	
DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN									
Drug strategy Co-ordinator	1		1	1				1	

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1051 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1049 of 2006
Social Services Agency Employees as at 30th September 2006

Grade	Number of Employees	Female	Male	Gibraltarian	UK National	Span National	Dutch National	Resident Gibraltar	Resident Spain
EMPLOYEES on SSA Terms									
Counsellor	1	1		1				1	
Social Workers (Out of Hrs)	2	2			2			1	1
Community Service Officer	1		1		1				1
Accounts/Admin									
Finance Officer	1	1		1				1	
Administrative Officers	3	3		3				3	
Day Centre Support Worker	1	1			1			1	
Shop Mobility Attendant	1		1	1				1	
DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL									
Dr. Giraldi Manager	1		1		1				1
Senior Support Workers (40hrs)	4	2	2	2	2			3	1
Support Workers (40hrs)	1	1		1				1	
Support Workers (40hrs)	13	9	4	12	1			12	1
Support Workers (39hrs)	1	1	1	1				1	
Support Workers (37.5hrs)	28	22	6	10	12	5	1	22	6
Support Workers (30hrs)	2	2		1	1			2	
Support Workers (20hrs)	7	6	1	4	1	2		5	2
Domestic Support Worker (22.5hrs)	1	1		1				1	
Domestic Support Workers (20hrs)	5	4	1	5				5	
Domestic Support Worker (15hrs)	1	1		1				1	
CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL									
Senior Care Workers (40hrs)	6	5	1	5		1		4	2
Care Workers (37.5hrs)	26	21	5	21		5		21	5
Care Workers (31hrs)	10	8	2	10				10	
Industrial Staff									
Cleaner - 37 hrs per week	2	2		2				2	
Cleaner - 25 hrs per week	1	1		1				1	

* As at 30th September 06 a further 12 non-industrial posts and 1 industrial post were vacant

* The SSA also uses supply workers for relief cover who are not included here

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1051 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1051 of 2006

The following is a breakdown of the persons who have left the employment of the Social Services Agency since August 2002.

Grade	Number of Employees	On resignation	On retirement	On transfer	On dismissal	On end of contract	On end of probationary period	Reason for termination
Chief Executive Officer	1		1					Unknown
Team Leader	1							1
Executive Officers	2			2				
Social Worker	1				1			
Managers	2		1				1	
Deputy Manager	1	1						
Teacher	1			1				
Receptionist	1	1						
Administrative Officers	4	1	1	2				
Classroom Aide	1		1					
Senior Support Workers	3	3						
Day Centre Support Worker	1	1						
Support Workers	43	29	1		3	3		7
Senior Care Workers	2	2						
Care Workers	15	15						
Totals:	79	53	5	5	3	4	1	8

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1048 TO 1051 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

Of the five Spanish nationals, are these undertaking a course in the English language?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I would need notice of that question.

ORAL

NO. 1052 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES

Can Government state who are the legal representatives of the Social Services Agency?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1053 and 1054 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1053 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - EMPLOYEES

Can Government state what codes regulating the terms of service, discipline and training of all persons employed by the Social Services Agency have been published and when?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1052 and 1054 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1054 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY

Can Government give the dates on which the Social Services Agency has met since it was set up?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Answer to Question No. 1052 of 2006

The Agency has no specific legal representatives.

Answer to Question No. 1053 of 2006

The codes regulating the terms of employees are contained in the Employment Directives 2002 which were published on 10th November 2002.

Answer to Question No. 1054 of 2006

I hand the hon Member a list giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1054

Answer to Question 1054

27 January 2003
29 April 2003
6 May 2003
14 October 2003
29 January 2004
4 May 2004
13 September 2004
23 May 2005
3 November 2005
25 January 2006
11 May 2006
7 September 2006

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1052 TO 1054 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I ask the Minister, the Employment Directives of 2002 , which I understand given that Question No. 1053, covers all the things identified there which are in fact a direct quote from the provisions in the Ordinance. Those Employment Directives cover all the things the Ordinance requires the Agency to publish codes on, is that correct?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

As far as I am aware they do.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That then means that this is a public document and not simply that it is provided to the employees, is that correct as well?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I would not be able to say. I know, as the hon Member has rightly pointed out, that it is a requirement for every employee to be in possession of the actual Directives. Whether it is a public document or not, if what the hon Member is asking is for a copy of it I have no difficulty in providing one for him.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am grateful to the Minister. I am asking because, in fact, the law requires her to publish it and she has told me it was published in 2002. So published to me means more than simply giving an employee a copy of it and, therefore, it is a document that would be as accessible as say, the Abstract of Statistics, which is published.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I would tend to agree with the hon Member.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Was this something that was drawn up specifically for the Agency by the Agency, or did they simply continue with what was already there under Milbury?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

If I recall correctly, I think they were drawn up specifically for the Agency.

NO. 1055 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ELDERLY CARE AGENCY

Can Government explain why the pension contribution for employees of the Elderly Care Agency is forecast at £130,000 for 2005/2006 instead of the original estimate of £245,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The estimate for pension contributions was based on a percentage of salaries and wages of all ECA employees. This figure is calculated for those employees already in the two existing pension schemes and on the assumption that all of them will consider joining. Basically what happens is that when a calculation is made of all the salaries that need to be drawn for that year the relevant percentage, depending on what scheme we are talking about it, is either 8 per cent or 10 per cent is sort of asked for in the Estimates. But on the assumption that all the employees will join, some of which have not yet joined either of the two pensions schemes, but it has to be the No. 2 if they are employed under the ECA. Basically, the ECA Manager asks for the contribution for all the employees even though a percentage of them might not even wish to join. I think it is a requirement that she has to do that.

ORAL

NO. 1056 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

(On behalf of 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 since the end of February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I hand the hon Member a list giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1056 of 2006

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

EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND

	<u>28-Feb-06</u>	<u>31-Mar-06</u>	<u>30-Apr-06</u>	<u>31-May-06</u>	<u>30-Jun-06</u>
Fund Account -					
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£4,420,450.44	£4,382,396.77	£4,239,349.83	£4,164,114.86	£4,107,304.08
<u>Add</u>					
Receipts	£24,200.94	£20,218.42	£21,930.07	£21,447.72	£21,302.75
	<u>£4,444,651.38</u>	<u>£4,402,615.19</u>	<u>£4,261,279.90</u>	<u>£4,185,562.58</u>	<u>£4,128,606.83</u>
<u>Less</u>					
Payments	(£62,254.61)	(£163,265.36)	(£97,165.04)	(£78,258.50)	(£67,727.37)
	<u>(£62,254.61)</u>	<u>(£163,265.36)</u>	<u>(£97,165.04)</u>	<u>(£78,258.50)</u>	<u>(£67,727.37)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£4,382,396.77</u>	<u>£4,239,349.83</u>	<u>£4,164,114.86</u>	<u>£4,107,304.08</u>	<u>£4,060,879.46</u>

	<u>31-Jul-06</u>	<u>31-Aug-06</u>	<u>30-Sep-06</u>
Fund Account -			
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£4,060,879.46	£4,027,847.04	£3,984,032.11
<u>Add</u>			
Receipts	£26,010.77	£21,449.13	£2,919.76
	<u>£4,086,890.23</u>	<u>£4,049,296.17</u>	<u>£3,986,951.87</u>
<u>Less</u>			
Payments	(£59,043.19)	(£65,264.06)	(£66,315.27)
	<u>(£59,043.19)</u>	<u>(£65,264.06)</u>	<u>(£66,315.27)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£4,027,847.04</u>	<u>£3,984,032.11</u>	<u>£3,920,636.60</u>

ORAL

NO. 1057 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE SCHEDULES

Can Government provide a breakdown for the return of social insurance schedules as at 30th September 2006 in respect of each quarter since quarter 1/01, giving the number of employees in the private and official sectors and the self-employed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.1057 of 2006

SI Returns Statistics as at 30 September 2006

	All			Private			Official			Self Employed				
	Number of Employers <i>all</i>	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers <i>returned</i>	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending
Qtr.1/01	1237	15141	234	243	1110	10305	188	156	4305	23	24	531	23	63
Qtr.2/01	1247	15515	326	246	1117	10648	258	159	4332	40	24	535	28	63
Qtr.3/01	1258	15764	370	251	1111	10891	296	164	4340	35	24	533	39	63
Qtr.4/01	1266	15645	393	252	1118	10790	307	164	4324	39	25	531	47	63

Note:-

Those classified under pending are in respect of contribution records for which no notification of termination has been provided and no contribution return has been recorded since the introduction of the new system or in the 1st Quarter of 2001.

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.1057 of 2006

SI Returns Statistics as at 30 September 2006

Qtr.1/02	All			Private			Official			Self Employed				
	Number of Employers all	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers returned	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending
Qtr.1/02	1284	16022	359	359	1125	11095	320	234	4392	17	34	535	22	91
Qtr.2/02	1302	16177	350	355	1138	11210	303	229	4424	23	35	543	24	91
Qtr.3/02	1311	16440	347	357	1141	11457	274	231	4432	41	35	551	32	91
Qtr.4/02	1319	16216	400	356	1148	11180	318	229	4480	43	36	556	39	91

Note:-

Those classified under pending are in respect of contribution records for which no notification of termination has been provided and no contribution return has been recorded since the introduction of the new system or in the 1st Quarter of 2002

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.1057 of 2006

SI Returns Statistics as at 30 September 2006

	All			Private			Official			Self Employed				
	Number of Employers <i>all</i>	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers <i>returned</i>	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending
Qtr.1/03	1345	16542	261	536	1163	11447	222	341	4534	23	75	561	16	120
Qtr.2/03	1364	16931	400	528	1177	11716	335	332	4647	45	76	568	20	120
Qtr.3/03	1377	17187	435	527	1178	11913	372	332	4705	33	75	569	30	120
Qtr.4/03	1390	16812	552	532	1179	11565	472	338	4686	40	75	561	40	119

Note:-

Those classified under pending are in respect of contribution records for which no notification of termination has been provided and no contribution return has been recorded since the introduction of the new system or in the 1st Quarter of 2003.

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.1057 of 2006

SI Returns Statistics as at 30 September 2006

Qtr.	All			Private			Official			Self Employed				
	Number of Employers <i>all</i>	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers <i>returned</i>	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending
Qtr.1/04	1419	16672	455	1246	1194	11891	356	502	4204	83	610	577	16	134
Qtr.2/04	1434	16755	475	1249	1199	12026	320	505	4141	134	610	588	21	134
Qtr.3/04	1451	16715	956	1246	1208	11980	779	500	4139	145	612	596	32	134
Qtr.4/04	1461	16424	1089	1256	1212	11709	921	506	4118	129	616	597	39	134

Note:-

Those classified under pending are in respect of contribution records for which no notification of termination has been provided and no contribution return has been recorded since the introduction of the new system or in the 1st Quarter of 2004.

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.1057 of 2006

SI Returns Statistics as at 30 September 2006

	All Number of Employers			Private Number of Employers <i>returned</i>			Official			Self Employed			
	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	
Qtr.1/05	16410	804	2017	1210	11689	643	1162	4122	142	685	599	19	170
Qtr.2/05	16758	1159	2002	1189	11934	968	1147	4229	149	685	595	42	170
Qtr.3/05	16792	1711	2001	1181	11907	1515	1149	4285	127	682	600	69	170
Qtr.4/05	16167	2183	2006	1143	11357	1931	1152	4221	163	684	589	89	170

Note:-

Those classified under pending are in respect of contribution records for which no notification of termination has been provided and no contribution return has been recorded since the introduction of the new system or in the 1st Quarter of 2005

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.1057 of 2006

SI Returns Statistics as at 30 September 2006

	All			Private			Official			Self Employed				
	Number of Employers <i>all</i>	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers <i>returned</i>	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending
Qtr.1/06	1543	15303	1241	4410	1073	10934	1009	3114	3948	210	969	521	22	327
Qtr.2/06	1549	13085	5100	5290	984	9587	3875	3997	3008	1158	966	490	67	327
Qtr.3/06	1564	8117	9772	4356	605	4937	8143	3071	2911	1332	958	269	297	327

Note:-

Those classified under pending are in respect of contribution records for which no notification of termination has been provided and no contribution return has been recorded since the introduction of the new system or in the 1st Quarter of 2006.

NO. 1058 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 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I hand the hon Member a list giving the information requested. I also take this opportunity to give the hon Member an amended answer to Question No. 534 of 2006 which as given at the time showed, as will be recalled, a single person in the married couple band.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 1058 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 SEPTEMBER 2006.

				OLD RATE	OLD RATE	NEW RATE	NEW RATE	TOTAL
				SINGLES	COUPLE	SINGLES	COUPLE	
				No	No	No	No	
FROM	£136.00	TO	£140.00	0	0	0	0	0
FROM	£131.00	TO	£135.00	0	2	0	0	2
FROM	£126.00	TO	£130.00	0	0	0	0	0
FROM	£121.00	TO	£125.00	0	0	0	0	0
FROM	£116.00	TO	£120.00	0	0	0	0	0
FROM	£111.00	TO	£115.00	0	0	0	0	0
FROM	£106.00	TO	£110.00	0	0	0	0	0
FROM	£101.00	TO	£105.00	0	0	1	0	1
FROM	£96.00	TO	£100.00	20	0	2	0	22
FROM	£91.00	TO	£95.00	1	0	0	0	1
FROM	£86.00	TO	£90.00	0	0	0	0	0
FROM	£81.00	TO	£85.00	0	0	0	0	0
FROM	£76.00	TO	£80.00	1	0	0	0	1
FROM	£71.00	TO	£75.00	0	0	0	0	0
FROM	£66.00	TO	£70.00	0	0	3	0	3
FROM	£61.00	TO	£65.00	22	0	0	0	22
FROM	£56.00	TO	£60.00	1	0	0	0	1
FROM	£51.00	TO	£55.00	2	1	2	0	5
FROM	£46.00	TO	£50.00	7	0	0	0	7
FROM	£41.00	TO	£45.00	13	1	0	0	14
FROM	£36.00	TO	£40.00	10	0	0	0	10
FROM	£31.00	TO	£35.00	15	0	0	0	15
FROM	£26.00	TO	£30.00	13	2	3	0	18
FROM	£21.00	TO	£25.00	36	2	0	0	38
FROM	£16.00	TO	£20.00	16	3	12	0	31
FROM	£11.00	TO	£15.00	226	1	3	1	231
FROM	£6.00	TO	£10.00	22	4	0	0	26
FROM	£0.00	TO	£5.00	17	6	3	0	26
				422	22	29	1	474

Note

The above table shows two different rates (old and new) because the up rating exercise to reflect the July 2006 increase is not completed yet.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1058 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

The table given now, presumably, reflects the increase as the result of extending eligibility for this to pensioners who are not living alone, am I correct?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Is the hon Member asking whether it includes those?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Whether it includes.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it that there has been a very low uptake or that, in fact, most of those not living alone did not qualify, does the Minister know? There is very little difference really.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

If they did not qualify, I am sure he will agree with me, it would have been because the income was not sufficiently low for them to qualify for minimum income.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, the point I am making is, when the figure was £455 it was because the only possible applicants had to be people living alone, therefore it is surprising that now that it has been extended to a much bigger pool of people, there are only 20 more people receiving it. I am asking, is it that there have not been a lot of applications or that most of those applications happen to be with a threshold which was above the amount required to trigger the payment?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I think it is a combination of the two. The hon Member must bear in mind that there was only one category of persons left to be included in this scheme, which were those who were living in the households of a relative or somebody else. I assume that there has been very little uptake on that particular category of people.

ORAL

NO. 1059 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT HOSTEL

Can Government state how many persons currently reside in the Government hostel and provide a breakdown by nationality and category as follows:

- (a) employed;
- (b) unemployed;
- (c) or pensioner?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I hand the hon Member a list giving the information requested.

Answer to Question No. 1059/2006

Persons residing in the Government Hostels

Nationality	Employed	Unemployed	Pensioner	Total
Moroccan	137	31	25	193
Pakistanis	1	-	-	1
Portuguese	1	-	-	1
Belgian	1	-	-	1
British	1	-	2	3
Sri-Lankan	1	-	-	1
	142	31	27	200

ORAL

NO. 1060 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT HOSTEL

Can Government confirm that the rents for the Government hostel have not been increased and that therefore the £14,000 increase in revenue from this source estimated for the current financial year, represents an increase in paying residents and, if so, how many extra residents does this involve?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I can confirm that the rents for the Government Hostels have not been increased and the £14,000 increase in revenue from this source estimated for the current financial year represents an increase of 23 paying residents.

ORAL

NO. 1061 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government list the public sector entities and Government owned and joint venture companies that are included in the October 2005 Employment Survey Report showing the industrial classification?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

I hand over a table to the hon Member showing the information requested.

Answer to Question 1061 of 2006

Public Sector Entities

Industry

Elderly Care Agency	Health and Social Work
Europa Incinerator Company Ltd	Other Services
Gibtelecom	Transport and Communication
Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation	Other Services
Gibraltar Bus Company Ltd	Transport and Communication
Gibraltar Community Care Ltd	Real Estate and Business Activities
Gibraltar Community Projects Ltd	Construction
Gibraltar Development Corporation	Public Administration and Defence
Gibraltar Electricity Authority	Electricity and Water Supply
Gibraltar Industrial Cleaners Ltd	Other Services
Gibraltar Regulatory Authority	Public Administration and Defence
GJBS Ltd	Construction
GRP Investments Company Ltd	Real Estate and Business Activities
Office of the Public Services Ombudsman	Real Estate and Business Activities
Social Services Agency	Health and Social Work

ORAL

NO. 1062 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government confirm whether all of the 836 employers that made completed returns in October 2002 and 2003 also made completed returns in October 2005, and if not, give out of this total the number who did and provide a breakdown by industry?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

As the table that I am making available to the hon Member shows, 609 employers of the 836 employers who completed the Employment Survey questionnaires in October 2002 and October 2003 also did so in respect of October 2005 under the same name. The classification by industry as requested is provided.

Answer to Question 1062 of 2006

<u>Industry Group</u>	<u>Number</u>
Shipbuilding	5
Other Manufacture	18
Electricity and Water Supply	1
Construction	38
Wholesale and Retail Trade	211
Hotels and Restaurants	58
Transport and Communication	49
Financial Intermediation	68
Real Estate and Business Activities	89
Public Administration and Defence	2
Education	8
Health and Social Work	14
Other Services	48
TOTAL	609

ORAL

NO. 1063 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the comparable breakdown for October 2005 of all the full time employee jobs by industry, sex and nationality as given in Table 12 of the Employment Survey Report in respect of the 836 employers or such lesser number as returned filled questionnaires for October 2005 having also done so for October 2002 and 2003?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

I hand the hon Member a table showing the information requested.

Answer to Question 1063 of 2006

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBRALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	233	7	94	4	16	1	20	0	82	2	20	0	1	0
Other Manuf.	77	34	36	21	4	7	16	1	16	5	1	0	4	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	23	0	12	0	5	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	723	39	168	25	184	10	87	2	262	2	22	0	0	0
Wholesale/Retail Tr.	1,020	653	490	350	117	80	104	12	243	190	25	12	41	9
Hotels/Restmnts.	311	207	46	24	55	38	88	32	92	102	13	8	17	3
Trans/Comm.	341	128	210	88	44	18	23	1	59	15	5	5	0	1
Fin. Intermed.	339	452	186	297	68	91	2	1	25	25	45	27	13	11
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	395	434	250	258	76	83	12	6	42	76	12	9	3	2
Public Admin.	20	14	16	13	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Education	2	22	1	12	0	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Health/Social Wk.	15	53	8	23	2	11	0	0	4	18	0	0	1	1
Other Services	519	226	194	78	188	79	32	4	47	34	27	4	31	27
TOTAL	4,018	2,269	1,711	1,193	762	427	386	59	876	471	171	65	112	54

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1063 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I ask the Minister to confirm, just to make sure that the questions have been interpreted in the way that I intended them to be, that the answers reflect the information that I was seeking that the answer to Question No. 1063 provides the breakdown of the 609 employers that he gave me in Question No. 1062?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct.

ORAL

NO. 1064 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the breakdown by industry in respect of the 1,080 employers who made completed returns in respect of the October 2005 Employment Survey?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

I hand a table to the hon Member showing the information requested.

Answer to Question 1064 of 2006

<u>Industry Group</u>	<u>Number</u>
Shipbuilding	6
Other Manufacture	30
Electricity and Water Supply	4
Construction	73
Wholesale and Retail Trade	326
Hotels and Restaurants	111
Transport and Communication	83
Financial Intermediation	144
Real Estate and Business Activities	165
Public Administration and Defence	3
Education	10
Health and Social Work	23
Other Services	102
TOTAL	1,080

ORAL

NO. 1065 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the distribution of average annual earnings as shown in Table 16 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report in respect of private sector employment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1066 and 1067 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1066 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the distribution of average annual earnings as shown in Table 16 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report in respect of Gibraltar Government employment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question Nos. 1065 and 1067 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1067 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the distribution of average annual earnings as shown in Table 16 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report in respect of MOD employment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

I hand the hon Member three tables showing the information requested.

Answer to Question 1067 of 2006
Answer to Question 1065

£ PER ANNUM	PRIVATE SECTOR			ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS			ALL MALE JOBS			ALL FEMALE JOBS		
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
0 - 999	0	15	15	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	12	12
1,000 - 1,499	0	30	30	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	19	19
1,500 - 1,999	0	40	40	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	35	35
2,000 - 2,499	4	62	66	2	11	13	2	11	13	2	51	53
2,500 - 2,999	36	135	171	16	21	37	20	21	37	20	114	134
3,000 - 3,999	61	471	532	43	115	158	18	115	158	18	356	374
4,000 - 4,999	124	433	557	76	294	370	48	294	370	48	139	187
5,000 - 5,999	57	213	270	30	44	74	27	44	74	27	189	196
6,000 - 6,999	100	164	264	33	36	69	67	36	67	67	128	195
7,000 - 7,999	200	124	324	58	20	78	142	20	78	142	104	246
8,000 - 8,999	280	113	393	129	28	158	151	28	158	151	84	235
9,000 - 9,999	791	91	882	342	19	361	449	19	361	449	72	521
10,000 - 10,999	598	62	660	345	10	355	253	10	355	253	52	305
11,000 - 11,999	585	35	620	375	9	384	210	9	384	210	26	236
12,000 - 12,999	668	43	711	416	6	422	252	6	422	252	37	289
13,000 - 13,999	696	28	724	483	4	487	213	4	487	213	24	237
14,000 - 14,999	614	20	634	418	2	420	196	2	420	196	18	214
15,000 - 17,499	1,448	44	1,492	846	4	850	602	4	850	602	40	642
17,500 - 19,999	970	17	987	626	5	631	344	5	631	344	12	356
20,000 - 22,499	678	15	693	453	7	460	225	7	460	225	8	233
22,500 - 24,999	596	10	606	423	1	424	173	1	424	173	9	182
25,000 and over	2,127	14	2,141	1,724	2	1,726	403	2	1,726	403	12	415
TOTAL	10,633	2,179	12,812	6,838	658	7,496	3,795	1,521	5,316	3,795	1,521	5,316

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Answer to Question 1066

GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT

£ PER ANNUM	<u>ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL MALE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL FEMALE JOBS</u>		
	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 999	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
1,000 - 1,499	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
1,500 - 1,999	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
2,000 - 2,499	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
2,500 - 2,999	0	4	4	0	1	1	0	3	3
3,000 - 3,999	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
4,000 - 4,999	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	3
5,000 - 5,999	0	4	4	0	2	2	0	2	2
6,000 - 6,999	5	8	13	1	1	2	4	7	11
7,000 - 7,999	3	177	180	0	0	0	3	177	180
8,000 - 8,999	4	13	17	0	1	1	4	12	16
9,000 - 9,999	4	10	14	0	0	0	4	10	14
10,000 - 10,999	8	25	33	1	1	2	7	24	31
11,000 - 11,999	24	15	39	4	1	5	20	14	34
12,000 - 12,999	34	11	45	10	0	10	24	11	35
13,000 - 13,999	67	5	72	25	0	25	42	5	47
14,000 - 14,999	101	5	106	45	1	46	56	4	60
15,000 - 17,499	292	9	301	162	0	162	130	9	139
17,500 - 19,999	165	7	172	68	0	68	97	7	104
20,000 - 22,499	217	9	226	113	0	113	104	9	113
22,500 - 24,999	208	4	212	99	0	99	109	4	113
25,000 and over	1,594	4	1,598	1,107	1	1,108	487	3	490
TOTAL	2,726	322	3,048	1,635	9	1,644	1,091	313	1,404

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Cont Answer to Question 1067 of 2006
 Answer to Question 1067

PER ANNUM	ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS			MOD			ALL FEMALE JOBS		
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
0 - 999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,000 - 1,499	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
1,500 - 1,999	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
2,000 - 2,499	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
2,500 - 2,999	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
3,000 - 3,999	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
4,000 - 4,999	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4
5,000 - 5,999	1	9	10	1	2	3	0	7	7
6,000 - 6,999	2	14	16	0	2	2	2	12	14
7,000 - 7,999	0	9	9	0	0	0	0	9	9
8,000 - 8,999	3	4	7	1	0	1	2	4	6
9,000 - 9,999	2	9	11	0	0	0	2	9	11
10,000 - 10,999	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4
11,000 - 11,999	6	3	9	3	0	3	3	3	6
12,000 - 12,999	64	3	67	23	0	23	41	3	44
13,000 - 13,999	64	4	68	36	0	36	28	4	32
14,000 - 14,999	71	5	76	35	0	35	36	5	41
15,000 - 17,499	129	5	134	85	0	85	44	5	49
17,500 - 19,999	134	0	134	78	0	78	56	0	56
20,000 - 22,499	75	0	75	53	0	53	22	0	22
22,500 - 24,999	58	0	58	49	0	49	9	0	9
25,000 and over	325	1	326	297	1	298	28	0	28
TOTAL	934	80	1,014	661	5	666	273	75	348

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NO. 1068 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide a breakdown of the numbers in the £25,000 and over category of Table 16 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report showing the numbers between £25,000 and £29,000 and those with earnings of £30,000 and over?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

I hand the hon Member a table showing the information requested.

Answer to Question 1068 of 2006

PER ANNUM	<u>ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS</u>		<u>ALL MALE JOBS</u>		<u>ALL FEMALE JOBS</u>	
	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
25,000 - 29,999	1,196	10	1,206	839	4	843
30,000 and over	2,850	9	2,859	2,289	0	2,289
TOTAL	4,046	19	4,065	3,128	4	3,132
				918	15	933

NO. 1069 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government state how many questionnaires have been issued to employers in respect of this year's October Employment Survey?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

None.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1069 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

When does the Minister expect that the questionnaires will be issued for this year's survey?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am informed that the survey should be issued at the beginning of next week, the end of October, in order to reflect the October 2006 figures.

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NO. 1070 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 most directly involved?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The only conference that Government have assisted with, sponsored or co-sponsored, in Gibraltar or elsewhere since the last Question Time in this House, was the Calpe Conference which took place from 14th September 2006 until 16th September 2006. The Department most involved with this was the Ministry for Heritage and Culture. The cost to date is £34,197.93 but this is not the final figure as not all the relevant invoices have been received.

NO. 1071 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – VISIT BY JOURNALISTS

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of the visit to Gibraltar of a group of journalists from the UK on 14-16 June?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The total cost of the visit to Gibraltar of a group of journalists from 14th-16th June was £74.40. This was broken down as follows: Subsistence for an escort from the GTB office in London - £68.60; and a taxi for one of the journalists was £5.80.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1071 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Were the flights and the hotels sponsored by the airlines and by the hotels?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Indeed, we obviously try and encourage sponsorship from the private sector operators. On this occasion, airlines, hoteliers, restaurants and everything were generous enough to participate in the cost.

NO. 1072 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

Since the last Question Time in this House, I have been away from Gibraltar on Government business on the following occasions:-

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| 3 rd to 4 th July 2006 | - Visit to Tangier Med Port and Ministerial meetings in Rabat |
| 22 nd September 2006 | - Meeting of the UKGTA in London |
| 3 rd to 5 th October 2006 | - United Nations with Chief Minister |
| 16 th & 17 th October 2006 | - Gibraltar Day in London and other meetings |

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NO. 1073 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – SEATRADE, NAPLES

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's participation in Seatrade Med 2006 from 18-20 October in Naples?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The cost of Gibraltar's participation in Seatrade Med 2006 from 18th-20th October in Naples was £15,668.87.

I now hand the hon Member a schedule showing the breakdown of this amount.

Answer to Question 1073 of 2006

Stand rental	£4934.51
Shipping of stand to Naples and new graphics	£4206.56
Construction of stand within the Med Cruise Pavilion	£2321.36
Registration Fee	£564.75
Travelling expenses, airfares and hotel accommodation	£3258.49
Subsistence Nicky Guerrero	£ 183.00
Lucy Frost	£ 100.00
Katie Cload	£ 100.00
Total	£15668.67

NO. 1074 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 20 April 2006;
- (b) the Port Advisory Council since 9 March 2006;
- (c) the Business and Commerce Advisory Council since 11 April 2006;
- (d) the E-Business Advisory Council since 11 April 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Since 20th April 2006 the Tourism Advisory Council has not met.

Since 9th March 2006 the Port Advisory Council has met once on 6th July 2006.

Since 11th April 2006, the Business & Commerce Advisory Council has met once on 13th July 2006.

Since 11th April 2006, the E-Business Advisory Council has met once on 13th July 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1074 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say why the Tourism Advisory Council has not met? Is there any specific reason why the other three have and not this one?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, there is no specific reason apart from the fact that these advisory boards meet at least once a quarter unless there are any specific issues that need the attention of a meeting. In the case of the Tourism Advisory Council a meeting was scheduled round about July and then on the day had to be postponed for one reason or another. We still have not met and, in fact, we are due to meet in the next few days but we will catch up by having another meeting scheduled in December. So by the end of the year the full meetings will have been held according to established practice.

NO. 1075 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – AIRPORT HANDLING SERVICES

How many entities submitted tenders for the provision of airport handling services at Gibraltar airport, who was the successful tenderer and in what amount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

There was one tenderer, Bland Ltd, the tender was awarded to this company.

This tender is not like any other Government tender. The tenderer does not actually pay any amounts to Government. The company will charge other companies for use of its services for airport handling.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1075 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Has that always been the position in relation to this particular contract?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Certainly, that has always been the position.

NO. 1076 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – MOD CLOSURE OF AIRPORT

Can Government say what steps have been taken by the MOD and their contractors to ensure that the airport is not closed owing to a shortage of air traffic controllers as happened on 25 May?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Government are not aware that there is a shortage of air traffic controllers.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1076 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are the Government aware of the reasons given by the MOD for the closure of the airport on 25th May?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, that was as a result of the fact that two air traffic controllers were on leave and two air traffic controllers reported ill on that specific day. It is one of these things that should not happen and coincidentally it did happen on that particular day and that caused a problem in order for the airport to continue operating. But there is not a shortage as such and the levels are very much within established practice.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to the question which was, what steps had been taken to ensure there is not a repetition of that incident, are the Government aware of anything?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, the MOD have reassured us that their complement is within established practices, so therefore there is no need for any steps to be taken. What happened on that specific day probably will never happen again, we hope it will not happen

again. Unfortunately, it did happen and that caused the problem on that specific day but it is not a regular occurrence, neither do they expect it to be an occurrence again. Coupled by the fact, I think, that this was also made worse by the fact that those controllers that were available had already done an element of work over a specific time period, so they were not able to extend their working hours. It was just coincidental that everything came together in the wrong way on that specific day. So there are a number of caveats that have to happen on that day for a problem to arise like it did.

NO. 1077 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – AIRPORT LANDING CHARGES

Are Government aware of the details of the deal between the airlines and the MOD in relation to landing charges and if so can they tell the House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

MOD wished to enter into an arrangement with airlines in respect of landing charges with which the Government were not comfortable as it would unduly restrict the normal hours of opening of the airport. In consequence, Government are now in discussions with the MOD to arrive at a new arrangement in respect of the setting of landing charges for commercial aircraft using the runway at Gibraltar. These discussions are on-going and I am therefore unable to provide any more details at present.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1077 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

What is the position at present for airlines wishing to use the airport? There was originally one increase and there was another increase that was suspended, so what is the position at the moment?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The position at the moment is that there was one increase, there was due to be a second increase that was suspended and remains suspended. In the light of possible enhanced use of the airport shortly, there is a new scenario which has enabled the Gibraltar Government to enter into negotiations with the MOD and which I have referred to in my original answer, which will hopefully lead to better established practices.

NO. 1078 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – FLY GIBRALTAR

Can Government say at what stage are the different applications from Fly Gibraltar to commence flights between Gibraltar airport and a number of destinations in the UK and Ireland?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

All applications have been submitted to the CAA and are currently being processed.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1078 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does the CAA consult the Government of Gibraltar in relation to these applications to its view on these applications?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, they will at some point, they have not done so as yet but it is common practice in the past when that has happened, the Government are consulted to express a view as to whether we favour or not favour the applications.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is this a procedure of requiring an airline to seek the approval of the CAA and the consultation that goes with it, something that we still enjoy because of our exclusion from the EU Directives? Will it disappear once we are included?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am not sure is the true answer to that, but I know it has been the established practice since I have been in office and since the hon Member was in office as well. I think that the CAA is the process to go through because Gibraltar does not have its own Civil Aviation Authority. That does not mean that we may not have it in the

future. As things stand today, we do not have an Authority so therefore it is done through the UK which is the EU Member State. We know that there will be developments in this area in the near future, but I do not think that is linked in any way to anything to do with EU legislation in this particular area. I think it is mainly to do with the relationship that exists between the Department of Transport in the UK and the Government of Gibraltar and whether we feel that we can have an Authority in place which has the capability to be able to assess the viability of an application. When the CAA application goes through, the application is assessed not just on slots but actual viability of the airline, its performance, its warranties, its guarantees et cetera. I hope that gives some more information, maybe it does not.

HON J J BOSSANO:

My understanding is that the position that we have today is as it has always been, and is indeed the way historically the Civil Aviation dealt with applications to British airports in British Overseas Territories, having to go through the CAA in London. Therefore, it is because we were not part of the European Union Single Skies that we still retain that system, that is really what my question was seeking, confirmation whether that analysis is accurate or not.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

My answer is that I cannot give that clarity but I am happy to find out and inform him accordingly.

NO. 1079 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB - AIRLINES

Can Government say whether discussions continue with the three airlines that were interested in flying to Gibraltar at the last Question Time in this House, and can they confirm whether any new airlines have expressed an interest since then?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

No discussions have been held with the three airlines since the last Question Time of the House but contact is maintained.

The Government are now working with Fly Gibraltar as a priority, seeing this is a Gibraltar-based airline.

Iberia Airlines has expressed an interest in flying to and from Gibraltar.

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NO. 1080 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 June 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 1081 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1081 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – FLIGHTS FROM GIBRALTAR

Can Government say how many flights from Gibraltar to the following airports were delayed by more than half an hour on a monthly basis since June 2006 inclusive:

- (a) London Gatwick;
- (b) London Heathrow;
- (c) London Luton;
- (d) Manchester

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

The information sought is being handed over to the hon Member in a written schedule.

Answer to Question 1081 of 2006

Answer to Question 1080

June 2006 –

<u>Flights timetabled</u>		<u>Flight Cancellations</u>
London Gatwick	- 43	0
London Heathrow	- 30	0
London Luton	- 30	0
Manchester	- 17	0

July 2006 –

<u>Flights timetabled</u>		<u>Flight Cancellations</u>
London Gatwick	- 45	0
London Heathrow	- 31	0
London Luton	- 31	0
Manchester	- 11*	0

*Ceased operating 19th July

August 2006 –

<u>Flights timetabled</u>		<u>Flight Cancellations</u>
London Gatwick	- 43	1*
London Heathrow	- 31	0
London Luton	- 31	0

*Flt cancelled due to heightened security state in the UK on 10th August

September 2006 –

<u>Flights timetabled</u>		<u>Flight Cancellations</u>
London Gatwick	- 42	0
London Heathrow	- 30	0
London Luton	- 30	0

Answer to Question 1081

June to September 2006

	June	July	August	September
LGW	6	11	6	9
LHR	8	8	6	10
LTN	2	11	10	10
MAN	2	2	-	-

ORAL

NO. 1082 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 June 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**

The information sought is being handed to the hon Member in written format.

Answer to Question 1082 of 2006

- (a) Revenue raised at the Coach Park on a monthly basis from June 2006 inclusive.

Month	Number of Buses	Fee	Total
June 2006	757	£10	£7,570
July 2006	650	£10	£6,500
August 2006	642	£10	£6,420
September 2006	960	£10	£9,600
19 October 2006	636	£10	£6,360
Total	3645		£36,450

- (b) Total revenue raised in admission fees to the Upper Rock, inclusive to royalty payments.

Month	Total
June 2006	£252,949.05
July 2006	£293,600.48
August 2006	£340,139.20
September 2006	£326,122.91

- (c) Revenue raised by Government on a monthly basis in admissions to the Gibraltar Museum.

Month	Total
June 2006	£1278.27
July 2006	£1327.50
August 2006	£1378.62
September 2006	£2489.40

ORAL

NO. 1083 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 April 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 being handed to the hon Member in written format.

Answer to Question 1083 of 2006

(a) Stayed at Hotel

	Total No. of Interviews	Stayed at Hotel	Airport	Average Length of Stay	Frontier	Average Length of Stay	Elsewhere	Average Length of Stay
April 2006	1238	1	-	-	1	1.0	-	-
May 2006	1637	93	93	6.5	-	-	-	-
June 2006	1428	35	35	5.0	-	-	-	-
July 2006	1493	5	-	-	5	1.0	-	-
August 2006	1493	1	-	-	1	1.0	-	-

(b) Not stayed at hotel

	Total Interviews Not Stayed at Hotel	Airport	Port	Frontier	Waterport	Marina	Coachpark
April 2006	1237	-	-	1217	-	-	20
May 2006	1544	177	228	1129	-	10	-
June 2006	1393	79	46	1164	-	3	101
July 2006	1488	-	60	1265	-	-	163
August 2006	1492	1	50	1288	-	9	144

ORAL

NO. 1084 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – PORTS OF STRAIT MEETING, ALGECIRAS

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's participation in the Ports of the Strait meeting in Algeciras on 10 October?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

There was no cost to Government.

NO. 1085 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – BUNKERING CODE OF PRACTICE

What is the policy of the Government in relation to setting up a Code of Practice for bunkering operations in the Strait of Gibraltar as a whole as suggested at the Ports of the Strait meeting in October?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Government believe that the Port of Gibraltar is setting the standard in the region of the Strait for the safe delivery of bunkers. The Gibraltar Bunkering Code of Practice was introduced in November 2002, and it is based on the Code of Practice of Singapore, the world leader in this field. No other port in the region has a Bunkering Code of Practice and the Port of Gibraltar is therefore leading in the region in persuading neighbouring ports to follow our example and introduce the best practice in the field of bunkering.

NO. 1086 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – BUNKERING IN WESTERN ANCHORAGE

Has the Government taken a policy decision in relation to more vessels taking up permanent anchorage positions in the western anchorage to store and supply bunker fuel?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

No, Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1086 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In what timescale do the Government envisage taking a decision on this issue?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I do not see that there will be a need, at this stage, for any change in policy. If there is a change in policy say from the European Union, then obviously the Government will have to consider the implications of any change. We do not have any change of policy envisaged in respect of vessels taking up permanent anchorage positions in the western anchorage.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The question was whether more vessels were.....

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, I think that we do have sufficient vessels at the moment taking up permanent positions in the western anchorage. We have got to understand that if we allow other mother ships to anchor in the western anchorage, what we are doing is actually sacrificing positions to be able to actually deliver the bunkers. So the position is that we are satisfied with the levels that we have today and we cannot foresee any changes in the near future.

ORAL

NO. 1087 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – SHIP VISITS

How many ships have called at Gibraltar since May 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

The information sought is being handed over to the hon Member in written format.

Answer to Question 1087 of 2006

Ships calls since May 2006 inclusive:

	May	June	July	August	September
(a) Bunkering	492	454	485	446	464
(b) Cargo	11	11	11	8	9
(c) Repairs	16	17	17	16	18

Bunkers Sold – Tonnes

May	June	July	August	September
326,986	312,820	349,983	336,898	332,406

NO. 1088 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – MARINE SAFETY CODE

Have Government now completed 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

No, Government have not completed the review.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1088 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister give an indication of when this review is expected to be complete?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, I am not able to give any date for that. The issue is one that we have now reached the junction in the review process where in order to come up with a suitable port marine safety code we would have to seek input or advice from competent consultants in this particular field. Therefore, we are currently considering our options before taking the matter any further. Therefore, giving a timescale at this particular stage would be difficult.

ORAL

NO. 1089 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – MARINE SURVEYOR

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Marine Surveyor with the Gibraltar Maritime Administration, how many were Gibraltarian and how many vacancies there were?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question No. 1090 of 2006.

NO. 1090 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – MARINE SURVEYOR

Can Government say in what timescale they expect the post of Marine Surveyor, which was advertised in September with deadline for applications of 20 October, to be filled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Answer to Question No. 1089 of 2006

A total of 24 applications were received for the post of Marine Surveyor. There were no Gibraltarian applicants. There were two vacancies.

Answer to Question No. 1090 of 2006

Government expect the post of Marine Surveyor to be filled within a period of about three to six months, depending on the successful applicant.

ORAL

NO. 1091 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DTI – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

How many applications have been received in respect of the vacancy for Business Development Officer in the Department of Trade and Industry that was advertised in August and has anyone been selected for the post?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

A total of seven applications were received in respect of the vacancy for Business Development Officer in the Department of Trade and Industry.

No appointment has been made as yet.

NO. 1092 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 purposes 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 handed over to the hon Member in written format.

Answer to Question 1092 of 2006

(a) ERDF Projects

Project No.	Sponsor	Status	ERDF	GOG	Purpose of Grant
107	Charlies/Start 2000 Ltd	Active	£4,599.90 (15%)	£4,599.90 (15%)	Building Works, Purchase of Furniture & Payment of Import Duty
108	P & H Developments Ltd	Active	£33,353.50 (12.5%)	£33,353.50 (12.5%)	Building Works & Fitting Out, Air-conditioning System, Kitchen Equipment, Restaurant Chairs, Telephone System & IT Equipment
109	Technical Services Department	Active	£728,690 (40%)	£1,093,035 (60%)	Project Management Fees & Project Execution
110	Borge Management Ltd	Active	£33,092.34 (15%)	£33,092.34 (15%)	Building Works, Advertising, Office Equipment, Clinical Equipment, Rent & Rates Subsidy Scheme (12 Months) & Import Duty & Freight Charges
111	Training Tailor Made	Active	£8,223.24 (15%)	£8,223.24 (15%)	Computers, Network Cabling & Testing, Company Signage, Air-conditioning, Computer Installation, Furniture, Import Duty & Freight Charges & Rent & Rates Subsidy Scheme (12 Months)
112	Total Sound & Vision Ltd	Active	£3,397.80 (15%)	£3,397.80 (15%)	Equipment & Freight Charges & Import Duty

(b) Gibraltar Government Funding

There have been no applications under this scheme since the last Question Time in this House.

ORAL

NO. 1093 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 April 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1094 and 1095 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1094 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 April 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 1093 and 1095 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1095 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORTS - COMPUTERS

What was the value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar since April 2006 inclusive on a monthly basis?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

The information sought is being handed over to the hon Member in written format.

Answer to Questions 1095 of 2006

Answer to Question 1093

The number and value of private motor vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since April 2006 was as follows:

	<u>Private Motor Vehicles Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Private Motor Vehicles Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	Number	Value (£ thousands)	Number	Value (£millions)
April 2006	18	59	255	4.1
May 2006	28	64	362	5.2
June 2006	23	51	353	3.9
July 2006	23	65	494	3.6
August 2006	45	202	652	5.6

Answer to Question 1094

The number and value of goods vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since April 2006 was as follows:

	<u>Goods Motor Vehicles Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Goods Motor Vehicles Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	Number	Value (£ thousands)	Number	Value (£Thousands)
April 2006	1	2	2	25
May 2006	0	0	9	50
June 2006	1	1	4	35
July 2006	0	0	5	25
August 2006	0	0	9	44

Answer to Question 1095

The value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since April 2006 was as follows:

	<u>Value of Computers (£ thousands)</u>
April 2006	689
May 2006	970
June 2006	399
July 2006	451
August 2006	683

ORAL

NO. 1096 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED – FREE BUS PASS FOR THE BLIND

Can Government state if it has given any consideration to the granting of a free bus pass to the blind, and if so, what has been the outcome?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Consideration will be given to granting a free bus pass to the visually impaired once the system of bus passes is introduced.

NO. 1097 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED – FREE TRAVEL FOR KGV PATIENTS

Can Government state if they have considered allowing patients at KGV Hospital to travel free on the bus service provided by the Gibraltar Bus Company?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

To date the Government have not considered allowing patients at KGV Hospital to travel free on the bus service provided by the Gibraltar Bus Company.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1097 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Will the Government of Gibraltar then give the matter consideration?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I do not know whether in the future the Government will give consideration to this. They have not done so to date and we do not know whether it will happen in the future.

ORAL

NO. 1098 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED

Can Government provide a detailed breakdown of the amount of £704,370 owed by the Government to the Gibraltar Bus Company as at 31st March 2005?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The amount of £704,370 consists of the following:-

1. £593,942 EU Funds
2. £83,734 Pensioner's Subsidy
3. £26,694 Children's Subsidy

NO. 1099 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED

Can Government state the level of the net current assets of the Gibraltar Bus Company as at 31 March and 30 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The level of net assets as at 31st March 2006 was £939,656.

The figure in respect of net assets as at 30th September 2006 is not yet available.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1099 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Did the Minister say that the balance as at 31st March 2006 was £939,656?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

£939,656.

HON L A RANDALL:

So is it a coincidence that it is the same balance as at 31st March 2005?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I can check the matter but I have not got the figures here to compare with the previous figure, but I can check the figures up and confirm to him one way or the other.

HON L A RANDALL:

I have the accounts for the Bus Company but fine, if the Minister checks it and lets me know I would appreciate it.

NO. 1100 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED

Can Government confirm that two of the Directors of the Gibraltar Bus Company receive emoluments for their services as Directors?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Yes, Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1100 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

That being the case, could the Minister explain why in the accounts of the company it states that none of the directors receive emoluments?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No I cannot explain that and I do not have a set of accounts in front of me to be able to confirm, but I take what he says on board. I assume that their salaries are included in the wages and salaries of all employees but that is just a comment I am making on my feet without actually having any documentation before me. I can check that again and revert back to him.

HON L A RANDALL:

If it will help the Minister, in Note 6 of the accounts it reads, 'the Directors do not receive emoluments for their services as Directors'. It is signed by one of the Directors. As said in Question No. 675 of 2006, the answer was that they are paid £35,000 a year. If the Minister could check that and, at least, the person who signs the accounts should ensure.....

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I can assure that they do get a salary.

HON L A RANDALL:

They should also make sure that what they sign on to is accurate.

ORAL

NO. 1101 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 June, July, August and September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The information sought is being handed over in written format.

Answer to Question 1101 of 2006

The number of paying passenger and fares collected from these passengers by the Gibraltar Bus Company for the month of June, July, August and September are as follows:-

	Passenger	Fares
June	129,061	£80,422
July	142,914	£90,281
August	168,181	£109,680
September	134,728	£85,995

ORAL

NO. 1102 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED

Can Government state the number of school children covered by the re-imbusement of £26,694 in respect of free bus service made to the Gibraltar Bus Company in the financial period ended 31 March 2005?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

A total of 55,456 school children were covered by the reimbursement of £26,694 in respect of the bus service made by the Gibraltar Bus Company in the financial year ending 31st March 2005.

ORAL

NO. 1103 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED

Can Government state the number of pensioners covered by the re-imbusement of £83,735 in respect of subsidised bus fares made to the Gibraltar Bus Company in the financial period ended 31 March 2005?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

A total of 246,558 pensioners are covered by the reimbursement of £83,735 in respect of subsidised bus fares made to the Gibraltar Bus Company in the financial year ended 31st March 2005. Obviously what we are referring to when I say such a high number of pensioners is pensioner trips, and not subsidising.

ORAL

NO. 1104 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

91 QUEENSWAY

Can Government give the area in square metres of the plot of land at 91 Queensway that was put out to tender in June?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The area is approximately 247 square metres.

ORAL

NO. 1105 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

91 QUEENSWAY

Can Government say how many tenders have been received for the plot of land at 91 Queensway, whether the tender has been awarded and if so to whom and for how much?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Seven tenders have been received. The tender has not yet been awarded.

ORAL

NO. 1106 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 24 May 2006 and on what dates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

There have been seven meetings of the Development and Planning Commission since 24th May 2006, as follows:

13th June 2006
27th June 2006
11th July 2006
15th August 2006
31st August 2006
1st September 2006
27th September 2006

ORAL

NO. 1107 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – APPLICATIONS FOR 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 handed over to the hon Member in written format.

Answer to Question 1107 of 2006
Applications received between 13/06/06 and 20/10/06

AppID	ApplicantName	DescOfWorks	Decision	SiteAddress
10407	John S. Langdon	Proposed roof repairs	Approved	293 Main Street
10408	QSonline PLC	Proposed new tiled roof, internal demolition of washroom, change of use of two office units at first floor into shop storage us	Approved	108 Main Street
10409	S.J. Hollins	Proposed internal and external alterations.	Approved	6/4 Devil's Gap Road
10410	Space Projects	Proposed amalgamation of two retail units into one and replacement of shop front.	Approved	6 John Mackintosh Square
10411	OEM Buena Vista Developments Ltd (as agents for GOG)	Construction of new workers hostel and associated facilities.	For Information Only	Former Ready-mix Site Devils Tower Road
10412	Dr KI farrell	Proposed works on garden	Pending	3b Rosia Parade
10413	Mr Pottage	Proposed alterations to flat layout to include conversion of bedroom into kitchen	Pending	2.6.0.4 Rosemary Court Sir William Jackson Grove (Gib 5)
10414	WSRM Architects	Proposed new residential apartment and an office mezzanine first floor level .	Approved	34 Devils Tower Road
10415	Sharrock Shand Holdings Ltd	Proposed interior and exterior alterations to convert into offices.	Pending	Montarik Building Main Street/Bedlam Court
10416	Craig Sacarello	Proposed interior alterations to residential unit and replacement of windows.	Approved	18/2&3 Hospital Hill
10417	Phillip Smith	Proposed change of use and internal alterations to accommodate temporary site offices	Approved	47-49 Cumberland Road
10418	George Valarino	Proposed replacement of roof tiles	Refused	5 Raquets Sandpits Road
10419	John S. Langdon	Proposed additions and alterations to an existing residential dwelling.	Approved	3 Hargrave's Ramp
10420	Mr & Mrs Baldwin	Proposed extensions and alterations to house.	Approved	10 Gardiner's Road
10421	Victor Chandler Int	Proposed floor reinforcement.	Approved	Lease Place 50 Town Range
10422	M E Bello & Partners	Demolition of existing building.	Pending	10/14 John Mackintosh Square
10423	Loddo and Ridgeway Ltd	Alterations to market stall.	Pending	Stall 22/25 Public Market
10424	Ocean Village Investments Ltd	Proposed landscaping of existing quay.	Approved	Neptune House (Quay) Marina Bay
10425	J B Engineering Consultants	Proposed alterations to layout and new windows.	Approved	180 Main Street
10426	Volker Stevin	Proposed site offices.	Approved	Rosia Road The Anchorage

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10427	H Bagu	Proposed extension to, and enclosure of, ground floor balcony	Pending	17 Harrington Building Cumberland Road
10429	Rosia Dale Housing Association	Proposed tarmac and resurfacing of car park	Approved	Rosia Road, Rosia Dale
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10431	Mr & Mrs A.G. Alcantara	Proposed house extension and new porch entrance.	Approved	13 Sunset Close Windmill Hill Road
10432	Acmoda Ltd	Proposed demolition of internal concrete ramp.	Pending	4 & 8 Trafalgar Road
10433	Elizabeth Carreras	Proposed fitting of new window shutters. Proposed mixed development of offices, commercial uses and residential units including multi-storey public/private carpark	Approved	39 Gardiner's View Europa Road
10434	WSRM Architects	Proposed internal alterations.	Pending	Engineer Lane
10435	Mr Angel Saugar Gil	Additional floor over part of the residential unit and conversion of part of existing roof into terrace.	Approved	Unit F6 ICC Casemates Square
10436	Mr and Mrs A Park	Crematorium, medical waste incinerator.	Approved	15/3 Gardiner's Road
10437	WSRM Architects	Proposed Demolition of vacant Ready Mix site	Approved	Governor's Cottage Europa Advance Road
10438	M E Bello & Partners	Proposed conversion of window to door and blocking up of separate window.	Pending	Devils Tower Road Ready Mixed Concrete Site
10439	Miss G Searle	Proposed change of use from car showroom to builder's merchants showroom and associated offices, internal alterations, replacement	Approved	24/1 Withams Road
10440	Amalgamated Builders Merchants	Proposed wind monitoring mast	Approved	188 Former Mitsubishi showroom Halifax Road
10441	Aeolic Gib Ltd	Installation of Air Conditioning unit	Pending	Car Park Lathbury Barracks
10442	Mr AE & Mrs VE Connor	Proposed extension & alterations to boundary wall	Approved	19 Barham Tower Brympton
10443	Mr D Francis	Proposed Demolition	Pending	59 Europa Road
10444	J B Engineering Consultants	Proposed office extension	Pending	60 Devils Tower Road
10445	Mark Sellors	Proposed change of use from office to shop use	Approved	851 Europort
10446	Landholdings 1988 Ltd	Proposed new communal swimming pool	Withdrawn	37/39 Line Wall Road
10447	J B Engineering Consultants	Proposed internal alterations/door/window	Pending	Windmill Hill Road Sunset Close
10448	Form-A-Co Gibraltar Ltd	Installation of air conditioning unit	Approved	Victoria House 26 Main Street
10449	OEM International Ltd	Proposed internal alterations, refurbishment, removal of pitched roof and conversion to roof terrace with roof top extension.	Approved	Vault 13 Casemates Barracks Casemates Square
10450	J B Engineering Consultants	Proposed part enclosure of one of four car ports with a shed.	Pending	36/38 crutchett's Ramp/1-4 Demaya's Ramp
10451	Chris and Corinne Riddell	Internal and external alterations.	Refused	13 Catalan Gardens
10452	Barclay's Bank		Approved	Barclay's Bank Main Street

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10453	Mr A J and Mrs Y M Rocca	Proposed construction of swimming pool to residence.	Pending	11 Lord Napier Mews Rodger's Road
10454	M E Bello & Partners	Refurbishment of existing waste oil compound. Demolition of existing sheds in compound area.	Approved	S.O.R.T Sullage Plant North Mole Road Western Arm
10455	Europort International Holdings Ltd	Proposed internal alterations to create changing rooms and canteen.	Approved	Building 6 Europort
10456	Andrews Kent and Stone	Construction of new balustrade.	Approved	4 Engineers Battery
10457	Stuart Allen	Proposed two additional new air conditioning units at roof level	Approved	Unit 12 Casemates Square
10458	Cameron Hall Development Ltd	Proposed internal alterations and installation of jacuzzi, canopy and opaque glass dividing screen at Terrace Level	Approved	15b Town Range Town Range Barracks
10459	Louis C Russo	Proposed installation of an air conditioning unit.	Approved	12 Cornwallis Tower Brympton
10460	Rock Motors Retail	Internal and external refurbishments of existing building to include minor structural alterations.	Pending	2-6 Queensway
10461	Gardiners House MGT Ltd	Proposed repair of retaining wall, removal of tree and & replanting of other trees, construction of car port and resurfacing.	Pending	23 Gardiner's Road
10462	Volker Stevin Gibraltar Ltd	Proposed construction of leisure centre	Pending	Line Wall Road Kings Basilion -Leisure Centre
10463	Darren Sheriff Giblelecom	Extension to existing station to house additional telecommunication equipment needed for the area	Pending	Rosia RCU South Pavillion Road
10464	Price Waterhouse Coopers	Proposed internal alterations	Approved	ICC 10th Floor Main Street
10465	Office of the Governor	Proposed refurbishment of the Convent courtyard	Approved	The Convent Internal Courtyard Main Street
10466	Mr Charles and Mrs Olga Agius	Minor alteration to flat layout.	Approved	4 Antwerp Court Harbour Views
10467	Mr C Watkins	Proposed loft conversion	Approved	24 Rosia Court Rosia Road
10468	Mr Omprakash Mirpurit	Proposed internal alterations, installation of grilles to windows and doors, replacement of existing doors with new timber door	Approved	73 Governor's Street
10469	T J Neale	Proposed internal alterations to flat layout.	Approved	15 Iberis House West View Park
10470	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed additional storey of 5 penthouses to annex of existing hotel.	Pending	Caleta Palace Hotel SirHerbert Miles Road
10471	Darren Sheriff	Proposed extension to existing perimeter fence to accommodate a new generator.	Approved	Elliott's Rco Europa Point
10472	Michael Cornelio	Proposed removal of timber wall and replacement with masonry wall.	Pending	Winston Churchill Avenue Shell Petrol Station
10473	Hammonds Ltd	Proposed internal & external alterations and installation of a/c units.	Approved	Unit 9 & 10 Block 5 Waterport Road Watergardens
10474	Martin Scales	Installation of Additional CCTV Cameras	Pending	The Convent
10475	Nelson Bunkering Ltd	Proposed yacht refuelling facility, petrol station, associated retail, storage and office use, and bedsit.	Pending	1b Waterport North Mole

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10476	Tyrone Avellano	Proposed loft conversion	Pending	17 Rosia Court Rosia Road
10477	J M & KA Ghio	Proposed Conversion of Two Flats into One	Pending	4 Flat Bastion Road
10478	M E Bellio & Partners	Proposed demolition	Approved	Ex Tower Buildings Rosia Road
10479	Ocean Village Properties Limited	Proposed mixed use redevelopment comprising residential and commercial.	Pending	34/34A/34B Waterport
10480	Mr R Hernandez	Loft conversion.	Approved	30 Rosia Road Rosia Court
10481	Ocean Village Marinas Limited	Proposed mixed use redevelopment comprising residential and commercial.	Pending	1301/1301A/1317 Waterport (not BP)
10482	M E Bellio & Partners	Proposed demolition of pair of semi-detached houses.	Pending	10/12 Rodger's Road
10483	Mansion (Gibraltar) Ltd	Proposed communications and plant rooms	Pending	8/9 Europort Basement/Undercroft
10484	Gibraltar Bus Company	Proposed extension of garages for single decker buses.	Approved	Winston Churchill Avenue Ex-MT Depot
10485	Barclay's Bank	Proposed internal alterations.	Pending	Barclay's Bank Main Street
10486	Dr and Mrs P Richard Roberts	Demolition of existing roof to build a new extension over property to include a terrace and additional bedroom accommodation.	Pending	37 Naval Hospital Road Admiral's Place
10487	Food and Beverage Management Ltd	Proposed canopy to outside restaurant area.	Pending	30 Parliament Lane
10488	Mr Paul Borda	Proposed conversion of existing roof to provide additional storey.	Pending	Flat 3-16 Prince Edward's Road
10489	Lord Napier Mews Ltd	9 Storeys of office with landscaped terraces and 7 storeys of split level parking.	Pending	6 Bayside Road
10490	Historic Buildings Conservation (Gibraltar)	Residential development.	Pending	Ex Tesco Car Park Bayside Road
10491	Temporary Berthing Co Ltd	New marina layout (including living accommodation) pontoons and mooring.	Pending	Waterport Road Sheppard's Marina
10492	Gibtelecom Ltd	Replacement of public payphones pedestals and relocation of these.	Pending	942 Europort
10493	Brian Anthony Lopez	Replacing of existing windows with new type.	Pending	13/2 Gardiner's Road
10494	OEM North Gorge Developments Ltd	Proposed construction of new residential estate for affordable housing.	Pending	North Gorge Site Europa Road
10495	WSRM Architects	Proposed internal alterations for new office premises.	Pending	1st Floor Royal Ocean Plaza Ocean Village
10496	JD Web Solutions	Proposed interior alterations, new a/c unit and railings to windows.	Pending	49 Governor's Street
10497	Temporary Berthing Co Ltd	New marina layout (including living accommodation) pontoons and moorings.	Pending	Waterport Road Sheppard's Marina
10498	Andrews Kent & Stone	Proposed refurbishment & internal modifications	Pending	20 Line Wall Road
10499	First Response Ltd	Proposed new door opening.	Pending	Unit 89 Harbours Walk

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10500	Cruz & Co.	Proposed interior alterations	Pending	6 Knightsbridge Close Montagu Crescent
10501	Mr A Faizun	Proposed removal & reconstruction of existing mono pitched roof structure	Pending	33 Cumberland Road
10502	Richardsons Estate Agents	Fitting of showcase on wall at 1/4 college lane and new signage on Main Street side.	Pending	1/4 College Lane
10503	Gibraltar Electricity Authority	Proposed construction of new building to house existing substation	Pending	Queensway Commonwealth Parade Car Park
10504	Lombard Odier Darier Hentsch	Proposed repositioning of interior partition walls.	Pending	Suite 921 Europort Europort Road
10505	Wilkie Ltd	Construction of three townhouses with garages.	Pending	St Bernards Road Bishop's Garden
10506	Satguru's Ltd	Join both façade arches, forming a single arch, by removing centre column.	Pending	17 Main Street
10507	Lesley Nuttall	Metal flue to exit roof of house approx 1m in height.	Pending	15C Withams Road
10508	J Guilliano	Renovation of restaurant façade.	Pending	5 Tuckey's Lane
10509	APM Management Ltd	Proposed refurbishment of existing restaurant & extension	Pending	804b 804a 804c Queensway Quay
10510	Natalie Rodrigues	Proposed internal alterations.	Pending	31 Kingston Court Harbour Views
10511	Government of Gibraltar	New single storey car park with tennis courts and private club parking area over.	Pending	Withams Road Sandpits Tennis Club
10512	Jeremy Field & Catherine O' Hanlen	Proposed residential alterations	Pending	21 Willis's Passage
10513	WM Morrison Supermarkets PLC	Proposed extension to existing superstore	Pending	Westside Road WM Supermarkets PLC

NO. 1108 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GRAND PARADE – UNDERGROUND CAR PARK

Have Government now received the results of the public consultation exercise conducted by the developers of the underground car park at Grand Parade, and if so when are they going to be made available to the Opposition on a confidential basis?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Government have been informed of the public consultation exercise conducted by the developers of the underground car park at Grand Parade, but are in no position to make it available to the Opposition on a confidential basis as it is commercially sensitive information which belongs to the prospective developers and not to the Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1108 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The question was included as a follow-up from previous meetings of the House, where the Minister had indicated that it would be made available to us on a confidential basis, that is why we tabled the question. Is there a change of policy now?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Not a change of policy but a change in respect of the fact that the prospective developers wish the information to remain confidential to them. The hon Member may wish to contact them directly himself.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The information that we wanted was not in relation to individuals who were applying for spaces or whatever it was. It was in relation to the general number of enquiries or demand for spaces.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, we do not have the names either, we have just been given a synopsis of what the demand is and what they are anticipating will be there and that is what we have. I am happy to talk to them again and see whether they will allow us to make it available to the hon Member on a confidential basis.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

If the Minister could do that we would be very grateful.

ORAL

NO. 1109 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Can Government say whether the draft development plan is now ready, whether it has been presented to the Development and Planning Commission and if so on what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The draft Development Plan is not yet ready and has not been presented to the DPC.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1109 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the Minister in a position to give an indication of when it is expected to be ready? Although I know we have asked this question many times and different indications have been given, but it still has not happened.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I dare not give him a date any more but we are almost there, that is as much as I can tell him today.

ORAL

NO. 1110 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – ANNEX TO MONTAGU PAVILION

Can Government say whether a decision has now been taken to grant planning permission for the construction of a six storey annexe to Montagu Pavilion?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Government's consent to this scheme is required as landlord of the site. This consent has not been forthcoming and DPC has therefore not yet made a decision in relation to the application for planning permission. The Government do not favour this scheme and do not intend to consent to it.

ORAL

NO. 1111 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – NORTH GORGE

Can Government say, in respect of the application for planning permission from OEM North Gorge Developments Ltd to construct a residential development in North Gorge:

- (a) when the application is due to be considered by the DPC;
- (b) how many representations have been received by the DPC?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The application is likely to be considered in November 2006. As at 20th October 2006 three letters of objection have been received.

ORAL

NO. 1112 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – CALETA HOTEL

Can Government say, in respect of the application for planning permission by the Caleta Hotel to add one storey to provide extra car parking:

- (a) When the application is due to be considered by the DPC;
- (b) How many representations have been received in respect of this project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The application was considered at the DPC meeting of the 27th September 2006 and is due to be considered again on 31st October 2006 which is the date of the next meeting. No representations have been received.

ORAL

NO. 1113 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – HBC(G) LTD (CP 1399A)

Can Government say with respect to the application for planning permission by HBC(G)Ltd to construct a residential building consisting of ground plus eight storeys on CP1399A facing Bayside Road:

- (a) whether planning permission has been granted and if so when;
- (b) how many representations have been received by the DPC in relation to this project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Government's consent to this scheme is required as landlord of the site. This consent has not been forthcoming and DPC has not therefore yet made a decision in relation to the application for planning permission. The Government do not favour this scheme and do not intend to consent to it.

A total of 26 letters of representation have been received.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1113 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can I just clarify, is this the 52 apartments in the car park of Tesco's, where the car park of Tesco's used to be?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, that is in the little car park, the ex-Check Out car park.

NO. 1114 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – LORD NAPIER MEWS LTD (CP 1401)

Can Government say with respect to the application for planning permission by Lord Napier Mews Ltd to construct a commercial building of ground plus eight storeys including car parking at 6 Bayside Road CP1401 adjacent to the Sports Stadium:

- (a) whether planning permission has been granted and if so when;
- (b) how many representations have been received by the DPC in relation to this project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The Government's consent to this scheme is required as landlord of the site. This consent has not been forthcoming so far and DPC has not therefore yet made a decision in relation to the application for planning permission.

A total of 48 letters of representation have been received.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1114 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

When the Minister says that consent has not been forthcoming so far, are the Government in negotiation with the developer to try and modify the scheme?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, the prospective developers have basically advertised the scheme, we have all seen it in the local press, and subsequent to that have made initial representations to the Government to meet but have not actually made a formal request in order to seek permission to proceed with that. Therefore, we need to undergo that negotiation which will involve premiums et cetera, so therefore the Government are not willing to consider it. In principle, there is a will possibly to consent it but maybe not in its present format or presentation as it is being set out today.

ORAL

NO. 1115 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – TBC LTD (PONTOON LAYOUT)

Can Government say with respect to the application for planning permission by TBC Ltd to create a new pontoon layout (including living accommodation) and moorings in an area of water in or near the Sheppard's Marina:

- (a) whether planning permission has been granted and if so when;
- (b) how many representations have been received by the DPC in relation to this project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

DPC has not yet made a decision in respect to the application for planning permission. Two letters of representation have been received (one of which is a petition signed by 92 signatures).

NO. 1116 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – WSRM ARCHITECTS (DEVIL’S TOWER ROAD AND FP 81/CP39A)

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to:

- (a) WSRM Architects for the construction of a residential apartment block at Devil’s Tower Road;
- (b) WSRM Architects on behalf of Mr Humbert Peliza to construct a development to include public/private car parking, office, commercial and residential units at Freehold Property 81 and Crown Property 39A, Lower Engineer Lane;

and how many representations have been received in respect of each project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The project in Devil’s Tower Road, DPC has resolved to grant permission and no letters of representation were received.

In respect of 39A Lower Engineer Lane, DPC has not yet made a decision in relation to the application for planning permission. Four letters of representation were received. Two were in favour and two letters objected to it.

ORAL

NO. 1117 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – WORKER’S HOSTEL

Has planning permission been granted for the construction of a worker’s hostel at the former Ready-Mix site in Devil’s Tower Road and if so on what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

This is a Government project and therefore does not require planning permission. The project was submitted to the Commission for information only.

ORAL

NO. 1118 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – TOWER BUILDINGS LTD (BA 10321)

Can Government say whether Tower Building Ltd has been given permission to amend consent BA10321 to provide for additional flats and associated parking?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND
COMMUNICATIONS

Permission was granted for an amendment to the approved scheme.

ORAL

NO. 1119 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – ROTUNDA HOLDINGS LTD

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to Rotunda Holdings Ltd to demolish the existing building and build a new apart-hotel and retail centre with basement car park, and if so on what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

The DPC has resolved to grant outline planning permission with conditions for this development but this has not yet been issued.

ORAL

NO. 1120 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID LICENCE NO. 1/2003

Can Government state the reason why Development Aid Licence No. 1/2003 issued to Silverlake Ltd was extended to 30 June 2007 and in respect of which project is the delay?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Development Aid Licence No. 1/03 is in respect of 17/25 Giro's Passage Developments Limited and not Silver Lake Limited. Due to an administrative error, Government Notice No. 704, published on 14th September 2006, incorrectly stated Silver Lake Limited instead of 17/25 Giro's Passage Development Limited. A correction to this effect will shortly be published.

The extensions of these licences until 30th June 2007 was approved due to a delay in the piling works and as a result of traffic and loading restrictions as the development is within the City walls.

ORAL

NO. 1121 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID LICENCE NO. 3/2006

Can Government state for what reason Development Aid Licence No. 3 of 2006 which was issued to Longhorn Properties Ltd was extended to 31 March 2008 and in respect of which project is the delay?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

Development Aid Licence No. 3 of 2006 issued to Longhorn Limited in respect of the project for the construction of an office/commercial building at the site of the ex-MOT test centre at 2 Europort Avenue/North Mole Road, was extended to 31st March 2008 as a result of delays being encountered by the developer during the demolition and construction process.

ORAL

NO. 1122 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

GASA SWIMMING POOL

Can the Minister state whether the new arrangements, or similar ones, for the running of the GASA swimming-pool, will be offered to other sporting associations?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government are not aware that any other sporting association is interested in running the swimming pools.

ORAL

NO. 1123 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government state how many times and on what dates the Theatre Royal has been inspected by engineering experts of GJBS to ascertain whether there are any structural problems with the current structure since this question was last posed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1124 of 2006.

NO. 1124 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government state how much was spent on the Theatre Royal since this question was last posed in this House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1123 of 2006

GJBS has inspected the site on the following dates:

23rd and 30th June 2006;
29th July 2006;
26th August 2006;
23rd September 2006; and
13th October 2006.

Answer to Question No. 1124 of 2006

The total spent on the Theatre Royal since this question was last posed in this House is £79,000.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1123 AND 1124 OF 2006

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Chief Minister then give us a breakdown of what the £79,000 could well be?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Indeed I can, £10,000 relates to maintenance works on the sites and £69,000 relates to rent. The hon Member knows that the rent is £5,750 per month times 12.

ORAL

NO. 1125 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ROSIA COTTAGES

Can Government confirm whether they have reached an agreement with the owners of the Rosia Cottages in order to settle the dispute which followed the decision to construct the Nelson's View development on the Rosia Tanks site, and if so what is it?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1126 of 2006.

NO. 1126 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ROSIA COTTAGES

Can Government say how many valuations were carried out in order to determine the value of the properties that have been offered to the owners of the Rosia Cottages, on what date the valuations were conducted, by whom, and with what result?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes. The Government and the cottage owners have agreed to settle the action and disputes between them without any admission of liability on the part of the Government.

The Government have exchanged Surrey House, Suffolk House, Lancashire House and St Bernard's House (four ex-MOD houses) for the four Rosia Cottages.

In respect of three of the cottage owners, the Government have also paid £50,000 (the fourth cottage owner is not entitled to it under the terms of the arrangement) in respect of relocation and refurbishment costs and in respect of the cottage owners leaving their fixtures and fittings in place. In addition, the Government have agreed to pay conveyancing fees, Stamp Duty and registration charges associated with the documents to reflect the exchange transaction. The cottage owners are required to vacate their cottages by 8th January 2007.

A number of valuations were carried out on the properties which were offered to the cottage owners in exchange. In March 2004, and not in connection with the exchange transaction, Land Property Services had valued Lancashire House at £400,000; Suffolk House at £440,000; Surrey House at £440,000 and St Bernard's House at £510,000. In August 2006, Brian Francis and Associates carried out a desk top valuation, that is without the benefit of an inspection. Two of the properties, Suffolk and Surrey Houses, which they valued the first at £740,000 and the second at £790,000. In September 2006, Brian Francis and Associates again carried out a valuation, this time with a full physical inspection, and thus the benefit of the conditioned surveys of the property and valued Suffolk House at £625,000; Surrey House at £675,000 and St Bernard's House at £675,000.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1125 AND 1126 OF 2006

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I did not hear the valuation of Lancaster House.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

For some reason that information has not been given to me. I will have to pass it to him, I have a dash underneath Lancashire House. Whether that means that no valuation was carried out or it is just a mistake, I do not know. I will have to confirm that.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can I ask the Chief Minister how the figure of £50,000 in relation to the relocation and refurbishment costs, how that figure was arrived at?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Just in the context of the negotiation. What the Government are handing over, the exchange properties if I can call them that, are un-refurbished, unfurnished, in the sort of condition that these houses are handed over to us by the MOD and require a very substantial amount of money spent on them to be brought up to the same standards that these four residents of the Rosia Cottages have their own homes in. Not only do they have to spend money to bring these houses up to scratch, but of course, they are also leaving us in Rosia Cottages, so that we do not have to do the same before we re-sell Rosia Cottages, their homes, which are all appointed to quite a high standard. They are leaving all the flooring, all the fixtures, all the fittings, and that increases the value of the Rosia Cottages considerably to the Government on a re-sale, apart from leaving them in a condition where they could be marketed immediately. So there is not a particular magic to the figure of £50,000, it was just a negotiation (obviously they asked for much more) but it was just a negotiation which arrived at that settlement, that compromise, in respect of what was a reasonable compensation for what they were leaving in their homes of value for our benefit and of what they would have to spend in their new homes to put them in the same condition.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

If I heard the Chief Minister correctly in the original answer, I think he said the fourth person was not entitled to the £50,000. Can he explain why that was the case?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, because in fact, it was agreed that the value of St Bernard's House is actually greater than the value of the other houses that were exchanged with the others. So it was deemed that he was getting (I think it is a he), the cottage owner that opted for that particular house was getting that £50,000 in value not in cash, but in the fact that

St Bernard's House was worth £50,000 more than the other cottages that the other owners were accepting in exchange. So it is not that he has not had the value, it is that instead of having it in cash he has had it in a more valuable property.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to the legal dispute, can I ask the Chief Minister if the Government was liable to pay the costs of the other side or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know what has been agreed in respect of that. I do not remember, but I may have a copy of the settlement agreement. No, the agreement provides that on execution of this agreement the Rosia Cottage owners shall proceed to discontinue the action without further order as to costs. But without prejudice to the order for costs Mr Justice Dudley had already made on 30th June 2006, which related I think to a very small part of the action, I do not remember what it was, but in respect of one particular strand of the action they had obtained a limited order. For some reason there was some side issue, something to do with valuations or extension of time for valuations, no not valuations but expert reports, and the Court ordered the Government to pay the costs on that, which were not the costs of the overall action just the costs of that particular issue. Those costs are payable by the Government but not the costs in the action at large.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Were the Government represented by private law firms in this particular action to defend the action and did the DPC have separate law firms as well? Just to clarify exactly what the legal position was in terms of representation.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government and the DPC had separate legal representation, as would be expected, given that the DPC is an independent body of the Government. Rather, a body independent of the Government. They had separate but private, if he is trying to get to the private bit, yes. They were from the private sector but they were separate firms.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are those costs available, the Government and the DPC costs? Does the Chief Minister have the figure for the costs?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am afraid I have not, no.

ORAL

NO. 1127 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 June 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1128 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1128 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 June 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information the hon Member requests is set out in the schedule that is being handed to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1128 OF 2006

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1127

The amount of import duty collected from persons entering Gibraltar through the non-commercial gate at the Land Frontier on a monthly basis since June 2006 is as follows:

JUNE 2006	-	£13,284.46
JULY 2006	-	£12,761.51
AUGUST 2006	-	£13,703.24
SEPTEMBER 2006	-	£11,743.29

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1128

The amount of import duty collected on building materials on a monthly basis since June 2006 is as follows:

JUNE 06	£58,825.10
JULY 06	£90,021.46
AUGUST 06	£97,766.81
SEPTEMBER 06	£66,705.23

ORAL

NO. 1129 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

This is a great example of how this House benefits from the Government's investment in computerisation of its functions. The information that the hon Member requests is now set out in the 13 page schedules of information that the hon Member seeks.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1129

DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
14/12/2005	GJBS	£74,224.38	Air Terminal Works	£74,224.38
17/10/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£9.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
11/08/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£10.12	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
17/10/2005	SELINA LTD	£12.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
17/10/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£13.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
16/08/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£15.20	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
25/08/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£22.17	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
11/08/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£22.75	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
23/09/2005	SELINA LTD	£25.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
28/10/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£36.70	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
26/07/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£53.35	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
24/11/2005	GJBS	£83.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
18/06/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£86.93	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
11/08/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£71.30	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
17/08/2005	SELINA LTD	£78.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
11/08/2005	GJBS	£114.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
22/09/2005	GJBS	£114.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
24/01/2006	GJBS	£125.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
25/07/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£134.74	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
08/12/2005	GJBS	£145.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
28/03/2006	GJBS	£345.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
26/05/2005	SELINA LTD	£350.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
28/07/2005	GJBS	£372.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
28/03/2006	SELINA LTD	£395.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
15/09/2005	GJBS	£510.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
28/03/2006	SELINA LTD	£788.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
22/09/2005	GJBS	£5,293.12	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	£9,185.38
10/10/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£150.00	Construction of Parking Facilities	£150.00
23/01/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£8,050.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	
30/08/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£54,000.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	
05/10/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£81,000.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	
28/12/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£84,000.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	
17/03/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£89,000.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	
17/10/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£105,000.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1128		PAID TO		AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
DATE						
18/11/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD			£107,350.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	
22/07/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD			£127,000.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	
23/01/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD			£152,950.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	£788,350.00
14/03/2006	GJBS			£33,931.00	Demolition Works	£33,931.00
03/05/2005	GJBS			£734.50	Elderly Care Agency - Equipment and Works	£734.50
04/08/2005	GJBS			£380.00	Environment Projects	
28/03/2006	MARR CO LTD			£1,261.00	Environment Projects	
16/02/2006	GJBS			£1,350.00	Environment Projects	
03/05/2005	MARR CO LTD			£81.15	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
16/04/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD			£132.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
06/06/2005	MARR CO LTD			£170.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
31/05/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD			£180.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
10/05/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD			£188.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
11/05/2005	MARR CO LTD			£230.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
16/05/2005	SELINA LTD			£350.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
05/05/2005	SELINA LTD			£550.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
11/05/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD			£586.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
18/05/2005	MARR CO LTD			£918.96	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
31/05/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD			£930.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
04/05/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD			£1,397.50	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
15/04/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD			£1,870.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
15/04/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD			£2,686.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
10/05/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD			£2,884.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
10/05/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD			£3,237.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
20/12/2005	BLACKTOP LTD			£9,175.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
04/05/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD			£11,477.68	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
27/07/2005	BLACKTOP LTD			£11,609.50	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
27/10/2005	BLACKTOP LTD			£11,609.50	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
05/08/2005	BLACKTOP LTD			£12,519.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
10/10/2005	BLACKTOP LTD			£12,519.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
31/08/2005	BLACKTOP LTD			£12,519.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
21/03/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD			£14,778.91	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
25/11/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD			£19,756.30	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
13/12/2005	BLACKTOP LTD			£25,038.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	
19/08/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD			£37,549.77	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1123		PAID TO		PROJECT		Project Total
DATE		AMOUNT				
17/02/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£56,452.69		EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme		
29/09/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£58,601.78		EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme		
21/03/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£100,229.64		EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme		£410,226.38
05/01/2006	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£26.45		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
28/02/2006	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£28.35		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
22/09/2005	GJBS	£40.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
24/01/2006	GJBS	£45.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
30/03/2006	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£48.07		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
03/11/2005	GJBS	£75.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
02/02/2006	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£99.37		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
28/03/2006	GJBS	£114.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
10/10/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£146.80		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
30/03/2006	GJBS	£180.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
28/04/2005	GJBS	£305.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
30/03/2006	GJBS	£371.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
01/12/2005	GJBS	£557.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
23/02/2006	GJBS	£780.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£896.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£1,071.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
31/01/2006	GJBS	£1,713.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
13/05/2005	GJBS	£1,753.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
21/02/2006	GJBS	£1,788.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
20/12/2005	GJBS	£2,313.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
21/02/2006	GJBS	£3,370.30		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
08/11/2005	GJBS	£3,456.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
16/03/2006	GJBS	£3,977.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
24/01/2006	GJBS	£4,501.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
15/03/2006	GJBS	£5,596.83		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
29/09/2005	GJBS	£5,991.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
30/03/2006	GJBS	£6,520.62		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
05/05/2005	GJBS	£6,879.77		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
28/02/2006	GJBS	£6,885.36		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
20/04/2005	GJBS	£6,899.11		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
20/10/2005	GJBS	£6,905.10		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		
14/03/2006	GJBS	£7,922.00		Government Buildings, Works and Structures		

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1129		PROJECT		Project Total
DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	
29/09/2005	GJBS	£8,850.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
15/03/2006	GJBS	£9,850.41	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
17/03/2006	GJBS	£11,094.89	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
03/02/2006	GJBS	£12,111.79	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
24/05/2005	GJBS	£15,865.45	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
14/07/2005	GJBS	£15,986.07	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
10/02/2006	GJBS	£16,426.37	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
28/09/2005	GJBS	£18,736.41	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
14/12/2005	GJBS	£20,205.23	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
02/08/2005	GJBS	£21,316.36	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
14/03/2006	GJBS	£21,716.73	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
08/11/2005	GJBS	£21,974.24	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
01/11/2005	GJBS	£22,133.82	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
08/07/2005	GJBS	£22,937.56	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
16/08/2005	GJBS	£23,508.01	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
24/01/2006	GJBS	£30,424.80	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	£374,390.91
21/06/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£275.00	Government Furniture and Equipment	
07/08/2005	BLACKTOP LTD	£7,436.50	Government Furniture and Equipment	
05/05/2005	BLACKTOP LTD	£11,914.50	Government Furniture and Equipment	
12/09/2005	BLACKTOP LTD	£12,519.00	Government Furniture and Equipment	
05/07/2005	BLACKTOP LTD	£12,519.00	Government Furniture and Equipment	
02/08/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£18,217.10	Government Furniture and Equipment	
25/05/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£27,242.53	Government Furniture and Equipment	
19/04/2005	BLACKTOP LTD	£28,121.11	Government Furniture and Equipment	
12/05/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£28,288.66	Government Furniture and Equipment	
16/05/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£58,567.48	Government Furniture and Equipment	£205,120.90
22/12/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£237.10	Heritage Projects	£237.10
17/11/2005	GJBS	£2,311.27	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	
10/01/2006	TOPGEM LTD	£8,062.50	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	
06/12/2005	GJBS	£9,929.55	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	
14/12/2005	GJBS	£10,141.13	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	
15/11/2005	GJBS	£12,567.31	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	
24/03/2006	TOPGEM LTD	£29,293.75	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	£72,305.51
22/11/2005	GJBS	£55.00	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	
22/06/2005	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£55.00	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1122		PAID TO		PROJECT		Project Total
DATE		AMOUNT				
14/03/2006	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£88.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£90.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
11/11/2005	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£96.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
31/03/2006	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£102.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£105.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
31/01/2006	GJBS	£114.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£115.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
11/10/2005	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£140.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
21/02/2006	GJBS	£148.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
21/03/2006	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£151.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
30/03/2006	GJBS	£155.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£245.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£287.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
02/08/2005	GJBS	£311.76		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
23/03/2006	GJBS	£377.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£520.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£764.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
24/05/2005	GJBS	£1,009.02		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
20/09/2005	GJBS	£1,201.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
28/07/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£1,248.30		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
27/01/2006	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£1,258.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£1,509.20		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
08/12/2005	GJBS	£2,111.95		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£2,130.84		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
10/08/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£3,145.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
25/10/2005	GJBS	£7,744.81		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
09/08/2005	GJBS	£8,475.50		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
16/03/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£9,013.56		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/11/2005	GJBS	£19,109.76		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
25/05/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£24,450.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		
22/06/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£38,656.00		Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities		£124,963.50
26/04/2005	MARR CO LTD	£600.00		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
18/11/2005	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£1,116.00		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
17/02/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£1,562.20		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
27/06/2005	MARR CO LTD	£2,102.85		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1123		PAID TO		PROJECT		Project Total
DATE		AMOUNT				
26/04/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£2,766.81		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
17/11/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£4,329.37		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
08/07/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£4,834.97		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
06/04/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£4,935.55		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
13/01/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£5,854.70		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
22/12/2005	MARR CO LTD	£5,758.00		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
24/11/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£7,103.20		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
17/02/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£7,155.88		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
31/05/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£7,468.95		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
16/01/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£8,246.10		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
27/03/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£8,540.70		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
26/04/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£9,157.25		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
08/11/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£10,851.20		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
28/02/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£11,222.50		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
26/07/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£11,819.02		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
07/10/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£11,977.90		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
27/07/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£12,850.25		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
23/06/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£13,067.80		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
22/04/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£13,931.48		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
25/08/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£13,964.05		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
22/09/2005	GJBS	£14,461.31		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
28/02/2006	GJBS	£14,926.42		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
21/12/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£15,897.50		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
19/08/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£16,729.17		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
03/11/2005	GJBS	£17,078.88		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
01/02/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£17,832.10		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
19/01/2006	GJBS	£18,477.08		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
19/01/2006	GJBS	£18,890.76		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
03/06/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£19,139.61		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
26/07/2005	GJBS	£21,120.40		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
14/12/2005	GJBS	£22,380.71		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
05/07/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£23,672.84		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
16/01/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£25,490.00		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
13/01/2006	GJBS	£26,807.22		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		
10/08/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£28,451.09		Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock		

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DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
26/03/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£28,458.00	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
26/04/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£29,817.72	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
30/03/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£34,903.00	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
20/03/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£35,911.00	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
15/04/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£38,091.98	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
13/10/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£44,315.48	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
18/11/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£48,262.05	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
10/02/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£49,152.66	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
24/10/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£49,399.47	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
10/02/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£59,535.90	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
14/09/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£59,738.00	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
30/03/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£89,652.03	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
28/07/2005	GJBS	£69,764.80	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
14/12/2005	GJBS	£70,710.32	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
03/11/2005	GJBS	£81,591.35	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
03/08/2005	GJBS	£89,155.76	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
28/03/2006	GJBS	£141,088.00	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
14/04/2005	GJBS	£144,227.21	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
20/06/2005	GJBS	£147,466.40	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	£1,773,599.57
09/03/2006	GJBS	£3,969.72	MOD Relocation Costs	
18/02/2006	GJBS	£70,135.45	MOD Relocation Costs	
21/03/2006	GJBS	£84,220.92	MOD Relocation Costs	
17/02/2006	GJBS	£103,529.75	MOD Relocation Costs	£261,875.84
11/10/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£312.70	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
08/12/2005	GJBS	£335.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
31/03/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£977.74	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
30/08/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£1,523.30	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
25/05/2005	TOPGEM LTD	£1,821.50	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
20/01/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£2,000.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
15/03/2006	AMCO GIB LTD	£2,176.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
22/06/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£3,168.46	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
25/05/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£3,238.75	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
25/05/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£3,490.10	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
14/03/2006	TOPGEM LTD	£6,463.78	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
06/02/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£8,211.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	

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DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
01/06/2005	TOPGEM LTD	£10,227.76	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
30/08/2005	SHARROCK SHAND	£10,250.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
21/03/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£12,654.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
25/05/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£13,144.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
21/11/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£14,459.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
31/03/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£15,980.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
28/07/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£19,433.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
02/08/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£21,818.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
17/03/2006	TOPGEM LTD	£22,960.75	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
20/01/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£24,198.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
25/05/2005	TOPGEM LTD	£28,046.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
09/02/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£30,000.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
14/03/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£30,000.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
28/07/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£31,808.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
05/10/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£32,753.42	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
27/02/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£34,373.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
22/08/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£39,002.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
11/11/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£40,015.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
30/08/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£56,586.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
21/12/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£70,476.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
27/02/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£73,017.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
30/08/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£84,119.70	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
31/03/2006	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£96,447.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	
31/03/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£140,461.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	£963,896.95
16/08/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£17,686.04	Other Development Projects	
13/02/2006	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£39,818.07	Other Development Projects	
13/02/2006	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£127,305.01	Other Development Projects	
09/11/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£181,548.86	Other Development Projects	£366,357.98
28/03/2006	SELINA LTD	£60.00	Police Equipment	
31/01/2006	WESTERN ISLES	£1,280.10	Police Equipment	
14/04/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£8,910.00	Police Equipment	£10,250.10
07/03/2006	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£54.00	Post Office - Capital Works and Equipment	£64.00
18/08/2005	GJBS	£190.00	Prison Equipment and Refurbishment	
23/02/2006	SELINA LTD	£600.00	Prison Equipment and Refurbishment	£790.00
25/05/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£7.00	Provision & Refurbishment of Vacant Premises for Clubs & Associations	

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1128		PROJECT		Project Total
DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	
25/05/2005	MARR CO LTD	£25.95	Provision & Refurbishment of Vacant Premises for Clubs & Associations	
25/10/2005	GJBS	£197.00	Provision & Refurbishment of Vacant Premises for Clubs & Associations	
31/01/2006	GJBS	£914.85	Provision & Refurbishment of Vacant Premises for Clubs & Associations	
16/03/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£4,558.14	Provision & Refurbishment of Vacant Premises for Clubs & Associations	
21/11/2005	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£6,240.00	Provision & Refurbishment of Vacant Premises for Clubs & Associations	
25/10/2005	GJBS	£14,361.77	Provision & Refurbishment of Vacant Premises for Clubs & Associations	£26,004.71
26/05/2005	MARR CO LTD	£23.75	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
13/05/2005	SELINA LTD	£30.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
23/02/2006	MARR CO LTD	£73.14	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
29/04/2005	MARR CO LTD	£83.70	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/12/2005	MARR CO LTD	£91.04	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/11/2005	MARR CO LTD	£91.95	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
28/03/2006	MARR CO LTD	£117.33	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
09/08/2005	MARR CO LTD	£123.60	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
06/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£131.85	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
25/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£143.31	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
16/06/2005	GJBS	£517.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
10/11/2005	GJBS	£977.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
09/06/2005	GJBS	£1,145.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
01/09/2005	GJBS	£1,236.50	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
19/04/2005	GJBS	£1,296.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
25/10/2005	GJBS	£1,442.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
16/06/2005	GJBS	£1,763.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
13/10/2005	GJBS	£1,778.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
16/06/2005	GJBS	£1,855.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
11/10/2005	GJBS	£2,444.68	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/04/2005	GJBS	£2,451.51	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
08/12/2005	GJBS	£3,457.50	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
03/11/2005	GJBS	£3,594.33	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
02/08/2005	GJBS	£3,678.96	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
12/04/2005	GJBS	£3,969.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/11/2005	GJBS	£5,273.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
15/09/2005	GJBS	£8,230.81	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/12/2005	GJBS	£8,272.07	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
13/10/2005	GJBS	£9,703.75	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	

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DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
03/11/2005	GJBS	£10,027.99	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
01/12/2005	GJBS	£10,672.21	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
12/05/2005	GJBS	£10,752.26	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
11/10/2005	GJBS	£13,285.31	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/03/2006	GJBS	£13,604.85	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
28/07/2005	GJBS	£14,996.05	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
09/02/2006	GJBS	£16,178.82	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
06/10/2005	GJBS	£16,732.15	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
17/01/2006	GJBS	£16,744.18	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
30/12/2005	GJBS	£20,317.26	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/09/2005	GJBS	£22,628.14	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
07/02/2006	GJBS	£25,187.29	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
15/09/2005	GJBS	£25,792.32	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
25/09/2005	GJBS	£29,614.08	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
26/05/2005	GJBS	£37,760.02	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
06/10/2005	GJBS	£36,016.46	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
08/02/2006	GJBS	£40,756.76	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
01/11/2005	GJBS	£47,465.08	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/11/2005	GJBS	£50,946.14	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
25/09/2005	GJBS	£61,449.56	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/12/2005	GJBS	£84,179.66	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
04/10/2005	GJBS	£96,646.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£757,649.37
02/12/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£38.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
02/12/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£60.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
15/11/2005	MARR CO LTD	£75.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
21/11/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£105.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
20/03/2006	GL DIG-IT LTD	£106.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
11/08/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£114.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
08/10/2005	MARR CO LTD	£125.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
11/08/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£140.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
11/10/2005	MARR CO LTD	£150.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
14/02/2006	GL DIG-IT LTD	£160.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
09/09/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£171.50	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
02/02/2006	GL DIG-IT LTD	£180.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
15/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£185.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1122

DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
31/10/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£205.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
15/03/2006	GL DIG-IT LTD	£250.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
15/11/2005	MARR CO LTD	£250.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
23/09/2005	SELINA LTD	£250.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
28/06/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£315.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
16/06/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£320.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
28/03/2006	MARR CO LTD	£363.26	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
01/11/2005	MARR CO LTD	£375.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
07/02/2006	GL DIG-IT LTD	£405.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
06/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£440.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
28/09/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£450.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
22/07/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£455.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
17/01/2006	SELINA LTD	£480.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
22/11/2005	MARR CO LTD	£565.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
07/03/2006	MARR CO LTD	£606.95	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
27/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£651.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
28/06/2005	MARR CO LTD	£660.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
20/10/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£666.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
16/06/2005	MARR CO LTD	£730.76	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
23/02/2006	SELINA LTD	£750.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
15/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£755.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
15/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£800.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
08/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£880.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
07/10/2005	SELINA LTD	£880.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
07/09/2005	SELINA LTD	£915.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
22/07/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£970.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
22/07/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£1,044.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
09/09/2005	SELINA LTD	£1,110.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
16/08/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£1,275.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
06/09/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£1,280.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
14/06/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£1,339.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
02/02/2006	SELINA LTD	£1,700.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
15/08/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£1,763.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
06/10/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£1,930.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
14/06/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£2,300.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION J129			PROJECT	Project Total
DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT		
27/10/2005	GL DIG- IT LTD	£2,409.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
27/09/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£2,464.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
16/08/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£2,714.44	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
02/02/2006	MARR CO LTD	£2,762.24	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
27/09/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£3,381.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
20/10/2005	GL DIG IT LTD	£3,877.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
27/09/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£4,069.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
11/08/2005	MARR CO LTD	£4,170.40	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
14/06/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£5,327.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
25/10/2005	GJBS	£10,375.09	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
24/03/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£24,939.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
22/02/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£90,859.53	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
24/01/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£63,063.45	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
24/03/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£76,538.88	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
21/12/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£95,351.22	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	£392,038.74
30/08/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£1,920.00	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
24/10/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£6,037.00	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
15/04/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£7,553.56	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
15/09/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£24,218.00	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
31/03/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£53,665.00	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
26/08/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£87,211.00	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
15/03/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£99,052.00	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
01/03/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£100,389.00	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
11/01/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£100,389.00	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
21/12/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£111,231.00	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
31/03/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£169,823.00	Road Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	£710,468.56
30/03/2006	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£275.00	Social Services Agency - Equipment and Works	
25/10/2005	MARR CO LTD	£550.00	Social Services Agency - Equipment and Works	£1,125.00
26/09/2005	BLACKTOP LTD	£140.31	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	
23/02/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£250.75	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	
23/01/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£956.10	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	
28/10/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£1,268.14	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	
02/02/2006	SELINA LTD	£1,471.00	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	
16/03/2006	SELINA LTD	£2,842.00	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	
23/01/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£26,838.10	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	£33,468.40

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1122

DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
23/09/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£14,352.15	Strategic Fuel Reserve	
23/06/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£43,071.25	Strategic Fuel Reserve	
23/06/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£59,469.41	Strategic Fuel Reserve	
14/04/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£79,896.98	Strategic Fuel Reserve	
12/04/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£213,502.40	Strategic Fuel Reserve	£410,322.19
18/08/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£969.68	Tourist Beautification Projects	
28/07/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£18,797.00	Tourist Beautification Projects	£19,766.68
11/09/2005	SELINA LTD	£152.00	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	
30/03/2006	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£450.00	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	
11/09/2005	GJBS	£1,355.25	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	
23/06/2005	GJBS	£1,400.00	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	
11/09/2005	GJBS	£2,716.86	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	
07/03/2006	MARR CO LTD	£3,728.49	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	£9,804.60
02/08/2005	GJBS	£45.28	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
08/06/2005	GJBS	£97.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
22/11/2005	GJBS	£209.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
02/08/2005	GJBS	£368.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
23/06/2005	GJBS	£458.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
20/12/2005	GJBS	£630.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
11/10/2005	GJBS	£967.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
06/12/2005	GJBS	£1,415.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
20/12/2005	GJBS	£1,531.94	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
20/09/2005	GJBS	£1,682.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
05/01/2006	GJBS	£2,027.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
28/07/2005	GJBS	£3,005.75	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
27/02/2006	GJBS	£11,668.68	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
15/03/2006	GJBS	£17,130.83	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	£41,213.46
	TOTAL	£7,895,556.71	TOTAL	£7,895,556.71

NO. 1130 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

SENIOR FIRE OFFICERS

Can Government state whether they have already communicated to the retired Senior Fire Officers their policy decision regarding backdated pay and conditions, and if not, when do they propose to do so?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

We have not yet responded but we do intend to do so. I realise that I said last time that it would be shortly, but I am afraid it is one of those things that has slipped but they will get an answer.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1130 OF 2006

HON L A RANDALL:

Is it likely to be before the year end?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Really the Government are not accountable in this House for how they manage their time in dealing with people. They, who are dealing with the Government on this issue, will get a response when the Government are able to give it to them. I am not accountable to the hon Member in this House for my diary management.

ORAL

NO. 1131 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

LAND PROPERTY SERVICES

Can Government confirm that the new contract with Land Property Services has now been signed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

He will have to strike one question of his list of standard questions for the next meeting of the House because the answer is now yes. I am informed it has been signed so he will have to put on his thinking cap next time.

ORAL

NO. 1132 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 June, July, August and September 2006, providing a breakdown by month and estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes there have been and the information is set out in the schedule.

Answer to Question 1132 of 2006

	SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Brympton	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
Jun 06	Monies Received				£36,197.46	£30,052.25	£66,249.71
Jul 06	Monies Received	£74,111.84				£7,450.00	£81,561.84
Aug 06	Monies Received	£98,418.54			£26,665.18		£125,083.72
Sept 06	Monies Received				£30,542.15		£30,542.15
Total Monies Received		£172,530.38			£93,404.79	£37,502.25	£303,437.42

ORAL

NO. 1133 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – NELSON’S VIEW

With reference to Nelson’s View, can Government give a breakdown of sales details as follows:

1. How many flats are being sold with 100 per cent financing from the purchaser;
2. How many are being sold at the 50-50 ratio; and
3. How many are being sold at any other ratio?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1134 of 2006.

NO. 1134 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES/BAYVIEW TERRACES

With reference to Cumberland Terraces, can Government give a breakdown of sales details as follows:

1. How many flats are being sold with 100 per cent financing from the purchaser;
2. How many are being sold at the 50-50 ratio; and
3. How many are being sold at any other ratio?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1133 of 2006

In respect of Nelson's View, 53 flats are being sold on a 100 per cent basis; 11 are being sold on a 50/50 basis and 49 are being sold at some other ratio.

Answer to Question No. 1134 of 2006

In respect of Cumberland Terraces, 18 flats are being sold on a 100 per cent basis; 44 are being sold on the 50/50 basis and 72 are being sold on the basis of some other ratio.

The hon Member has not asked about Bayview Terraces and being as generous to him as possible I have assumed that it is because he may have erroneously believed that Bayview Terraces, which is next to Cumberland Terraces, may be one and the same development. In fact it is not. In case that is the basis of his failure, I presume it is not that he is not interested in that particular development, I am happy to give it to him even though he has not asked for it. Thirty flats in Bayview Terraces are being sold on 100 per cent basis; 4 on the 50/50 basis and 42 on some other co-ownership ratio.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1133 TO 1134 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

I thank the Chief Minister for the additional information. Does he have in front of him the details of the third aspect of the question, any other ratio? For example, 30/70 and things like that. The breakdown.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do but not in a form that I can give him and it is really quite lengthy to read out. I can write to him tomorrow or on Monday and send him the breakdown.

ORAL

NO. 1135 OF 2006

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING - ROSIA COURT

Can Government say whether the sale of No. 10 Rosia Court has now been completed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1136 of 2006.

NO. 1136 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

Yes, the sale of No. 10 Rosia Court has indeed been completed, but control of the management company has not yet been passed to its owners. I am told that the legal requirements are at an advanced stage and this is expected to occur early in November.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1135 AND 1136 OF 2006

HON C A BRUZON:

Who is covering the costs of any important maintenance matters relating to Rosia Court?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, I cannot answer the hon Member, what I can tell him is that the purchasers of Rosia Court were the beneficiaries of an element of generosity by the Government in that we left a sum of money in the management company from the sale proceeds, which is something that most buyers of houses in Gibraltar do not benefit from.

HON L A RANDALL:

Can the Government say what No. 10 Rosia Court is sold for? The amount that it was sold for?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Is this so that he can compare it to the sum paid by his daughter for her house there? Well, so that he can spend the weekend doing the calculations it is £109,000.

ORAL

NO. 1137 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING IN NEWSPAPERS

What amount has the Government paid in respect of advertising to any registered newspaper since January 2006, giving a breakdown by month and newspaper?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the information that he has requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1137 OF 2006

	Jan-06	Feb-06	Mar-06	Apr-06	May-06	Jun-06	Jul-06	Aug-06	Sep-06
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gibraltar Chronicle	3,748.15	4,254.05	6,940.15	5,675.12	6,146.71	7,149.45	4,045.33	6,173.55	
Panorama	3,058.00	3,146.00	5,236.00	4,220.00	3,624.00	4,232.00	2,884.00	5,280.00	5,352.00
Vox	2,551.00	3,066.00	6,325.00	4,080.00	3,838.00	4,012.00	3,050.00	3,568.00	9,148.00
Gibsport								125.00	
7 Days							2,096.00	3,993.00	7,414.00

ORAL

NO. 1138 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

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

No date has yet been fixed for the oral hearing. We are still awaiting the Court fixing of that date and no progress is possible until then because that is all that is left in the proceedings.

ORAL

NO. 1139 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

CM'S VISITS OVERSEAS

Can the 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

Answered together with Question No. 1140 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1140 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of 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 from the end of February 2006 to date, giving the name of the conference, 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 schedules that are now being handed to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1140 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1139

CM's travel since May 2006 to date

DATE	PURPOSE	PERSONS TRAVELLING	MET WITH	CHIEF MINISTER'S TRAVEL COSTS			
				Air Fares £	Travel £	Accommodation £	Other £
6 June 2006	1) UN Committee 24 2) Stock Exchange Visit 3) Press Interview	CM, Minister Holiday, Chief Secretary (designate), Media Director		2439.10	450.00 (transport)	200.00 (approx)	3.34 (misc)
14 - 16 June 2006	Swiss Seminar	CM, Private Secretary (Legal)		1392.50	67.71 (tolls)	763.56	69.55 (misc)
6 - 7 July 2006	Meeting- Trilateral issues	CM, Chief Secretary, Chief Secretary (designate), Assistant Chief Secretary, Media Director	FCO Officials	878.60	1012.50 (transport) 32.30 (tolls) 4.26 (parking)	423.00	8.16 (misc)
12 July 2006	Gibraltar Group Meeting	CM, Private Secretary (Legal)	MPs	852.70	137.50 (transport) 33.86 (tolls) 4.29 (parking)	-	16.38 (misc)
18 Sept 2006	Trilaterals - Cordoba	CM, Chief Secretary, Chief Secretary (designate), Assistant Chief Secretary, Media Director, Senior Personal Secretary to CM, Driver, Bodyguards x3			3.71 (tolls) 86.69 (petrol x3cars)	-	47.55 (misc) 480.98 (food for all party)
7-8 Sept 2006	EU Aviation Measures & Trilateral Pre-talks	CM, Chief Secretary, Chief Secretary (designate)	FCO & Department of Transport Officials	878.60	332.50 (travel)	252.08	
25 Sept 2006	Labour Party Conference	CM, Media Director, Private Secretary (Legal)		937.40	486.00 (transport) 32.69 (tolls)	970.20	99.95 (misc) 41.40 (misc)
28 Sept - 4 Oct 2006	1) Lord & Lady Luce Reception 2) Conservative Party Conference 3) UN 4 th Committee	CM, Mrs Caruana, Private Secretary (Legal), Media Director, Minister Holiday, Chief Secretary (designate)		2428.40	1) 569.25 2) 500.00 3) 130.00	1) 1749.99 2) 908.00 3) 200.00 (approx)	50.95 (misc) 32.83 (misc)
13-17 Oct 2006	1) Mass & Enthronement of Our Lady of Europe 2) Gibraltar Day in London 3) Airport Meetings	CM, Mrs Caruana, Media Director, Private Secretary (Legal), Private Secretary (Projects), Chief Technical Officer.		878.60	(invoice not received)	(invoice not received)	

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1140 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1140

The Finance Centre attended the following conferences in the months of February to 23rd October 2006:

6th – 8th February 2006 – The Finance Centre held 3 half-day seminars for Private Clients, Funds and Insurance at the London Underwriting Centre.

Attended by: Mr James Tipping – Finance Centre Director
Mr Joseph Macano – Director Licensing Unit
Mrs Sabrina Ramagge – Executive Officer
Miss Mireille Alsina – Administrative Officer

There was no cost to the Government with attendees from Gibraltar paying £200 per seminar. Their contribution allowed them to invite as many guests as they wished at no extra cost. The total amount collected covered expenses incurred to hold these seminars in London.

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
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Total:	£155.60

All other costs including flights and accommodation were paid by the International Monetary Fund.

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1140 OF 2006

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
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Total:	£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
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Total:	£8,251.94

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1140 OF 2006

13th – 15th June 2006 – The Finance Centre held a total of 5 seminars for Private Clients, Funds and Insurance in Zurich and Geneva, Switzerland.

Attended by: Mr James Tipping – Finance Centre Director
Mrs Sabrina Ramagge – Executive Officer
Ms Mireille Alsina – Administration Officer

Flights	£ 1,257.00
Hotel Accommodation	£ 3,220.00
Subsistence	£ 446.51
Expenses	£ 557.78
Courier	£ 313.02
Conference Facilities	£23,813.48
Total:	£29,607.79

However, the private sector from Gibraltar contributed towards the costs of these seminars in Switzerland with a total payment of £19,800; being a contribution of £200 per attendee from Gibraltar. Their guests attended free of charge. The actual cost to the Government, therefore, for holding these seminars was £9,807.79.

13th – 14th June 2006 – Association of Insurance Risk Managers (AIRMIC)

Attended by: Mr Joseph Macano - Director Licensing Unit
Mr Francis Sanchez – Executive Officer

Flights	£ 309.00
Hotel Accommodation	£1,130.00
Subsistence	£ 362.60
Expenses	£ 164.80
Courier	£ 262.03
Conference Facilities	£ 327.52
Exhibition Fees	£6,110.00
Total:	£8,665.95

ORAL

NO. 1141 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

COMPANIES ORDINANCE

Have Government now decided a date for the implementation of the “white wash” provisions into the Companies Ordinance?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The issue is not deciding a date for implementation. Government have not yet made a policy decision to introduce such a measure, nor have they approved any draft legislation.

ORAL

NO. 1142 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of 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 since the end of February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1143 to 1147 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1143 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of 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 since the end of February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1142 and 1144 to 1147 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1144 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of 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 since the end of February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1142, 1143 and 1145 to 1147 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1145 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

CATEGORY 2 STATUS

How many individuals have surrendered Category 2 status since January 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1142 to 1144, 1146 and 1147 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1146 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

CATEGORY 3 STATUS

How many individuals have surrendered Category 3 status since January 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1142 to 1145 and 1147 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1147 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

CATEGORY 4 STATUS

How many individuals have surrendered Category 4 status since January 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information that the hon Member has requested is on the attached schedules that are now being handed to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1147 of 2006

Answer to Question 1142

In the months of February 2006 to 23rd October 2006 the following numbers of individuals joined the register of people with Category 2 status:

February 06	6
March 06	13
April 06	4
May 06	0
June 06	2
July 06	3
August 06	4
September 06	3

The reason for the high March figure is due to applications by UK Residents wishing to leave the UK prior to the 5th April Tax year-end.

Answer to Question 1143

In the months of February 2006 to 23rd October 2006 the following numbers of individuals joined the register of people with Category 3 status:

February 06	2
March 06	8
April 06	7
May 06	6
June 06	6
July 06	5
August 06	6
September 06	9
23 rd October 06	2

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1147/2006

Answer to Question 1144

In the months of February 2006 to 23rd October 2006 the following numbers of individuals joined the register of people with Category 4 status:

February 06	0
March 06	2
April 06	1
May 06	1
June 06	1
July 06	0
August 06	1
September 06	1
23 rd October 06	0

Answer to Question 1445

A total of 16 individuals have surrendered their Category 2 status since January 2006.

Answer to Question 1146

A total of 10 individuals have surrendered their Category 3 status since January 2006.

Answer to Question 1147

A total of 3 individuals have surrendered their Category 4 status since January 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1142 TO 1147 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Which were the categories that the Chief Minister said in the last meeting of the House were now being discontinued and might be substituted by something else? Was it Category 3 and 4, 2 and 3 or what?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I did not say that they were being discontinued, I said that in the context of the Government's proposed tax reform, they may be discontinued but yes, 3 and 4. Category 2 is High Net Worth Individuals.

HON J J BOSSANO:

As I recall the answer I think he said the last time that there would be no new ones being issued but that the Government were looking at an alternative. I think that is what he said in the last meeting of the House.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I do not think I said that but, certainly, I could have said that the Government in connection with this split tax system that I alluded to in the Budget, that that arrangement might subsume the Categories 3 and 4 product, but not that no more would be issued. What I might also have said at a different time because it is the case that the Government do not expand the sectors of the economy in which Categories 3 and 4 Individuals operate, so it is a bit of a closed shop in that respect. I do not think I could have said what he said about no more being issued. He may be thinking of tax exempt certificates for companies.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, it was definitely the individuals but I will check. In this dual system that the Chief Minister is talking about that he mentioned in the Budget and I think he mentioned recently in the UK, is that something that would then be primarily intended for this category of people or would it be something that would be universally available to whoever wants to take it up?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it is universally available and this is just one of the category of people but it is not addressed at this category of people, it is addressed at anybody who suffers the headline rate of tax because they happen not to benefit from having a mortgage, or having life insurance and things of that sort. It is for everybody, him and I included.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I return to the Supplementary that I put to the Chief Minister about the answer I gave the last time in relation to the Category 3? In fact, he was asked by my colleague, 'is the grant of Categories 3 and 4 status going to now be restricted after June in a manner which is not presently restricted?'. The answer was, 'equivalent provisions are being made'. Now, given the fact that in May there were six Category 3, in June six, in July five, in August six and in September nine, if this is what it is like after the restriction comes in it is a strange restriction. Has the restriction happened or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think the hon Member has misunderstood both his colleague's Supplementary and indeed my reply. I think his Supplementary was, given that these Category 3's were only available for exempt companies and that exempt companies were ending in June, would that mean that the Government would stop issuing certificates and I said that equivalent provisions would be made, so that the sort of people that used to receive it could continue to receive it notwithstanding the fact that there were no exempt companies any more and that that was one of the conditions for issuing before. So the problem was the termination of exempt companies and not anything that related to the certificates.

ORAL

NO. 1148 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

PROTECTED CELL COMPANIES

Have any applications to form a Protected Cell Company been submitted in the months from the end of February 2006 which remain pending consideration or which have been rejected?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1149 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1149 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of 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 since the end of February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There are two Protected Cell Company applications currently being considered for Insurance. No applications have been rejected during the period in question.

Consent has been given for the establishment of four Protected Cell Companies that will be registered as Experienced Investor Funds. Of these, one has already been registered during the period in question.

ORAL

NO. 1150 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES

Can Government state how many companies have in each month from the end of February 2006 applied to the office of the Finance Centre Director for the grant of exempt status?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1151 and 1152 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1151 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES

Can Government state how many tax exempt company certificates have been issued in each month from the end of February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1150 and 1152 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1152 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES

How many tax exempt companies have terminated their tax exemption certificates in each month from the end of February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached sheet which I now hand to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1152 of 2006

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1150

In the months of February 2006 to 23 October 2006 the number of tax exempt applications received by the Finance Centre Licensing Unit was as follows:

February	14
March	23
April	12
May	30
June	79
July	0
August	0
September	0
23 rd October	0
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<u>Total:</u>	158

Due to the EU agreement on appropriate measures regarding the phasing out of the tax exempt companies, the Finance Centre Licensing Unit have not accepted any applications post the 30 June 2006.

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1152 of 2006

Answer to Question 1151

The number of tax exempt certificates issued in each month from February 2006 to 23 October 2006 are as follows:

February	17
March	20
April	14
May	21
June	102
July	0
August	0
September	0
23 rd October	0
<u>Total:</u>	<u>174</u>

Due to the EU agreement on appropriate measures regarding the phasing out of the tax exempt companies the Finance Centre has not accepted any tax-exempt applications after the 30 June 2006.

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1152 of 2006

Answer to Question 1152

The number of tax exempt companies which terminated their tax exempt certificates in each of the months of February 2006 to 23rd October 2006 is as follows:

February	84
March	236
April	117
May	53
June	97
July	45
August	24
September	49
23 rd October	15
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Total:	720

"Terminated" their tax exempt certificates is interpreted by the Finance Centre as companies which have returned their certificates and no longer require exempt status.

ORAL

NO. 1153 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

COMPANIES REGISTER

Can Government list the companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months since February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1154 and 1155 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1154 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

COMPANIES REGISTER

How many companies have been removed from the companies register in each of the months since February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1153 and 1155 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1155 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of 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 since February 2006 and how many of these asked for their registrations to be cancelled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached sheet which I now hand to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1155 of 2006

Answer to Question 1153

The list of companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months since February 2006 are as follows:

Feb	159
March	166
April	135
May	208
June	201
July	134
August	148
September	131

Answer to Question 1154

The following companies were removed from the companies Register in the months of February 2006 – September 2006:

Feb	138
March	223
April	169
May	116
June	6283
July	103
August	103
September	134

In June 2006 – 6027 companies out of a total of 6283 were struck off by the Registrar for failing to file annual returns.

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1155 of 2006

Answer to Question 1155

The following companies have lodged applications for consent to re-domicile out of Gibraltar in the months of February 2006 to September 2006:

The registrar gives consent 30 days after the notice is issued and consent is given almost without exception.

February	17
March	19
April	16
May	18
June	17
July	6
August	8
September	17

It is impossible within the time frame given to give an accurate figure on how many companies have asked for their registration to be cancelled within the months of February 2006 to September 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1156 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of 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 since the end of February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1157 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1157 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of 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 since the end of February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached sheet which I now hand to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1157 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1156

Banking

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
February-06	15	717	490	127	34	2	59	5
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
June-06	15	745	502	140	36	1	61	5
July-06	15	757	507	144	38	1	62	5
August-06	15	758	502	149	39	1	62	5
September-06	15	764	504	149	41	1	63	6

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 1157 OF 2006

Answer to Question 1157

Insurance

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
February-06	31	220	134	76	2	0	4	4
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
June-06	29	209	128	70	3	0	5	3
July-06	29	210	128	71	3	0	5	3
August-06	29	210	128	71	2	0	6	3
September-06	29	210	131	68	2	0	6	3

***FOOTNOTE:**

These figures have been provided by the ETB and might be slightly inflated as some employers do not always deregister employees once they leave the company. However, we have been informed by the ETB that the insurance industry and banking sector are generally compliant.

ORAL

NO. 1158 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

BANKING LICENCES

Can Government state whether any new banking licenses have been issued in the months since the end of February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

One banking licence has been issued since the end of February 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1159 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of 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 now hand to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1159 OF 2006

Name of Firm	Legal Assistance		Legal Aid	
	Disbursements	Fees	Disbursements	Fees
A MacDonald	£ 9.00	£ 91.20		
Attias & Levy	£ 1,037.30	£ 7,067.36		£ 4,097.00
C A Gomez & Co		£ 1,031.04		
College Clinic	£ 586.00			
Dr R Benians	£ 7,941.64			
Gold Law	£ 72.00	£ 604.72		£ 1,115.00
Hassans	£ 10,176.00	£ 69,176.40		£ 4,435.00
Isola & Isola	£ 923.00	£ 14,889.20	£ 15.00	£ 3,183.00
J D Rosado		£ 6,400.00		
J A Evans	£ 6,320.97	£ 52,559.14		
Marrache & Co	£ 386.50	£ 811.20		£ 3,242.00
MM Consultancy	£ 700.00			
OAC Plc	£ 15,358.00			
Phillips & Co	£ 13,715.00	£ 59,367.25		£ 791.20
R Pilley	£ 127.50	£ 720.00		
S Bossino	£ 1,096.60	£ 1,856.56	£ 1,145.00	£ 10,830.40
S J Bullock	£ 1,658.50	£ 11,182.40	£ 18.20	£ 3,229.00
Terence Jenks & Assoc	£ 1,493.00			
Triay & Triay	£ 43,117.60	£ 80,593.60		£ 580.00
Triay Stagnetto Neish	£ 1,200.00			
N Vaughan				£ 630.00
Verralls Solicitors				£ 3,227.00
I Watts			£ 29.20	£ 8,693.80
	£ 105,918.61	£ 306,350.07	£ 1,207.40	£ 44,053.40
	Sub Total Paid 1st April 2006 to 20th October 2006 =			£ 457,529.48
		Less Legal Assistance recovered =		£ 16,487.55
				£ 441,041.93

ORAL

NO. 1160 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

(On behalf of the Hon F R Picardo)

PACE 1984

Have the Government now made any decision about the implementation of parts of PACE 1984?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Draft legislation implementing parts of PACE 1984, PACE as the hon Member may know is the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, have been drafted, they have been submitted to the Government and the Government are currently considering the legislation. So there have been policy decisions made already and we are now at an advanced drafting stage.

NO. 1161 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 by nationality, showing how many are Gibraltarian and the date when the figures apply?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

A total of 1,783 persons were employed by 15 companies as at mid-September 2006. This compares to 1,634 employed by the 15 companies on 31st May 2006 (Question No. 780 of 2006). The breakdown requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule that I now hand to him.

OFFSHORE GAMING COMPANIES - EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AS AT 15 SEPTEMBER 2006

Answer to Question 1161

	Gibraltarian	Other British	Spanish	Other	Total
Ladbrokes (Gibraltar) Limited	24	59	6	6	95
Victor Chandler (International) Limited	68	165	15	56	304
Stan James (Gibraltar) Limited	7	125	8	39	179
bwin.com	17	33	14	78	142
Eurobet (Gibraltar) Limited	7	0	0	3	10
Carmen Media Group Limited	18	11	3	27	59
32 Red Plc	16	21	0	1	38
St Minver Limited	24	20	8	27	79
Digibet Limited	0	1	0	5	6
888 Holdings Plc	75	164	15	104	358
Globet.com Group Limited	0	5	0	7	12
International Betting Association Limited	0	0	0	5	5
PartyGaming Plc	40	147	13	98	298
Mansion (Gibraltar) Limited	15	127	1	41	184
Futuresbetting.com Limited	2	12	0	0	14
Overall Total	313	890	83	497	1763

Source : Office of the Financial & Development Secretary

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1161 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I just ask? We know that there is one company that has given notice to the Government Employment Service of a collective redundancy, is there more than one or is that the only one the Government have knowledge of?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Government have only heard formally from one of them but the Government fully expect, as I said on the day of the US announcement when I was interviewed, it is inevitable that any company that does a substantial amount of US business will suffer redundancies. Companies cannot lose up to 50 per cent of their turnover without this being reflected in their operating costs. How much of that will bite in Gibraltar will vary from company to company, depending upon what percentage of their workforce they have in Gibraltar. So take for example, Party Gaming they have many hundreds of employees, many more than in Gibraltar in Indian call centres, so it depends which activities are in Gibraltar, which activities are elsewhere and which activities are going to take the brunt of this, and the companies are working this out as they speak. We are confident that Gibraltar that will not escape unscathed, will nevertheless not suffer the brunt of these cuts. I have seen the public statement made by the hon Member, with which I obviously agree, and which reflects the same line as I have been taking privately with these companies since the announcement by the US Senate was made. That is, that it would not be acceptable. Obviously there are issues of function mixes and what the different people do, but all else being equal, permanent resident labour has got to be preferred for retention over and above short term ex-patriate labour. I think that all the companies, at least all the companies that I have spoken to as the ones the Government know have a heavy US activity, there are only four or five of them really with a significant US business, I think are determined to do that as a reflection of their commitment to Gibraltar.

ORAL

NO. 1162 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON

Can Government give the total cost, with a breakdown of the Gibraltar Day events in London this year, showing which costs related to which event?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1163 to 1166 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1163 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON

Can Government say how many persons from Gibraltar attended each of the Gibraltar Day events in London this year, and what was the total attendance for each event?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1162 and 1164 to 1166 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1164 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON

Can Government say how many persons attended the Gibraltar Day events in London as part of the Government delegation, what their offices were, and what were the relevant travel and accommodation expenses?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1162, 1163, 1165 and 1166 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1165 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON

Can Government list the invited guests from Gibraltar whose travel and accommodation costs in relation to the Gibraltar Day events in London were paid for by the Government, showing the costs involved?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1162 to 1164 and 1166 of 2006.

NO. 1166 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON

Can Government list the members of the British Government and the Members of Parliament who were invited to and attended the Gibraltar Day events in London?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1162 of 2006

The total cost to date of the Gibraltar Day Event is £91,135 (subject to final invoices being received in respect of some minor incidental expenses).

This figure is broken down as follows:-

Evening Event	£77,568
Finance Centre Lunch	£10,781
Tourism Lunch	<u>£ 2,786</u>
	£91,135
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Answer to Question No. 1163 of 2006

The number of persons who attended from Gibraltar to each of the Gibraltar Day Events in London and the total number of attendees for each event were as follows:-

	<u>Number of Persons from Gibraltar</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>
Evening Reception	113*	1200
Finance Centre Lunch	52	140
Tourism Lunch	21	75

In addition to these figures there were 12 Gibraltar-based journalists at each event.

*This figure does not include the Gibraltar Regiment Band and the Guard of Honour by the Gibraltar Regiment.

Answer to Question No. 1164 of 2006

The Gibraltar delegation consisted of:-

The Hon P Caruana Chief Minister

The Hon J Holliday	Deputy Chief Minister
The Hon E Britto	Minister for Health
Dr D McCutcheon	Chief Executive – GHA
Mr E Lima	Director of Finance – GHA
Mr J Tipping	Finance Centre Director
Mr J Macano	Director Licensing Unit
Mr F Cantos	Media Director
Mr J Reyes	Private Secretary (Legal) to CM
Mr P Canessa	Principal Private Secretary
Mr N Guerrero	Chief Executive – Gib Tourist Board
Ms S Ramagge	Executive Officer – Finance Centre Division
Ms M Mir-Parody	PA to Finance Centre Director

The travel and accommodation costs were £7,211 and £6,073 respectively.

Note

These figures do not include subsistence or incidental expenses and the accommodation expenses of the Chief Minister and Media Director have been apportioned.

Answer to Question No. 1165 of 2006

The invited guests from Gibraltar whose travel and accommodation costs in relation to the Gibraltar Day Events in London were paid by the Government are as follows:-

Mr P Mifsud
Ms A Mascarenhas
Mr P Schirmer
Mr J Bugeja
Mr P Cosquiere
Mr G Gonzalez
Mr G Sanguinetti
Mr A Guerrero
Mr C Bossano
Mr S Ignacio
Ms S Perez Custodio
Ms C Podesta
Mr M Tampin
Mr C Sisarello
Mr J Cabezutto

In short, the journalists and the Trade Union representatives. The cost was £10,115.

Answer to Question No. 1166 of 2006

I now hand the hon Member a schedule showing the members of the British Government and Members of Parliament who were invited to the Gibraltar Day Event in London and who did not indicate before the event that they would be unable to attend. It is not possible to identify all those who actually attended since no register was taken.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1166

The following is a list of the members of the British Government and the Members of Parliament who were invited and attended.

TITLE	SURNAME	FIRST NAME
Mr and Mrs	Alexander	Danny
The Rt Hon Proff The Lord	Alton of Liverpool	
The Rt Hon	Ancram	Michael
The Rt Hon the Lord and Lady	Anderson of Swansea	
Miss	Archer	Marie-Louise
The Lord	Astor of Hever	
Mr	Austin	John
The Lord	Bilston	
Mr	Brady	Graham
Mr	Brazier	Julian
Mr	Breed	Colin
The Lord	Brett	
The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Alderman	Brewer	David
The Lord	Brookman	
Mr	Cavagan	John
The Lord	Chidgey	
Ms	Clarke	Laura
Mr and Mrs	Clelland	David
Ms	Clifford - Jones	Ingrid
Sir	Cornack	Patrick
Mr	Crausby	David
Mr and Mrs	Cullens	Niall
Ms	Curtis-Thomas	Claire
Mr	Davidson	Ian
The Lord	Davies of Coity	
The Lady	Davis	Mary
Mr and Mrs	Dobbin	Jim
Mr	Donohoe	Brian
Mr	Duddridge	James
The Lord and Lady	Dundonald	
Mrs	Ellman	Louise
Mr	Ellwood	Tobias
Mr	Evans	Nigel
The Lord	Evans of Parkside	
Mr	Field	Mark
Mr	Francois	Mark
Mr	Gapes	Mike
Mr	Garnier	Edward
Mr	George	Bruce
The Lord	Greenway	
Mr	Hamilton	Fabian
Mr	Hamilton	David
Mr	Hennessy	Tony
Mr	Hood	Jimmy
The Rt Hon	Hoon	Geoff
Mr	Howarth	Gerald
The Hon	Hoyle	Lindsay
The Lord	Hoyle of Warrington	

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Mr	Hughes	Simon
Mr	Illsley	Eric
Mr	Ingram	Adam
Mr	Jenkins	Brian
Mr	Jones	Kevan
The Lord	Jones of Cheltenham	
Mr	Kawczynski	Daniel
Mr	Keetch	Paul
Mr	Key	Robert
The Rt Hon the Lord	Kilclooney	
Ms	Kirkbride	Julie
Dr	Kumar	Ashok
Mrs	Laing	Eleanor
Mr	Lakin	Paul
Mr	Laxton	Bob
Mr	Loughton	Tim
Mr	Lupson	Frederick
The Rt Hon	MacKay	Andrew
Mr	Mackinley	Andrew
The Lord	Mereworth	
Miss	Moffatt	Anne
The Lord and Lady	Monson	
Miss	Moon	Madeleine
Mr	Neill	Robert
Mr	O'Hara	Eddie
The Lord and Lady	Oxburgh	
The Rt Hon the Lord	Pendry	
Mr	Penning	Mike
Mr	Pickles	Eric
Mr	Purchase	Ken
Mr	Rosindell	Andrew
Mr	Sharp	James
Mr	Sheridan	Jim
Mr	Simmonds	Mark
Mr	Smith	Anthony
Miss	Smith	Geraldine
Dr	Spink	Bob
Mr	Spring	Richard
The Rt Hon Sir	Stanley	John
Mr	Strain	Scott
The Lady	Thorpe	Lynden
The Lord	Triesman	
Mrs	Watkinson	Angela
Mr	Wiggin	Bill
Mr	Williams	Steve
The Lady	Winterton	Ann
Sir	Winterton	Nicholas

ORAL

NO. 1167 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE – SPANISH PENSIONS

Can Government confirm whether there are currently any Spanish nationals who receive a social security pension based on contributions paid both up to 1969 and post 1969 and if so how many?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1168 and 1169 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1168 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE – SPANISH PENSIONERS

Can Government state whether there are any “affected Spanish pensioners” residing outside Spain and if so how many and where?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1167 and 1169 of 2006.

NO. 1169 OF 2006**THE HON J J BOSSANO****SOCIAL INSURANCE – SPANISH PENSIONERS**

Can Government say how many affected Spanish pensioners there are currently, who are being written to by the Government explaining the terms of the offer that is to be made to them by the UK?

ANSWER**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER****Answer to Question No. 1167 of 2006**

I can confirm that there are currently 134 Spanish nationals who receive a social security pension based on contributions paid both up to 1969 and after 1969.

Answer to Question No. 1168 of 2006

The list of affected Spanish Pensioners residing outside Spain is as follows:-

COUNTRY	TOTAL
Belgium	14
France	107
Germany	12
Gibraltar	4
Netherlands	4
Italy	1
Luxembourg	1
Portugal	4
Switzerland	2
United Kingdom	65
GRAND TOTAL	214

Answer to Question No. 1169 of 2006

There are currently 5,635 affected Spanish pensioners who have already been written to, the letters have all gone out. That is not to suggest that there are more still to be written to, they have all been written to, that the Government have written to explaining in general terms the offer that is to be made to them by the UK.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1167 TO 1169 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

The 134 would not belong to this group that the Chief Minister said had paid before and after, as I understand the text of what I have read. Am I interpreting it correctly or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, there are 134 pensioners who are still alive and still receiving their pensions who contributed both before and after 1969, which I think is what he asks. In other words, their contribution records straggles the key date.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Am I right in saying that the affected group that has been written to would not include those?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

They are not beneficiaries of the arrangement, only residents of the European Union and for that matter residents in another Member State of the European Union. Yes, they are not written to, no.

ORAL

NO. 1170 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE FUND – ACTUARIAL REVIEW

Can Government confirm whether the current actuarial review of the Social Security Fund will include the effect on the fund of the revalorisation of pensions in 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1171 of 2006.

NO. 1171 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE – REVALUATION OF PENSIONS

Can Government state whether it is proposed to revalue social insurance pensions payable on 31 March 2007 and, therefore, in the current financial year, or those payable on 30 April 2007 and, therefore in the 2007/08 financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1170 of 2006

The current actuarial review of the Social Security Funds does not include the effect of the revalorisation of pensions in 2007.

Answer to Question No. 1171 of 2006

Government are committed to revaluing social insurance old age pensions as from April 2007 and therefore, the additional costs will take effect in the 2007/2008 financial year.

ORAL

NO. 1172 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HOUSING – PRE-WAR SALES ‘TEST CASES’

Can Government say how long the test is expected to last for the sale of pre-war Government housing before Government decide whether to extend the scheme?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1173 to 1175 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1173 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HOUSING – PRE-WAR ‘TEST CASES’

Can Government identify the three “test cases” selected in May for the sale of pre-war Government housing?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1172, 1174 and 1175 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1174 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HOUSING – PRE-WAR SALES ‘TEST CASES’

Can Government state what is the floor area and what was the rent of each of the three “test cases” of pre-war Government housing sold in May?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1172, 1173 and 1175 of 2006.

NO. 1175 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HOUSING – PRE-WAR SALES ‘TEST CASES’

Can Government state at what price the three “test cases” of pre-war Government housing have been sold and how was the price arrived at?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1172 of 2006

The test cases are presently being processed. Upon satisfactory completion of these sales, the Government policy is to extend the scheme to any other interested tenants. It is expected that the time scale for this would be a further two or three months, depending on issues that might arise. I should clarify that the test is not about whether the Government do or do not extend them, the test is really just to make sure at the legal side they are able to be handled and practical issues that arise, so that they can be smoothed out for future transactions. But the test is not as to whether the Government want the policy to be extended, we do want the policy to be extended, and really what is being rehearsed is the legal implementation of it, the documentation, the issues that arise, the issues that tenants are concerned by, how they can be accommodated and things of that sort.

Answer to Question No. 1173 of 2006

The three test cases selected are as follows:

1/3 & 4 Danino’s Ramp
3/1 Centre Pavilion Road
26 Scud Hill, Electra Flats (7 Flats)

Answer to Question Nos. 1174 and 1175 of 2006

I now hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the breakdown of the information that he has asked. Basically, it is the same formula for sales to sitting tenants. There is not a particular formula for this policy it is just another example of sale to sitting tenants with which the hon Member is familiar.

Answer to Question 1175 of 2006

Answer to Questions 1174 and 1175

Address	Floor Area (FT²)		Current Housing Rent Per Week	Premium assessed at 40% of open market value
	Built Up	Open		
1/3 & 4 Danino's Ramp	979	385	Flat 3 - £14.85 Flat 4 - £12.70	£59,400.00
3/1 Centre Pavilion Road	1117	2177	£23.80	£101,300.00
Flat 1, 26 Scud Hill	1517	450	£35.85	£137,800.00
Flat 2, 26 Scud Hill	1168	110	£31.75	£100,400.00
Flat 4, 26 Scud Hill	1168	110	£40.80	£100,400.00
Flat 5, 26 Scud Hill	1517	98	£37.80	£129,500.00
Flat 7, 26 Scud Hill	1517	98	£37.80	£129,500.00

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1172 TO 1175 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

In the case of the first one on the list that the Chief Minister has provided, is the £59,400 for the two flats I take it? It is one price and it says Flats 3 and 4.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, but I think it is one dwelling.

ORAL

NO. 1176 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT CO-OWNERSHIP PROPERTIES

Can Government say of the properties that have been approved for resale by existing owners in the last financial year in co-ownership estates, how many were partly owned by the relevant Government property company and give a breakdown by estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1177 and 1178 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1177 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT CO-OWNERSHIP PROPERTIES

Can Government state of the properties that were sold by the existing property owners in the last financial year, and were partly owned by the relevant Government property company, how many resulted in the sale of the balance of the Government share and how many resulted in the Government property company still retaining a share and give a breakdown by estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1176 and 1178 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1178 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT CO-OWNERSHIP PROPERTIES – 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 June, July, August and September 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

Of the 87 properties that have been approved for resale by existing owners in the last financial year, only one flat at Harbour Views was partly owned by a Government-owned company.

In answer to Question No. 1177 and the information requested in Question No. 1178 is set out in the schedule which I now hand the hon Member.

Answer to Question 1178 of 2006

Answer to Question 1177

Estate	Address	% Held by Company	% Sold	% Balance still held by Company
Sir William Jackson Grove	4:04:01 Rose Court	50%	50%	0%
	4:06:02 Rose Court	50%	50%	0%
	1:03:14 Oleander Court	50%	50%	0%
	1:05:13 Oleander Court	40%	40%	0%
	6:00:06 Almond Court	50%	50%	0%
Harbour Views	31 Melbourne Court	30%	30%	0%
	22 Montreal Court	50%	50%	0%
	30 Vancouver Court	50%	50%	0%
	33 Kingston Court	30%	30%	0%
	19 Halifax Court	50%	50%	0%
	36 Durban Court	40%	40%	0%
	5 Antwerp Court	50%	50%	0%
	30 Halifax Court	50%	50%	0%
	37 Bergen Court	30%	30%	0%
	6 Southampton Court	50%	10%	40%
	34 Miami Court	50%	50%	0%
9 Nassau Court	30%	30%	0%	
Montagu Crescent	11 Belgravia Close	35%	35%	0%
	15 Victoria Close	20%	20%	0%
	17 Richmond Close	20%	20%	0%
	3 Mayfair Close	35%	35%	0%
	25 Knightsbridge Close	35%	35%	0%
	26 Knightsbridge Close	35%	35%	0%
Montagu Gardens	14 Laburnum Lodge	50%	50%	0%
	21 Rose Tree Lodge	40%	40%	0%
	24 Redwood Lodge	33%	33%	0%
	13 Laburnum Lodge	50%	50%	0%
	21 Sycamore Lodge	50%	50%	0%
	22 Willow Lodge	50%	50%	0%
	7 Pine Tree Lodge	50%	50%	0%
	19 Aspen Lodge	30%	30%	0%
30 Willow Lodge	50%	50%	0%	
Westview Park	28 Silene House	34%	34%	0%
	9 Silene House	34%	34%	0%

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Contd Answer to Question 1178 of 2006

Answer to Question 1178

	SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Brympton	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
Jun 06	Monies Received				£36,197.46	£30,052.25	£66,249.71
	5% charge paid					£1,502.61	£3,312.48
Jul 06	Monies Received	£74,111.84			£1,809.87	£7,450.00	£81,561.84
	5% charge paid	£3,705.59				£372.50	£4,078.09
Aug 06	Monies Received	£98,418.54			£26,665.18		£125,083.72
	5% charge paid	£4,920.93			£1,333.26		£6,254.19
Sept 06	Monies Received				£30,542.15		£30,542.15
	5% charge paid				£1,527.11		£1,527.11

	SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Brympton	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
Total Monies Received	£172,530.38				£93,404.79	£37,502.25	£303,437.42
Total 5% charges paid	£8,626.52				£4,670.24	£1,875.11	£15,171.87

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1176 TO 1178 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think the answer I got to Question No. 1176 cannot be right.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, that is why I paused for such a long time, because I was trying to make head and tail of the last column.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So in fact, the last column suggests that there was only one property where a share was retained as opposed to being told that there was only one property in which there was a share before it was sold. That seems to have been the mistake that had been made in the answer. So, of the 87 that were sold last year the number on this list is the numbers and not one as the Chief Minister said when he gave the answer.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think the hon Member is right because the schedule in Question No. 1171 sets out the percentage that was held by the company, the next column says the percentage sold and the further column says the percentage balance still held by the company. It shows one in respect of which the Government's share was not sold and all the others the Government's share was sold out in full. That is not consistent with the answer to Question No. 1176. So if the hon Member will bear with me I will have that clarified for him for Monday and bring the information back to him in the House. I need to clarify which is the accurate one.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It would appear that the one is the 40 per cent that the share was held, they just gave the one in answer to the wrong question.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. There is one left, all the others the Government got out of.

ORAL

NO. 1179 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT CO-OWNERSHIP PROPERTIES

Can Government state whether persons who are in Gibraltar on 3-year contracts of employment and are British Citizens, are considered to have been residing here permanently and, therefore, eligible to purchase in co-ownership estates from 100 per cent owners?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1180 and 1181 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1180 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT CO-OWNERSHIP PROPERTIES

Can Government confirm that persons who are permanently and continuously residing in Gibraltar for 3 or more years, but are of a nationality other than British are not permitted to purchase properties from 100 per cent owners in co-ownership estates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1179 and 1181 of 2006.

NO. 1181 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT CO-OWNERSHIP PROPERTIES

Can Government confirm that the sale of the properties that are currently owned partly by a Government property company, can only be purchased by persons who are eligible to be on the Government waiting list for rented accommodation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Currently the policy is that persons who are in Gibraltar on a three year contract of employment and are British Citizens are considered eligible to purchase in co-ownership estates, irrespective of percentage ownership, when they have resided in Gibraltar for three years or more. So it is the length of period of residence in Gibraltar rather than the length of the contract that they have. They could have a three year contract and be at the beginning of it and not have been here for three years. So it is resident in Gibraltar for three years or more, rather than simply being in possession of a contract for three years but not have yet served three years, better put it that way.

Persons of British or EU nationality who have resided permanently and continuously in Gibraltar for three years or more are permitted to purchase properties irrespective of percentage ownership in co-ownership estates. Properties that are currently owned partly by a Government property company can only be purchased by persons who are eligible to be on the Government waiting list for rented accommodation, or are British or EU nationals who have resided in Gibraltar for three years or more.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1179 TO 1181 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am not sure those answers make sense. They are certainly not consistent with the ones that we got in the last House, so either the policy has changed....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I started by saying, 'currently the policy is'.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see, so the policy that there was in June was not this, can the Chief Minister confirm that? Or is it that the answer we got in June was a misinterpretation of the policy?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know what answer the hon Member is referring to.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The answer that the Chief Minister gave to questions which, of course, led to these questions being put in order to obtain further clarification was, previously in June, that the eligibility was to buy from 100 per cent owned properties and not from partly owned properties. Now the Chief Minister has told me today, first, in answer to Question No. 1179, that irrespective of the percentage three years' residence allows purchase. Irrespective of the percentage I take to mean irrespective of whether it is 50/50 or 100 per cent. That is the answer he has given me. Then he says in Question No. 1181, given that he had told me in the last House that the people who could buy properties where the Government had a share, were only people who were eligible to be on the waiting list, he has now told me that the people who are eligible to be on the waiting list are British and EU nationals with three years residence.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Not people who are on the waiting list. No, I said British or EU nationals who have resided permanently and continuously in Gibraltar for three years or more, are permitted to purchase property irrespective of ownership in a co-ownership estate. The eligibility to be on the Government waiting lists only applies, rather, properties that are currently owned partly by Government can only be purchased by persons who are eligible to be on the Government waiting list for rented accommodation, or are British or EU nationals who are resident. They are not entitled to be on the waiting list, it is a second qualification.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but the qualification in the meeting in June was that if the house was 100 per cent owned it could be sold to somebody who has lived here for three years and was British. Now that has been further expanded to British and other EU nationals, but the Chief Minister was quite specific in saying to me that there was still a limit to the sale of the house that was partly Government owned. Therefore, the Chief Minister will remember that he explained that they could buy 10 per cent and then the Government would own, say 40 per cent. That relationship with the Government owning 40 per cent and somebody else owning 60 per cent, was only open if the purchaser was eligible to join the waiting list. Well look, if now it is whether he is eligible to join the waiting list or he is British, and nobody can be on the waiting list unless they are British, the waiting list is now irrelevant.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the Government are always under pressure from requests from all and sundry for this and the perimeters of policy are constantly reviewed. The policy of the Government is that, to the extent that a house continues to enjoy from tax payers support, it should not be available to be purchased by somebody who has just arrived and just wants to buy a property in Gibraltar. That is the underlying policy philosophy. It is not always easy because there are different circumstances and different people, but there is one part of the answer to the question and therefore, it may well be that there has been a change since June and those that have sent me in with this answer obviously believe that there has. Nevertheless, there is one part of the answer that I would like him to give me the opportunity to partially withdraw and check. It is the bit about whether British and EU nationals, in other words, British Nationals who are not entitled to be on the Housing Waiting List and EU nationals who are not entitled to be on the Waiting List, can simply after three years' residence buy on co-ownership terms. In other words, without buying out 100 per cent. I do not think that is right. Let me say that it is pretty academic because what they do is that they can still buy the property but they buy 100 per cent because the owner buys up the Government's share to then sell 100 per cent to the buyer. That is how it turns out in practice, but I do not think that we are allowing the 50/50, 60/40, 70/30, 80/20 principle to apply to people who are not eligible to be on the Government Housing Waiting List. But I accept that in answer to Question No. 1181 I have indicated to him the opposite. I would like the opportunity to check that because I have not come across any such case where that has been allowed and I just want to check that it is or is not policy before I tell him that it is.

HON J J BOSSANO:

If there has not been a conscious policy change since June then I can tell him that that is what he told me in June, and I was just seeking confirmation that that was still the position.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It does not sound right to me but I will check it and confirm it to him on Monday.

ORAL

NO. 1182 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

What was the amount of Company Tax collected in each month since May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1183 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1183 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

As at the end of September 2006 how many companies, in each tax year 1995/1996 to 2004/2005 had been assessed for Company Tax and what were the amounts of tax payable and paid in respect of each tax year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

Answer to Question 1183 of 2006**Answer to Question 1182**

The Corporation Tax collected (net of refunds) in months of June 2006 to September 2006 is:

	£M
June 2006	0.94
July 2006	1.08
August 2006	0.25
September 2006	0.18

Answer to Question 1183

	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Assessed	15.8	15.6	19.8	25.9	90.2	28.7	31.0	36.2	37.6	32.3
Discharged	5.8	5.1	9.2	11.2	76.4	15.4	16.3	19.6	14.5	10.1
	10.0	10.5	10.6	14.7	13.8	13.3	14.7	16.6	23.1	22.2
Paid	9.5	10.3	10.4	14.4	13.6	13.2	14.1	15.5	21.7	19.5
Outstanding	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.6	1.1	1.4	2.7
No of Companies	1446	1419	1468	1460	1546	1585	1541	1527	1565	1471

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1181 AND 1183 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Would the Chief Minister be in a position to confirm whether the higher than anticipated amounts that came in, in the year before last, would by now have been reflected in the appropriate year in this return or not? Does he know whether it has happened?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I cannot without notice, but if he is particularly interested in that if he will write in I will pass the letter to the Commissioner of Income Tax and he can provide the information but I just do not know.

NO. 1184 OF 2006**THE HON J J BOSSANO****GOVERNMENT CO-OWNERSHIP PROPERTIES**

Can Government say of the properties that were sold by the existing property owners in the last financial year, and were 100 per cent owned, in co-ownership estates, how many were sold to British citizens residing in Gibraltar permanently and continuously for 3 years or more, and how many were sold to persons eligible to apply for Government rented accommodation giving a breakdown by estate?

ANSWER**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Estate	No. of flats sold to British Citizens	No. of flats sold to persons eligible for Government housing
Sir William Jackson Grove	4	16
Montagu Gardens	3	16
Montagu Crescent	2	5
Harbour Views	5	25
Westview Park	1	5
Brympton	1	4

ORAL

NO. 1185 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

As at the end of September 2006 how many companies had declared taxable profits:

- (a) above £35,000; and
- (b) below £35,000

for each of the tax years 1998/1999 to 2005/2006, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each category and year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1186 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1186 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

As at the end of September 2006 how many companies had been assessed by 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 2005/2006, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case for each category and each year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Member a schedule that provides, in part, the information that he seeks.

I am advised by the Commissioner of Income Tax that the statistical information required regarding Qualifying Companies is no longer held electronically and cannot be provided. Efforts made in attempting to extract the information manually, as per my answer to Question No. 807 of 2006, have proved unsuccessful on this occasion.

Answer to Question 1186 of 2006**Answer To Question 1185****COMPANIES ASSESSED HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS**

Year of Assessment	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Under £35,000								
No. of Companies assessed	221	305	367	417	410	400	338	311
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	0.5M	0.6M	0.8M	1.0M	1.0M	0.9M	0.8M	0.7M
Total Paid	0.5M	0.6M	0.8M	1.0M	0.9M	0.9M	0.7M	0.7M
Over £35,000								
No. of Companies assessed	77	100	133	147	149	152	140	108
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	6.3M	9.7M	12.0M	13.3M	15.0M	20.7M	19.7M	19.0M
Total Paid	6.2M	9.7M	11.9M	13.0M	14.8M	20.6M	19.3M	18.8M

Answer to Question 1186**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	2004/05	2005/06
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Under £35,000								
No. of Companies assessed	750	564	280	305	349	437	499	509
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	1.5M	0.9M	0.5M	0.6M	0.8M	1.0M	1.4M	1.1M
Total Paid	1.3M	0.7M	0.2M	0.3M	0.2M	0.2M	0.3M	0.2M
Over £35,000								
No. of Companies assessed	42	34	11	13	30	33	45	69
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.2M	0.8M	1.2M	1.7M	1.9M
Total Paid	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.2M	0.4M	0.8M	0.9M	1.0M

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1185 AND 1186 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I just point out that having taken on board the argument in the last answers, I actually omitted to ask about the Qualifying Companies on this occasion.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The problem with the hon Members always asking the same questions is that the people who prepare the answers get into the same habit.

NO. 1187 OF 2006THE HON J J BOSSANO**INCOME TAX - PAYE**

Can Government provide the breakdown for the financial years 2001/2002, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 of the PAYE collected showing the amounts paid by employers and the amount paid on assessment?

ANSWERTHE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

	Financial Year 2001/2002 £m	Financial Year 2002/2003 £m	Financial Year 2003/2004 £m
PAYE Tax (Paid by Employers)	55.4	60.2	64.1
PAYE Assessments (including Section 88)	1.1	1.1	1.2
	<hr/> 56.5	<hr/> 61.3	<hr/> 65.3
Refunds	1.6	1.6	1.6
	<hr/> 54.9	<hr/> 59.7	<hr/> 63.7

ORAL

NO. 1188 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Can Government state what was the level of PAYE arrears in respect of self-employed at 31 March 2005 and 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1189 of 2006.

NO. 1189 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

How much was collected in PAYE each month since March 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1188 of 2006

The statistical information requested by the hon Member regarding the level of PAYE arrears in respect of self employed employers as at 31st March 2005 and 31st March 2006 is not available.

The Commissioner of Income Tax advises me that the system in place to extract such data does not classify employers by category. Furthermore, because the arrears figure is a continually changing figure, it is not possible from the PAYE arrears records held by the Tax Office to retrospectively extract the information in any form of category.

Answer to Question No. 1189 of 2006

	£M
April 2006	6.69
May 2006	6.63
June 2006	6.30
July 2006	8.08
August 2006	5.09
September 2006	5.98

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1188 AND 1189 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

The question is whether the Government can provide the level of arrears in respect of self-employed persons. I am not very sure why the answer talks about not classifying employers by category. What does that mean? I am not talking about employers at all. I am not sure what the term 'self-employed employers' means.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, nor am I, it is continuously perplexing because the answer to his question is provided to me by way of information for possible supplementary questions. Can he repeat the question?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Let the Chief Minister forget about the employer bit and give me the self-employed?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes indeed. I am told that if what the hon Member really seeks is the arrears figure for self-employed tax payers, that is all individuals assessed except all those under the PAYE regime, the answer would be (a) arrears of self-employed as at 31st March 2005 - £7.7 million; arrears of self-employed as at 31st March 2006 - £9.17 million. For some reason, which I cannot fathom, the Income Tax Office has interpreted the question as not being that and have provided me with the information on the basis that that might be what he was seeking, but it is perfectly clear that that was what the original question was seeking. I really do not understand why the tangent. I apologise.

ORAL

NO. 1190 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Can Government state, as at the 30th September 2006, how many employers had failed to submit an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the tax year 2004/2005?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1191 to 1195 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1191 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Can Government state, as at the 30th September 2006, how many employers had failed to submit an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees and the total amount of tax deducted for the tax year 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1190 and 1192 to 1195 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1192 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Can Government state, as at the 30th September 2006, how many of the employers who had submitted an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the tax year 2004/2005 had amounts outstanding and what was the total of such amounts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1190, 1191 and 1193 to 1195 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1193 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Can Government state, as at the 30th September 2006, how many of the employers who had submitted an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the tax year 2005/2006 had amounts outstanding and what was the total of such amounts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1190 to 1192, 1194 and 1195 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1194 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Can Government state, as at the 30th September 2006, how many employers had submitted an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the tax year 2004/2005?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1190 to 1193 and 1195 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1195 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Can Government state, as at the 30th September 2006, how many employers had submitted an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the tax year 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information sought by the hon Member in his questions is set out on the schedule now handed to him.

Answer to Question 1195 of 2006

Answer to Question 1190

As at 30 September 2006, 182 employers had not yet returned their 2004/05 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

Answer to Question 1191

As at 30 September 2006, 481 employers had not yet returned their 2005/06 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

I am advised by the Commissioner of Income Tax, that the total amount of PAYE tax deducted by employers can only be ascertained once the PAYE Returns have been made.

Answer to Question 1192

Based on the 2004/05 annual PAYE Employers' Return received at the Income Tax Office by 30 September 2006, 140 employers owed PAYE Tax totalling £0.95M.

Answer to Question 1193

Based on the 2005/06 annual PAYE Employers' Return received at the Income Tax Office by 30 September 2006, 265 employers owed £2.35M.

Answer to Question 1194

As at 30 September 2006, 1840 employers had submitted their 2004/05 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

Answer to Question 1195

As at 30 September 2006, 1584 employers had submitted their 2005/06 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

ORAL

NO. 1196 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX -PAYE

Can Government state of the PAYE deductions from Government employees for the tax year 2004/2005 how much was in respect of deductions from pensions attributable to the 1,826 Pensioners identified in answer to Question No. 438 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

For the tax year 2004/2005, a total of £1.2 million was collected by way of PAYE from tax from 1,826 Government Pensioners.

ORAL

NO. 1197 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Based on the 2004/2005 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

Answered together with Question No. 1198 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1198 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - PAYE

Based on the 2005/2006 employers annual statement, declaration and certificate submitted to date, what was the PAYE payable by area of employment as follows:

- (a) MOD;
- (b) Gibraltar Government;
- (c) Government owned/JV companies; and
- (d) Private sector employment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

Answer to Question 1198 of 2006

Answer to Question 1197

Based on the 2004/2005 Employers' Annual Statement, Declaration and Certificate submitted up to 20 October 2006 the information sought is as follows:

	£M	Approximate No of Employees/Deduction Cards
a) MOD	5.0	2650
b) Gibraltar Government	23.4	6500
c) Government owned & joint venture Companies	3.2	650
d) Private Sector Employment	<u>38.0</u>	<u>18,900</u>
	69.6	28,700
	====	=====

Answer to Question 1198

Based on the 2005/2006 Employers' Annual Statement, Declaration and Certificate submitted up to 20 October 2006 the information sought is as follows:

	£M
a) MOD	5.2
b) Gibraltar Government	20.9
c) Government owned & joint venture Companies	3.3
d) Private Sector Employment	<u>41.4</u>
	70.8
	====

The above does not include estimates of PAYE tax payable in respect of employers that have not returned the Employers' Annual Statement.

Also the PAYE Deduction Cards for the year 2005/2006 have not yet been processed and it is not possible at this time to provide details of the number of Deduction Cards returned.

NO. 1199 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX - RECEIPTS

Can Government explain what is the source of the difference in receipts from Income Tax for 2004/2005 of £844,211 between the answer given to Question No. 801 of 2006 and the figure shown on page 17 of the Approved Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure in the column showing the actual revenue for that year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Section 40 (Withholding tax on interest)	£600,000
Section 88 (PAYE assessments collected through employers)	£200,000
	£800,000

NO. 1200 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state what has been the amount collected in each month since 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:

June	£2,120.00
July	£1,445.00
August	£1,610.00
September	£1,440.00

The hon Member, I know, asks this sort of questions to reconstruct revenue and expenditure but can I remind him that the reason why this tax exists is not Government revenue at all. This would have been done away with but the industry needs there to be such a thing in order for certain structures to work in other countries.

ORAL

NO. 1201 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 May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1202 and 1203 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1202 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government now state how many properties have been approved as qualifying for Zero Stamp Duty on its sale in each month since June 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1201 and 1203 of 2006.

NO. 1203 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state how much has been collected as Stamp Duty in each month since May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1201 of 2006

The revenue yield in respect of the 1.6 per cent (not 1.65 per cent) duty that was paid is as follows:

June	£1,056.00
July	Nil
August	£4,160.00
September	£13,760.00

Answer to Question No. 1202 of 2006

The number of properties which have qualified for Zero Stamp Duty on their sale is as follows:

June	25
July	11
August	26
September	20

Answer to Question No. 1203 of 2006

Stamp Duty collected in June, July, August and September is as follows:

June	£ 84,214.85
July	£ 101,155.28
August	£ 189,902.22
September	£ 164,184.94

ORAL

NO. 1204 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 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1205 of 2006.

NO. 1205 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 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1204 of 2006

Tentative figures for Government deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of September 2006 amount to £73.6 million as follows:

	£m
Government Liquid Reserves	51.2
GDC – Insolvency Fund	2.2
Special Funds	20.2
	<u>73.6</u>

Answer to Question No. 1205 of 2006

Tentative figures for non-Government deposits held in the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of September 2006 amount to £144.5 million as follows:

	£m
On-Call Investment Accounts	23.2
Debentures	89.6
Bonds	7.7
Ordinary Accounts	24.0
	<u>144.5</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1204 AND 1205 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think I asked the Chief Minister on a previous occasion whether now that the Government have got their own monthly Debenture sales, they had discontinued the

Savings Bank and he was not able to give me an answer because he was not sure. Does he know whether these are still on sale or are they sort of running down as people redeem Debentures?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think they run down as people redeem them and they are not re-issued, they are re-issued through the Bank. It is a balancing act because, in effect, what is happening is that the £50 million Debenture that expired has in effect been re-financed through these sorts of Government Debentures. Of course, the Government have a capped borrowing limit of £100 million so we cannot carry on doing that and at some stage, if there is continuing demand for deposits, they will have to again start. I cannot tell him at this point in time where that equilibrium stands but it must be by now very close to the glass ceiling, if indeed not already.

ORAL

NO. 1206 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK

Can Government provide a breakdown of the sources of funds deposited with the Gibraltar Savings Bank amounting to £54 million and £89 million at the close of the financial years 2004/2005 and 2005/2006 respectively?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1207 and 1208 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1207 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK

Can Government explain what was the source of the £15.6 million increase in Gibraltar Savings Bank non-Government deposits in On-Call Investment Accounts in the financial year 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1206 and 1208 of 2006.

NO. 1208 OF 2006**THE HON J J BOSSANO****GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK**

Can Government explain why it expects that Government Deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank will decline by £35 million in the current financial year?

ANSWER**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER****Answer to Question No. 1206 of 2006**

The source of Government deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank at the end of March 2005 and March 2006 is as follows:

March 2005	Actual	
	£m	
Government Liquid Reserves	30.7	
GDC – Insolvency Fund	3.3	
Special Funds	19.8	
	<u>53.8</u>	
March 2006	Forecast	Actual
	Outturn	£m
	£m	
Government Liquid Reserves	65.0	71.1
GDC – Insolvency Fund	3.5	2.4
Special Funds	20.9	20.0
	<u>89.4</u>	<u>93.5</u>

Answer to Question No. 1207 of 2006

The source of the £15.6 million increase in Gibraltar Savings Bank non-Government deposits is attributable to a deposit by Gibraltar Community Care Trust.

Answer to Question No. 1208 of 2006

The Savings Bank estimated that Government deposits were likely to fall by around £35 million. This was mainly attributable to the following:-

- An estimated reduction in company balances held in Government Deposit Accounts of between £20 million and £25 million;
- An increase in liquid reserves held by other banks (Barclays and Natwest) of approximately £8 million to £10 million.

In other words, a projected reduction in balances due to capital projects and other expenditure.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1206 TO 1208 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

£20 million of which is from the companies and the balance of the £15 million is from the Government accounts? Have I understood the answer correctly?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It was an estimated reduction of £20 million to £25 million in company balances and this is the bit of the answer that I do not understand, an increase in liquid reserves held by other banks of approximately, yes I do understand it. In other words, £8 million to £10 million worth of Government liquid reserves which were held by the Gibraltar Savings Bank will be held by other banks.

HON J J BOSSANO:

They have been moved.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

They have been moved, exactly.

ORAL

NO. 1209 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 each month since May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

In each month it has been £5 million from each of Barclays and Natwest, totalling together £10 million.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1209 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

There has been no change?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No change.

ORAL

NO. 1210 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CURRENCY NOTES

Can Government explain why it expects to have to spend £350,000 on currency notes in the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The £350,000 refers to the cost of re-printing currency notes to replenish stocks held by the Treasury Department, as follows:

£10 x 500,000
£20 x 1,000,000
£50 x 100,000

NO. 1211 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT (DONATIONS)

Can Government explain why the donations of £820,000 received by the Gibraltar Health Authority in 2005/2006 were not reflected in the forecast outturn for 2005/2006 tabled in the House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Taking as already debated the exchange that he had this morning on a slightly different aspect of this matter, although donations received by the Gibraltar Health Authority in 2005/2006 are not reflected in the main body of the Estimates of the Authority, there is a footnote to the Estimates referring to such donations, including the amount received. However, donations are shown under a Capital Account in the Annual Accounts of the Government for the year 2005/2006. I suppose the answer might have been wholly different and a bit less helpfully, but of course the Appendix G which is what he is referring to, is actually not forecast outturns on the Budget but it is still a forecast outturn in terms of the appendix. He is referring to Appendix G of the Health Authority attached to the back of the Estimates Booklet, that is how the Treasury has chosen to deal for accounting purposes with donations, as capital receipts.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1211 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am aware that it is in the footnote, the question is why is it in the footnote? To tell me that it is not in the body of the accounts because it is in the footnote, when I am asking why it is not in the accounts, having already raised the question at the time and being told that it seemed sensible to expect it to be there. I have already acknowledged in an earlier part of these proceedings that I am well aware that the appendix is not part of the accounts but then I asked, having had the accounts for 2004 tabled today and being told that there was a sum of money of £73,000 brought forward from previous donations, we were not able to discover where they are and if what we are being told now is that eventually, when the 2005/2006 audited accounts of the Government appear in 2008, it will be in a capital account in the Government as opposed to being in the Health Authority, I am not sure that this is consistent with the Ordinance. If somebody gives money to the Health Authority does the Ordinance not require that to be shown in the Health Authority accounts as opposed to somewhere else?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, that is not the view to which the Accountant General and the Financial and Development Secretary have come up with. They have come to the precise opposite conclusion, that the requirements of the law are that donations should not be reflected as income for Consolidated Fund purposes and that they should be held in a capital account. Of course I did not mean by my answer to suggest that he was not aware that it was in the footnote, I know that he is aware it is in the footnote, it is reflected in the question. The purpose of my answer was to show, look, it actually does not have to be reflected here at all, yet in order to flag it up so that the hon Member precisely knows that it exists and does not have to wait to find out that it exists until the publication of the capital account, which would otherwise be the first time that he would know about it, it is flagged up in the footnote. I was not meaning to say, look it is in the footnote as if he did not know that it was, I was trying to say that because the Financial Secretary and the Accountant General had concluded that it has to be accounted for, the way it is accounted for, we nevertheless flag it up in the footnote so that at least they are aware of it, otherwise they would not even be aware of it. Now, I do not know what the legal stipulation is and I cannot debate with him the matter. These are not decisions taken by Ministers, if that is the way that the Treasury considers it has to be properly accounted for because it is a gift and it is not Government revenue and it is not a fee payable for the provision of a Government service, if they have come to the conclusion that this cannot be accounted for in the Consolidated Fund or in the Improvement and Development Fund even, it makes no difference to us how it is accounted for but we do make sure that at least it is pointed out to the House that the thing has been received so that they are aware of it. The hon Member, of course, is free to ask questions about how it has been spent, on what and all of that but the accounting treatment in terms of bookkeeping is not a matter for us.

HON J J BOSSANO:

We are, in fact, going over earlier ground. I do not know whether the Chief Minister was listening because it is not the accounting treatment, although it does raise an important point about the accounting treatment. The Chief Minister has said the Treasury has come to the conclusion it should not go into the Consolidated Fund. I am not suggesting it should go into the Consolidated Fund at all, as Government revenue. What I am saying precisely is the very opposite, that it is not Government revenue. In fact, the whole business of setting up Agencies and Authorities with statutory requirements on accounts, is that the money that belongs to them does not form part of the Consolidated Fund. So I would have thought that if I made a contribution to the Health Authority.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am sorry I may have misled the hon Member, when I say the annual accounts of the Government I assume it is in that part of the annual accounts of the Government that deals with the Gibraltar Heritage Trust and we are referring to the booklet rather than to a particular.....

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

It is Health Authority not Heritage Trust.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, I do not mean Heritage Trust.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think that would confuse the picture even more.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I do not mean the Heritage Trust I mean the accounts of the Health Authority which are at page 160, for example, in the booklet Annual Accounts of the Government of Gibraltar. I am not suggesting that it would be in the Consolidated Fund or in the Improvement and Development Fund of the Government of Gibraltar but all of those accounts, including of all the Agencies, appear in the booklet headed 'Government of Gibraltar Annual Accounts', and that is the place, I assume consistently with what the hon Member is saying, that it will feature in the part relating to the accounts of the Gibraltar Health Authority which, for example, in the book for the year 2004/2005 which has been tabled today is at page 160.

HON J J BOSSANO:

He did say in his earlier reply that the view was that it should not go into the Consolidated Fund. Of course, can I draw his attention to the fact that the footnote in page 163 says, 'these accounts are not the audited accounts of the Authority'. So, this is here as the equivalent of the appendix in the green paper in the approved estimates, not as the audited accounts of the Gibraltar Health Authority. So if the money were to appear in this book it would not appear as part of the Health Authority because that is not where it goes. The Health Authority accounts have been tabled in this House for the year 2004 not for the year 2005.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well certainly in the audited accounts for the Health Authority for the year 31st March 2004 which have been tabled today, for example, there is no heading 'donations'. Whether that means that it just happens that there were not any in that year, or whether it means that actually this is going to be accounted for under the Government, I do not know but I will find out and I will let the hon Member know.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, subsequent to this morning's discussion I was told at lunchtime in the office that the donations have never appeared in the accounts of the GHA ever since the GHA was started in 1988 under the Opposition Members.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Under the previous members.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

What did he say? Under the previous Members opposite? Who are the previous members opposite?

HON J J BOSSANO:

The party which the hon Member used to belong to previously was the party that included the Health Authority in 1987.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The first accounts were presented in 1988 by the Government where the hon Member was the Chief Minister. Anyway, the point being that I was told in the office at lunchtime that they have never, rightly or wrongly, they have never appeared in the accounts of the GHA. Whether that is correct or not correct is what we are looking at today but it never appeared there.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is not just a matter of accounting, as I pointed out this morning, it is also a matter that one of the things that emerged because the amount is bigger than normal, otherwise probably he would not have noticed it, was that we learned this morning that £350,000, almost half the money, of the money provided in 1996 had apparently been allocated on paper to expenditure that had been met in 2003 and voted for by the House in 2003. That is to say, in the financial year 2002/2003 the House approved expenditure of £330,000 for the CT Scan.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

We financed the expenditure that.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes I accept that, but what I find strange is that somebody donates that money to the Health Authority and the Health Authority actually does not get the £350,000 to spend on equipment now because it is clawed back in respect of expenditure that was made three years ago. That surely cannot have been the intention of this accounting exercise. There are two issues here. One is whether it is properly accounted as Government revenue as opposed to Health Authority revenue and secondly, whether the money that is gifted can finish up being used for something that is not equipment for the Health Authority.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is equipment for the Health Authority, it is just equipment that was going to be purchased anyway and would have been refinanced otherwise. If somebody says, 'here is £1 million for equipment for the Health Authority' and the Health Authority says, 'well alright I will apply it towards a scanner that I have already bought', that is

equipment for the Health Authority. It just saves the Government, in effect, refinances the figure the hon Member mentioned for the equipment. It would have been another matter if the Government receives, or the Health Authority receives a donation for equipment for the Health Authority and the Government spends it on sending sponsored patients or some recurrent item of expenditure, salaries or wages, or sponsored patients, or prescription medicines. That would be in breach of the purpose of the gift but I am not sure. It is a matter of opinion, the hon Member is entitled to whichever he wishes but I am not at all sure that it is as objectionable as the hon Member is suggesting.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, I have to say it is a matter of judgement but I put it to him that if somebody is giving money to the Health Authority and the Health Authority does not get the benefit of that money in 2006 because it is notionally allocated to money that was previously spent, three years earlier, out of public funds provided by the House of Assembly, then I would have thought it is worse that that £330,000 should finish up being used for something totally different to the Health Service and that it should be used for some other aspect of the Health Service that is not equipment. If at the very least the money was retained by the Health Authority, the £330,000 was available to the Health Authority so that they could spend it on future equipment, then they would still be getting the benefit. As it is, they are worse off than they were before they got the £330,000.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am informed by my Colleague that we are going over ground that we have already gone over this morning, or that the hon Member had gone over this morning. My Colleague is informing me, I did not know this, that actually this was done specifically at the request of the donor because they particularly wanted their money to be seen to have gone towards the purchase of this radiological equipment, which was the first time Gibraltar had ever had equipment of this sort and they were particularly keen. It was at their request and they are making a gift for the purchase of equipment, what is the Government going to say? 'No, no, thank you very much I am not prepared to apply the money for the purpose because this should go on new equipment and therefore I am not prepared to apply it for that purpose'. Now, I do not know whether in that year the GHA's budget was therefore reduced and they were not able to purchase other equipment, I do not know, but certainly any suggestion that this is somehow improper in relation to the intention of the donor is not sustainable in this case.

HON J J BOSSANO:

We are going over the same ground because, in fact, he has repeated the argument of his Colleague, I will now have to repeat the answer I gave his Colleague when his Colleague put that argument, for his benefit. What I am saying is, I was not for one moment suggesting to him this morning that he should say to the Bonita Trust, 'look, you have to keep the £350,000 because if what you want is to have your name on the scanner saying donated by the Bonita Trust, I am not prepared to do that and I would rather forfeit £350,000'. That was not what I was saying to him. I was saying to him, 'surely as Minister for Health you should have put up an argument with the Treasury saying well look, they are giving us £350,000 to buy equipment but they

would prefer that the equipment that they have deemed to have bought in 2006 is the one that we bought with our money in 2003, and therefore we should now have the benefit of that money for other equipment'. What he is saying to me is that that is not how it works, the Treasury keeps the money. Well look, I do not see why they should but if it is a matter of policy and they agree with that view then fine, that is the view they are defending and they are entitled to have that view. We do not agree, we think the money should stay in the Health Authority where it was intended to go.

ORAL

NO. 1212 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state how much expenditure has been attributed to each of the Gibraltar Health Authority, the Gibraltar Development Corporation and the Elderly Care Agency in the year 2000/2001 for the purpose of adjusting the audited figure of Departmental Expenditure of £91.8 million to arrive at the figure of £114.3 million given in answer to Question No. 816 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1213 to 1215 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1213 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state how much expenditure has been attributed to each of the Gibraltar Health Authority, the Gibraltar Development Corporation and the Elderly Care Agency in the year 2001/2002 for the purpose of adjusting the audited figure of Departmental Expenditure of £99.1 million to arrive at the figure of £121.6 million given in answer to Question No. 817 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1212, 1214 and 1215 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1214 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state how much expenditure has been attributed to each of the Gibraltar Health Authority, the Gibraltar Development Corporation and the Elderly Care Agency in the year 2002/2003 for the purpose of adjusting the audited figure of Departmental Expenditure of £110.2 million to arrive at the figure of £133 million given in answer to Question No. 818 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1212, 1213 and 1215 of 2006.

NO. 1215 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state how much expenditure has been attributed to each of the Gibraltar Health Authority, the Gibraltar Development Corporation, the Elderly Care Agency and the Gibraltar Electricity Authority in the year 2003/2004 for the purpose of adjusting the audited figure of Departmental Expenditure of £95.8 million to arrive at the figure of £139 million given in answer to Question No. 819 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The annually adjusted figures of Consolidated Fund expenditure, which are being referred to by the hon Member, appear to have been arrived at by him from Note 3 to the Annual Accounts.

Although the adjusted departmental expenditure figures in respect of the year 2003/2004 and 2002/2003 have been correctly stated as £95.8 million and £110.2 million respectively, the adjusted departmental expenditure figures for 2001/2002 and 2000/2001 appear to have been erroneously arrived at by the hon Member. These adjusted figures should read £102.7 million and £95.8 million respectively.

Answers to Question Nos. 1212 to 1215 of 2006

I now hand the hon Member a statement which shows details of the adjustments to the audited figures for Consolidated Fund departmental expenditure as given in answer to Question No. 819 of 2006. The adjusted figures reflect the revised Consolidated Fund departmental expenditure after deducting the contributions to the Authorities and Agencies shown respectively in Note 3 of the Annual Accounts.

Answer to Question 1215 of 2006

Answer to Questions 1212 to 1215

	2003/04 £'m	2002/03 £'m	2001/02 £'m	2000/01 £'m
Total Departmental Expenditure as per Summary of Consolidated Fund Departmental Expenditure (Audited Accounts) and as given in answer to Question 819	139.0	133.0	121.6	114.3
<u>Less</u>				
Contribution to GHA	14.4	11.7	8.6	8.6
" " GDC	4.1	1.4 3.1	1.5 2.5	3.9
" " ECA	2.8			
" " SSA	2.3			
" " GEA	4.0			
(Purchase of electricity by GOG)	4.1			
" " SAF	11.5	3.1 3.5	6.3	6.0
	<u>43.2</u>	<u>22.8</u>	<u>18.9</u>	<u>18.5</u>
Adjusted Departmental Expenditure as per Note 3 to the Annual Accounts	<u>95.8</u>	<u>110.2</u>	<u>102.7</u>	<u>95.8</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1212 TO 1215 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

So, the answer that was given in Question No. 819 of 2006, which said for each of the years in question departmental expenditure as itemised in the Estimates is adjusted to include total expenditure and to exclude grants, subventions, contributions, is not in fact the column that appeared in answer to that question. The first column which is the one that has been repeated as the first line in the answer provided on this occasion. Am I right?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not have in front of me the text of the question. If he can repeat it slowly perhaps I can follow him.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In answer to the question on the last occasion when I was trying to establish how these calculations were done, what the Chief Minister said that for each of the years in question 2000/2001, 2002/2003, the four years we are looking at, the 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 Electricity Authority and to exclude grants, subventions, contributions to funds and such other transfer payments. Then he provided a figure, which was £114.3 million, £121.6 million, £133 million and £139 million. Is he saying that those figures are before the adjustment, because the impression given in the answer was that that was the figure arrived at after the adjustment?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it is before the adjustment. This is something that is done, as he knows, to avoid double counting of the same pound note in both the Government Department and in the Authority which actually spends it on something real. The first line of figures are before the adjustments. In other words, before the deduction of the contribution to the Agencies and Authorities. I have not got the answer in front of me to see whether it was open to that misinterpretation or not. I just have not got the text, perhaps if he can read the text.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Similarly, it first reads what I have just read to him and then it goes on to say, similarly Consolidated Fund Recurrent Expenditure is adjusted to exclude transfer payments in the form of pensions, contributions to social insurance stamps as well as public debt charges, which is in fact the subject matter of the questions that come afterwards. So, the Chief Minister then went on and said, 'therefore, the figure that I should have mentioned in my question as being the figure subject to adjustment should have been £155.5 million, £170.2 million, £178.9 million, £196.6 million, which were precisely the figures that I had used. His answer finished up telling me that I should have used the figures that I did use. This is why I felt, after careful thought,

that I needed to come back again and try to get an explanation that made more sense than the one that I was given the last time. Therefore, in drawing his attention to this, perhaps we can have a copy made of his answer so that the Chief Minister will be able to follow what I am saying. Given that the adjusted figure is supposed to be what he has given me now, if we just take for example the most recent year, 2003/2004. If we take 2003/2004, which is the most recent figure and which is the actual Question No. 819 of 2006 which was answered with all the rest, there the figure in the columns that I was given the last time consisted of the £139 million plus the £26 million from Consolidated Fund Charges. Those two were added together to arrive at the correct figure of Government spending. Now, that answer is entirely inconsistent, as I understand his explanation today, to what he has given me. If he looks at the information that is in answer to Question No. 819 of 2006, he will see that the line starts off with £139 million, which is the figure at the top of the column in 2003/2004. It says Departmental Expenditure £139 million; Consolidated Fund Expenditure £26.2 million; Total £165.2 million. Now, if we should not be using the £139 million and we should be using the £95.8 million he has given me today.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not understand what the hon Member is actually referring to. The question that I am answering today and the question back in June, No. 819 of 2006 of which he has just kindly provided me with a copy, the answers to which he is trying to compare are totally different questions.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No they are not.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, with respect they are. The question back in June, Question No. 819, asked '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 2003/2004, to arrive at the figure of £169 million for Government Final Consumption in the expenditure method calculation of GDP'. The question that he is asking me now has nothing to do with methods of calculation of final Government consumption in the expenditure method or any other method of calculation of GDP, but really a Government revenue and expenditure question. 'Can Government state how much expenditure has been attributed to each of the Gibraltar Health Authority, the Gibraltar Development Corporation, the Elderly Care Agency and the Gibraltar Electricity Authority in the year 2003/2004 for the purposes of adjusting the audited figure of Departmental Expenditure of £95.8 million, (in the case of Question No. 1215)', to arrive at the figure of £135 million given in answer to Question No. 819 of 2006? The answer that I have given to him is clearly a netting of the Departmental Expenditure minus the adjustment relates to the contributions to the Gibraltar Health Authority, GDC, ECA, SSA, GEA and SAF. I do not think they do include, on reflection now, I do not think they do include the other adjustments in respect of the other matters that he mentioned before, pensions and things of that sort. I do not think the answers are comparable. The drafter of this answer has not borne in mind the purpose of the calculation for which Question No. 819 is set up, even though there is an allusion to Question No. 819 in his present question. Of course, I understand that he identifies the three items of positive adjustment, as opposed to

negative adjustment, the public debt interest charges, the social insurance stamps and the form of pensions. I do not think those are netted in the schedule I have given him in answer to the questions now, the top line of which I think is the Recurrent Departmental Expenditure and all that has been netted from the Heads of Expenditure in the Consolidated Fund is the contribution to the Agencies. I do not think the drafter of the answer to this question has made the link that he has made for comparability purposes between the answer given to him in Question No. 819 and the answers given him now. I do not think there is any suggestion that he was using now, that this answer suggests that he was using the right or wrong figures back in Question No. 819, which is what I understand him to say last. So that he was using the right figures all along, which I understand he deduces from the answer I have given to him now.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, the question on this occasion is in the nature of a Supplementary to the last answer that I got on the last occasion. For obvious reasons, being provided with the answer on the spot with all these figures, with four years taken together, is not something that I am able to then stand up and analyse in sufficient time to put a Supplementary. Therefore, what my question says is, what is the explanation to the figure that I got in the answer to Question No. 819? I do not see how anybody can come to the conclusion that this has nothing to do with Question No. 819, when I specifically mentioned the £139 million given in answer to Question No. 819 of 2006 and how did he arrive at that figure. As I understand it, what he has told me is that it starts off with £95.8 million, which is at the bottom, and finishes up with £139 million which is at the top. Those are the adjustments that have been made to conclude that the total Departmental Expenditure is £139 million. If that is the case, then of course, that answers Question No. 1215 of 2006 as a further explanation of the first paragraph of the answer he gave me in Question No. 819. Which is that the Departmental Expenditure figure of £139 million, which I cannot get from looking at the published documents, has been obtained by starting from £95.8 million, which is the figure that I put in my original question, and adding to it the £43 million that is on the line on top of the £95.8 million. In fact, the way the answer has been set out, it looks as if one starts off from £139 million and start removing things. But in fact it is the opposite, is it not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So in fact, when I was told the last time that the correct figure was £139 million, I am now being told that the £139 million is obtained by starting off with £95.8 million, which is the figure in 2003/2004 that I obtained from the audited published accounts as Departmental spending, and to that we have added £43.2 million to arrive at the £139 million that I was given in Question No. 819. So I do not see how he says it has got nothing to do with Question No. 819.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes that order shown is correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is correct. Now, to that in Question No. 819 we add the £26.2 million to arrive at the £65.2 million and the rest of the answer that I got is what I am now seeking an explanation on in the questions that follow.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, correct. The answer in Question No. 819 dealt in one paragraph with Departmental Expenditure and in the second paragraph with Consolidated Fund Recurrent Expenditure. In other words, Consolidated Fund Charges, which is not Departmental Expenditure for the purposes of this business. So the pensions, the social insurance contributions and the public debt charges, are not Departmental Expenditure, they are Consolidated Fund Expenditure and they appear in the column, let us just use 2003/2004 which is the one that we are talking to, which is the £26.2 million. The £139 million is the Departmental Expenditure figure. So when he has now asked, can Government state how much expenditure has been attributed to each of the Authorities, the relevant figures are the Departmental figures not the Consolidated Fund Charges. That middle column is completely stripped out, it is not even addressed in my answer today. The answer today is, the £139 million in the Departmental Expenditure column for the answer to Question No. 819, minus the £43.2 million which are the contributions to the Authorities, arriving at £95.8 million. When I say that we are comparing apples with pears, I do not mean that there is no connection to Question No. 819, I mean that Question No. 1215 deals only with the Departmental Expenditure side. In other words, with the bit in the first column, whereas Question No. 819, because it was an answer to a different question, contained information in relation to aspects that are not raised by today's question. So today's question and the schedule of information that I have given him, starts with the £139 million, which he correctly said is the £139 million under Departmental Expenditure in the June question, and the adjustments are only the adjustments that relate to the Departmental Expenditure column, which is the subventions in effect, subventions for emoluments and things. Well, no, grants in the case of the GHA as well but they do not touch upon, this table does not touch upon the items that are relevant to the adjustment for the Government Final Consumption, which is what Question No. 819 was dealing with. Therefore, that also dealt with the Consolidated Fund expenditure adjustments. That is the sense in which I said earlier that the answers and the questions were not comparable because this question relates only to today's question, relates only to Departmental Expenditure, and this question relates to Departmental Expenditure and to other items which are an adjustment to Government Total Consumption, which includes Consolidated Fund Charges. I had not meant to imply any other kind of nexus, just that. That lack of comparability.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is only because the Chief Minister has not let me get to Question No. 1222, which is the second half. He will see that in Question No. 1222 I ask him 'can Government explain why the Consolidated Fund Expenditure given in answer to Question No. 819 of 2006, is £26.2 million for 2003/2004'. So in fact, the next

column which has got £23.1 million, £22.6 million, £32.5 million is in the questions that follow. This is half the answer and the other questions are the other half of the answer.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The whole answer to this question.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The whole answer to the question is the two of them.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I agree that he has asked two separate questions which are at different places in the Order Paper and he seeks the two halves of what he wants to know. But the question that we are on at the moment, Question No. 1215, the answer that he has got is the whole answer to that question.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I have got the whole answer to the explanation of how they arrive at the figures that they gave me in the first column. The figures that they gave me in the first column are added to the figures in the second column, of which I have got questions now, in order to arrive at the figure in the third column. Well, if all that is correct, what he cannot tell me is that the first column has got nothing to do with the third. Of course, the second and the first make up the third.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It has a lot to do with it in the context of the question that was being asked in Question No. 819 back in June. In the context of Question No. 1215, the answer that he has been given here is the answer to this question.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Which is how the figure that I was given before is arrived at.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

In part. Correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Now we will see whether the next part makes any more sense.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Perhaps all of these questions should have been put together and answered together.

NO. 1216 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES

Can Government confirm whether the cash available for reinvestment as at 31st March 2006 from the proceeds of the sale of land on the Eastside by Gibraltar Land Holdings was £22.742 million as indicated in answer to Question No. 798 of 2006 or £18.9 million as indicated in the answer given to Question No. 829 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I confirm that the monies received in respect of the sale of land on the Eastside project by Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd was £22.7 million during the period 1st January 2005 to 31st March 2006. Expenditure on the Eastside project during the period was around £1 million.

I also confirm that the cash balance available for investment by the company as at 31st March 2006 was £18.9 million as per the answer to Question No. 829 of 2006.

The revenue and expenditure of Gibraltar Land Holdings includes numerous projects, not just the Eastside project. Total revenues by Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd during the period amounted to £25.2 million. Total disbursements during the period amounted to £6.7 million. In other words, what the hon Member thinks is an inconsistency is not an inconsistency. One thing is the proceeds of sale and another thing is the balance remaining available for investment at a given date.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1216 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am well aware but given that it was the Chief Minister who added that that was the sum available to him for investment at the end of his answer, when he talked about the £22 million. The Chief Minister said this is the money that has come in and is the money that is available on 31st March. He said that in answer to one question, having not tried to remember that shortly before he had given a different figure in another question. He was the one who said it was available, it is not that I am saying because it was received it had not been spent. He gave the impression in his answer that the money was still there. He used the words 'still available'.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

This is not £22.7 million particular pound notes each with the words 'Eastside development premium' written on them, put on a shelf so that he can count how many of those particular pound notes are left. If the Government have a reserve, money that comes in just goes in to the reserve, money that goes out goes out of the reserve and when one spends a particular pound note, one is not saying to oneself 'this pound note I got from the Eastside development premium'. It is a question of the capital receipts being greater than the capital expenditure and then there is always a surplus. There is always more than goes in. So £22.7 million had come in, from that and from other sources. The company Gibraltar Land Holdings had other expenditure, not just Eastside expenditure. It had about £1 million of Eastside expenditure and other non-Eastside related expenditure. So, by the end of the financial year, the company balance actually stood on 31st March 2006 at £18,887,115. That was the net balance left in the Gibraltar Land Holdings at the end of the year, which is a netting of a total capital and income receipts of £25,165,328, which included the £22.79 million in respect of the Eastside project and a total of £6.6 million odd of expenditure. The balance left at the end of the year is £18.8 million. During the period £22.7 million had been received. During the period other monies had been received. During the period monies had been spent. The balance was that and if the hon Member wishes to interpret my words as meaning that each and every one of the particular £22.7 million were still available, well I suppose in a sense they are, because the general reserve exceeds £22.749 million.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The question was quite specific about the money in Gibraltar Land Holdings not about the general reserves. It is not the way that I wish to interpret it, he gave two pieces of information and all I am trying to establish is which of the two is accurate. But he actually said in the same House, in two questions, that the money that had been received by the proceeds of sales on a number of specific dates by Gibraltar Land Holdings was still available, giving the impression that none of it had yet been spent on anything.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I will have to see the question and the answer. Last time he said that, without providing me with a copy, there was a perfectly simple explanation.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, the last time that I said something without providing him with a copy, he first said it had nothing to do with Question No. 819 and now he has accepted that it is half of the answer to Question No. 819. I cannot help the way the numbers are given by the Government. If the Government choose to have half the question and then six or seven questions in the middle which have nothing to do with them, then the other half of the question, it makes it more difficult for him and for me.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

They are separate questions, in his own mind he links them all together. They are separate questions on a separate number with a separate Order Paper. If he wants the answer all together, he should make one question out of his ten questions which all relate to the same issue.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The Rules of the House require that the question should not be unnecessarily long. I can make my question three pages long if that is what the Chief Minister wanted to do but it is not what the Rules say I should be doing. Therefore, if I ask him a question about a figure in Question No. 819 and I get one answer and then I ask him a second question about a figure also in Question No. 819, and that is one that he has not yet answered, then it is not my fault that they are separate. All I am telling him is that if he does not believe me that he gave an answer to one question about the amount that was available and a different one, and all that I am trying to do is not to make out that it is possible for him to make a mistake, which in fact it is not, because if it were a mistake it would be the fault of whoever drafted it anyway, not his. If it were right it would mean that he was cleverer than they and me, we all know all that, so there is no risk of anybody thinking that he has made a mistake. All I was trying to find out is which was the right figure, but I will come back at a future House and point out the exact text so that he is satisfied.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Thank you.

ORAL

NO. 1217 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SERVICES PERFORMED BY PUBLIC OFFICERS

Can Government explain what is the increase in the services performed by Public Officers in 2006/2007 which is estimated to yield £300,000 in receipts compared to £70,000 in 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1218 of 2006.

NO. 1218 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SERVICES PERFORMED BY PUBLIC OFFICERS

Can Government identify what was the increase in the services performed by Public Officers that caused the reimbursement to yield £70,000 in 2005/2006 compared to the estimated amount of £38,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question No. 1217 of 2006

An increase in services performed by Public Officers in 2006/2007 which is estimated to yield £300,000 compared to £70,000 in 2005/2006, is attributable to ambulance services provided by the City Fire Brigade to the Gibraltar Health Authority. In other words, the Gibraltar Health Authority pays the City Fire Brigade. This includes an estimated £145,000 in respect of arrears for the period April 2004 to January 2006 and the contribution for the current year estimated at £79,000 as shown in the Gibraltar Health Authority Estimates.

Answer to Question No. 1218 of 2006

The increase in revenue in respect of services performed by Public Officers in 2005/2006 of £70,000 compared to the estimated amount of £38,000 is attributable to additional escort services provided by the Royal Gibraltar Police.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1217 AND 1218 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

That element is charged to somebody else, is it? It is not sort of an in-house thing with one arm of the Government paying the other? The escort that the Chief Minister has mentioned.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know, my own aside assumed that it was third parties but I am not aware of any Government Department that has a budget on the expenditure side for this.

ORAL

NO. 1219 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government explain why the figure for Consolidated Fund Expenditure given in answer to Question No. 816 of 2006 is £23.1 million for 2000/2001, given that the reply stated that the correct figure for GDP purposes was net of pension payments, contributions to social insurance and public debt charges, all of which are included in the figure of £22.5 million in the Audited Accounts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1220 to 1222 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1220 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government explain why the figure for Consolidated Fund Expenditure given in answer to Question No. 817 of 2006 is £22.6 million for 2001/2002, given that the reply stated that the correct figure for GDP purposes was net of pension payments, contributions to social insurance and public debt charges, all of which are included in the figure of £22.5 million in the Audited Accounts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1219, 1221 and 1222 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1221 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government explain why the figure for Consolidated Fund Expenditure given in answer to Question No. 818 of 2006 is £32.5 million for 2002/2003, given that the reply stated that the correct figure for GDP purposes was net of pension payments, contributions to social insurance and public debt charges, all of which are included in the figure of £24.5 million in the Audited Accounts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1219, 1220 and 1222 of 2006.

NO. 1222 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government explain why the figure for Consolidated Fund Expenditure given in answer to Question No. 819 of 2006 is £26.2 million for 2003/2004, given that the reply stated that the correct figure for GDP purposes was net of pension payments, contributions to social insurance and public debt charges, all of which are included in the identical figure in the Audited Accounts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The figures quoted as Consolidated Fund Expenditure in answer to Question Nos. 816 to 819 of 2006 include pension payments, contributions to social insurance and public debt charges. Once these figures are added to Departmental Expenditure, they are then adjusted for GDP purposes to arrive at Government Final Consumption. Then I am told to reveal in Supplementaries, that the hon Member (meaning the Leader of the Opposition) has misinterpreted the first sentence of the last paragraph of my answer to Question No. 819 of 2006. I stated, 'similarly, Consolidated Fund Recurrent Expenditure is adjusted to exclude transport payments in the form of pensions and contributions to social insurance stamps, as well as public interest charges.' The Leader of the Opposition has read this as meaning that the figure of £26.2 million shown in the table which formed part of the answer was net of such payments. This is not the case, since the £26.2 million includes such payments and are subsequently adjusted once the figure for Departmental Expenditure is added to Consolidated Fund Expenditure. In other words, that the Leader of the Opposition was applying the word 'net', he interpreted my answers to Question Nos. 816 to 819 as applying the netting at the wrong stage of the calculation in that middle column.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1219 TO 1222 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I have understood it as clear as I understood the last question which they think I did not understand. That is to say, that if I am told similarly Consolidated Fund Recurrent Expenditure is adjusted to exclude transfer payments, what I did was I looked at the column that is headed 'Consolidated Fund Expenditure', I took the £26 million, I looked in the audited accounts for the £26 million and I found that it had not excluded it. That is why my question is today that since I was told the last time that

the figure was excluded and I find it to be identical to the figure in the audited accounts, which includes it, there must be something wrong.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is why I said that if this note had been put in the first answer we could have saved quite a lot of face.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Now, if the answer that I am getting now is that it is excluded at a subsequent stage to arrive at Government Final Consumption, then perhaps the Chief Minister can explain to me how excluding something from £165 million can produce a figure of £169 million?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, because it is excluded.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

From where?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The figure for Departmental Expenditure is added to Consolidated, this is not the case since the £26.2 million includes such payments. Namely, the payments referred to earlier, the Consolidated Fund Charge payments and are subsequently adjusted once the figure for Departmental Expenditure is added to Consolidated Fund expenditure. In other words, the adjustment is done to the figure in the column marked 'total', in the white copy that is given of Question No. 819 of 2006. That is the figure that is adjusted not the Departmental Expenditure figure.

HON J J BOSSANO:

My question is if the figure in the column, I agree with the Chief Minister that what he has read out leads to such a conclusion, but if the figure in the column that now has to be adjusted to exclude transfer payments such as pensions, contributions to social insurance stamps and public interest charges, if all that has to be excluded from £165.2 million.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, that is not the adjustment that is done. There is an adjustment made but I do not think the adjustment involves the deduction of the whole figure of £26.2 million. Otherwise one might as well do the adjustment to the first column. In other words, the £26.2 million is not the adjustment that is made to the figure of £165.2 million.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, the £26.2 million includes other things than those.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Exactly, not all of which are subject to have been adjusted.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So therefore, what is deducted from the £165.2 million?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not remember what I told him last time. There is an adjustment, I am not citing on what the actual adjustment is but the adjustment is some part of the £26.2 million figure.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but how can one possibly adjust a part of that by deducting it from £165 million and finish up with £169 million?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, in that year, it is not the first time in which the adjusted figure is higher than the total. It happened also in 2001/2002. In two years the adjusted figure for Government Final Consumption has been lower than the total, and in two years the adjusted figure for final Government Final Consumption has been higher than the total. There must be something else that nets and the fourth column is either a complete mistake or it is not the answer to any calculation which is limited just to those three component columns. There must be other items, not in any of those three columns, which contribute to the Government Final Consumption. I do not know now whether that is the explanation. Still less do I know that if it is the explanation what those items might be. But certainly, obviously, adding two figures together and subtracting something from it cannot result in an answer which is higher than the total of the two component parts. It may well be that that final column is a non sequitur in presentational terms, in that it gives the impression that it is the answer to the calculation that precedes it.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Let me remind the Chief Minister that the final consumption figure is the starting point of all this. That is to say, I was trying to arrive at an explanation of how that figure was constructed and the questions that the Chief Minister has answered on this occasion and on the previous occasion, were to enable me to understand how the figure of £169.5 million was arrived at for 2003/2004, to give an example. Now, the explanation that I was given the last time.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I beg your pardon, I think we are both forgetting he that he is asking and I that I am going to answer it, but I think the answer to what we are now discussing is contained in the very next question on the order paper.

NO. 1223 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government confirm that in the calculation of Government Departmental Expenditure for the purposes of GDP, given in answer to Question No. 819 of 2006, Social Services Agency Expenditure, which was not mentioned in the answer, has not been added in 2003/2004 to arrive at the figure of £139 million?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Departmental Expenditure figure of £139 million is the unadjusted figure obtained from the estimates of Revenue and Expenditure and does not include the expenditure of the Social Services Agency. The Agency's expenditure is added as part of the adjustment required to arrive at Government Final Consumption of £169.5 million. That is the answer to what we were debating a minute ago. That is why £139 million plus £26.2 million, totalling £165.2 million is adjusted to arrive at an even higher figure rather than a lower figure as he had expected. That is that the starting figure of £139 million does not include the Social Services Agency and that is then added as part of the adjustment. I think I might as well offer him the explanation that is here on my paper as a Supplementary. Prior to becoming an Agency the expenditure of the Social Services Department was included in Departmental Expenditure. But whether it was Departmental or Agency expenditure, it has always been included in Government Final Consumption. It is therefore simply a question of treatment and not whether it forms part of final Government Expenditure. In other words, the right way to read the bottom line of this block of calculations here in Question No. 819 is, Departmental Expenditure excluding Social Services Agency - £139 million; Consolidated Fund Expenditure - £26.2 million; Total - £165.2 million. Now, that figure of £165.2 million needs to be converted into the Government Final Consumption figure. That is done by adjusting the figure of £26.2 million in relation to the pensions and all of that, and by adding the figure for the Social Services Agency Departmental Expenditure. Thereby, some years I suppose it arrives at a lower figure, sometimes at an upper figure. This year it has had the impact of producing a higher figure than the total. Now, why that information was not transmitted in answer to Question No. 819 of 2006, then that explanation that the Social Services Agency expenditure was not included in the £139 million, I assume it was not included there is no more to it than this. In Question No. 819 of 2006 the hon Member I do not recall, was told that it did not include Social Services Department.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1223 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I was not told it was not included, it was not mentioned and therefore the purpose of my question was to try and establish whether it was the correct interpretation of the answer. That because it was not mentioned it was not included, or simply that it was not mentioned through an oversight. I was trying to establish.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It was not mentioned because it was not included.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Right. Well then I am afraid I have got bad news for the Chief Minister because in the answer he has given me today to Question No. 1215 of 2006 it is included and he has just told me that it does not form part of the £139 million. If he looks at the piece of paper he gave me he will find that it is the fourth figure down in the column, which is part of the £139 million.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The £2.3 million?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, Social Services Agency.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

We are talking about Departmental Expenditure. We are talking about the expenditure of the Social Services Agency. The news is not half as bad as he thought it was going to be, no. It is not bad at all. The expenditure that is not included in the £139 million is the Social Services Agency expenditure. The adjustment that has been made here, which is the fourth item in the answer I gave him to Question No. 1215, is the Departmental Expenditure of the vote in the Estimates booklet, which is not the Social Services Agency it is the Social Services Department, which is a contribution to the Social Services Agency. See, so the expenditure of the votes in the book, I do not remember what the vote is.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is exactly the same figure. That is to say, the Social Services Agency has no money of its own. Therefore, the figure which is a contribution from the Consolidated Fund to the Social Services Agency of £2.3 million is included in the £139 million. If one were to add £2.3 million on top of the £139 million, one would be counting that expenditure twice.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well I would have to see. Has the hon Member got the figure in front of him? £2.3 million is the total expenditure budget of the Social Services Agency.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So it has got no other money. It is not like the Health Authority that has got income of its own.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It has not got any other revenue that is true.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is included in the £139 million as a contribution to meet that expenditure. The answer that had been given to Question No. 1223 of 2006 is that it is not included in the £139 million and the answer I have been given to Question No. 1215 of 2006 shows that it is included in the £139 million.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

In the context of Departmental Expenditure as opposed to overall expenditure. In other words, let us use this terminology. In the context of Consolidated Fund Departmental Expenditure, which is what the £139 million figure is, there is an expenditure by a vote in the Social Services Department which then converts into the revenue of the Agency. It does not become expenditure of the Social Services Agency until it is spent on wages and the other things that the Social Services Agency does. That is what I told him, that is what the answer to Question No. 1215 means. The answer to Question No. 1223 is, the figure of £139 million does not include the expenditure of the Social Services Agency. Well, it includes the grant made by the Social Services Department vote that becomes later the Social Services Agency's expenditure.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Right, but one cannot then add later.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Then later in the adjustment they say.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

The expenditure is added again, well then it is wrong.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

One is adding the expenditure back because it was not included in the figure of £139 million.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But it is included in the figure of £139 million.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is included as a grant not as expenditure but it is the same money.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It would not be £139 million if it was not included. It would be £136.7 million.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

He may be right. I have to check.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The Chief Minister has given me the breakdown which says, we start off with £139 million and we remove a number of contributions.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I understand the point that he is making.

HON J J BOSSANO:

And we come down to £95.1 million, so it is definitely included in the £139 million otherwise we cannot take it away from it.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If it is the same money, which I think he is right in saying it must be the same money, if it is the whole of the budget.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is right.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Then there seems to be an inconsistency between the explanation given in Question No. 1223 of 2006.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Since it was not originally mentioned I was not sure if it was in the £139 million and I did not know whether it had been omitted by mistake or, in fact, it should not be there at all. The answer that we have been given is that it should not be there at all but in fact, in the breakdown of the £139 million it is there.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It appears to be there. I agree that if £2.3 million is the whole of the Social Services Agency expenditure budget, then the £139 million must include the whole of the Social Services Agency expenditure budget, disguised as a grant to the Social Services Agency but nevertheless the same item of expenditure. That is no different to the Elderly Care Agency or the Electricity Authority. They strip it out so as not to double count it when they count the expenditure of the Social Services Agency. I agree, I think on that point I think he appears to be correct but I would like the opportunity to put it to the Treasury to see if there is some explanation that does not occur to me.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think that in the previous questions, the questions up to Question No. 1222 of 2006 which deal with the answer given in Question No. 819 of 2006, and the column headed 'Consolidated Fund Expenditure' which is really Consolidated Fund charges, there are two things there that I think are difficult to explain. I am referring to the three questions that I put to him which are Question Nos. 1219, 1220, 1221, 1222 of 2006 which deal with the four years and the second column in the answer to Question No. 819 of 2006. Here we have got something that is headed 'Consolidated Fund Expenditure'....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is actually Consolidated Fund Charge.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Which should really be Consolidated Fund Charge, one assumes. There is something about, is that adjusted or is it not adjusted, which is not very clear in the answer that I have been given, but one of the things that is difficult.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is not adjusted.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is not adjusted.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

At that stage, it is adjusted in the next column under heading 'Total'.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But then if it is not adjusted then the question is, which is the question that I am putting to him in those four questions, how is it that in 2006 the £22.6 million given in the column and given in the audited accounts is identical, exactly the same figure unadjusted but for example, in the 2003 figure the column considers the Consolidated Fund Charges unadjusted to be £32.5 million and the audited accounts show it to be £24.5 million, which is a difference of £8 million? If it is not adjusted then one would expect that column to be the same for all four years as the audited accounts are for those four years.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I was taking note of everything he is saying. He is saying that the figure for 2003 of £32.5 million, rather the figure of £26.2 million in respect of 2003/2004 is identical.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

In the audited accounts Consolidated Fund charges and in the column called 'Consolidated Fund Expenditure'.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Remember the 2002/2003 figure of £32.5 million is not the same.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, it is £8 million higher in the column than in the audited accounts. In the previous year it is £100,000 higher and in the year before that it is £600,000 higher. So if that is unadjusted then there is no explanation for these changes. If it is adjusted it certainly cannot have been adjusted.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Please do not lose sight of the fact that the adjustments that we are talking about in Question No. 819 of 2006, are adjustments for the purposes of Government Final Consumption for GDP purposes. The Gibraltar Government accounts are not that sort of adjustment. So I would have to find some explanation why the figure of

Consolidated Fund Expenditure, he still is making a point and that is why is the figure, the unadjusted Consolidated Fund Charge figure here, why is it not always the same if it is unadjusted? Why is it not always the same here as in the audited accounts where also it is unadjusted? It is natural figure not a GDP calculation conversion.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, this is the source.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Exactly. Why is the source not always the same as the source that the audited account of the source, which is the accounts? I have understood that to be his point.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Right, and which is true only for 2003/2004 and not for the preceding three years. Of course, when I was trying to make sense of the answer he gave me in Question No. 819 of 2006, although he says 'similarly Consolidated Fund Recurrent Expenditure is adjusted to exclude transfer payments in the form of pensions', well look, all the things that are mentioned there that need to be excluded are all the things in Consolidated Fund Charges. That is where they are. Now if the note that he had was that I misinterpreted that to mean that they would be adjusted to arrive at the thing called Consolidated Fund Expenditure, which is perhaps incorrectly labelled, because what does Consolidated Fund Expenditure mean?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it must mean Consolidated Fund Charge Expenditure.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It must be. So in that case, if they had not been removed from there where else are they being removed from?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

They are being removed from a total that includes that figure.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, and that total that includes that figure is which, the last column?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The middle column total. No, the third column, the final column is the adjusted figure post the adjustment.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, I can assure the Chief Minister that if he were to adjust the third column by the removal of these transfer payments mentioned here, he would not be able to get the final consumption figure that he has given me.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I agree that he would not get it but the answer I have given him to the last question we were debating is that one gets to it by then re-adding the Social Services Agency. Now he has said but it is already included and that is what I have got to unscramble.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I also point out to him, not only that it is already included in that particular year but that it is not there in any of the preceding years because it did not exist. It was set up in 2002.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, but before 2002.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

It was not in existence, it was the Department and would have been included in Departmental Expenditure.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Subject to the adjustment for Consolidated Fund Charges, yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But it would have been in column 1 already. So that cannot be the adjustment not just in that one year because it is there, but in the other years because it did not exist.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I have to find out which is right, the answer to Question No. 1223 of 2006 or the answer to Question No. 1215 of 2006 when it says that there is this. ...In other

words, we have got to find out whether the £139 million does or does not include the Social Services Agency. That is the starting point.

ORAL

NO. 1224 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the GDP figure for 1996/1997, what is the source of the contribution of £0.03 million to the total £4 million in the component gross trading profit of Government enterprises in the Income Method of calculation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1225 to 1231 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1225 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the GDP figure for 1997/1998, what is the source of the contribution of £2.26 million to the total £5.03 million in the component gross trading profit of Government enterprises in the Income Method of calculation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1224 and 1226 to 1231 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1226 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the GDP figure for 1998/1999, what is the source of the contribution of £1.77 million to the total £4.55 million in the component gross trading profit of Government enterprises in the Income Method of calculation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1224, 1225 and 1227 to 1231 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1227 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the GDP figure for 1999/2000, what is the source of the contribution of £2.52 million to the total £4.00 million in the component gross trading profit of Government enterprises in the Income Method of calculation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1224 to 1226 and 1228 to 1231 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1228 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the GDP figure for 2000/2001, what is the source of the contribution of £2.14 million to the total £3.25 million in the component gross trading profit of Government enterprises in the Income Method of calculation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1224 to 1227 and 1229 to 1231 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1229 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the GDP figure for 2001/2002, what is the source of the contribution of £3.41 million to the total £4.36 million in the component gross trading profit of Government enterprises in the Income Method of calculation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1224 to 1228, 1230 and 1231 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1230 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the GDP figure for 2002/2003, what is the source of the contribution of £4.36 million to the total £5.0 million in the component gross trading profit of Government enterprises in the Income Method of calculation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1224 to 1229 and 1231 of 2006.

NO. 1231 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Can Government state in respect of the GDP figure for 2003/2004, what is the source of the contribution of £4.59 million to the total £6.04 million in the component gross trading profit of Government enterprises in the Income Method of calculation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The source of the contributions consist of the net surpluses and deficits of potable water, electricity, coinage, lottery, port, telecommunications and Post Office/Philatelic Bureau activities.

I have not verified it myself but I am told to tell the hon Member that there are apparently several errors in the figures which he has quoted, that is,

- For 1998/1999, the contribution was £2.27 million and not £1.77 million;
- For 2003/2004, the contribution was £5.49 million and not £4.59 million and the total should read £6.94 million and not £6.04 million.

These might be typographical errors in the question.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1224 TO 1231 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

These are the figures given in the answers that I have had previously as to the contribution from the Savings Bank. I have netted the Savings Bank out of the equations and arrived at these figures. Anyway, now that I have been told that the Chief Minister will come back to me giving me what the balance was, this is why the questions have been put the last time. He said he was as interested as I was in finding out. So now that he has found out what is supposed to produce this contribution, then no doubt he will be able to get people to work the amounts out and I will come back to that.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Sorry, what amount is that?

HON J J BOSSANO:

The amounts of how the figures are arrived at.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

What the component elements of the Gross Trading Surplus?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, when I initially asked the question some considerable time ago, we were told it was the profits of the Savings Bank and the Electricity Authority. Then I came back and asked the Chief Minister to confirm what was the Savings Bank bit, and that left an unexplained balance which was hardly consistent with the performance of the Electricity Authority or the Electricity Department, in terms of the profits it makes selling electricity. This is why he said he would pursue the matter and get me the information. Since the House has arrived and the information has not surfaced, I put the questions to him.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I have the information here but for some reason I am being told not to volunteer the table unless pressed. So perhaps he would like to press me a bit more so that I can volunteer it.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, I am very upset that the Chief Minister has not given the information that he promised me.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am not sure I have the heart.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well I am supposed to really start throwing things across the floor of the House then to press him?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know why they are nervous about my giving it to the hon Member, so can I give it to him confidentially until I can find out the reason and then I can release it with confidence.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am grateful.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

As they were hoping that I would not give it to the hon Member, they have not given me a white copy for him. So I will have to give him a Ministerial green copy. No, they are not even willing to have my Colleagues see it, not even for Ministerial eyes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, I am sure a photocopy can be made of it so that it is white by the time it reaches me.

ORAL

NO. 1232 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INPUT/OUTPUT MODEL

Can Government state the cost of the current study to update the Input/Output model?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1233 to 1235 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1233 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INPUT/OUTPUT MODEL

Can Government confirm that the study to update the Input/Output model is confined to the Financial Services component, and if not, what other areas are covered?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1232, 1234 and 1235 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1234 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INPUT/OUTPUT MODEL

Can Government state over what period is the study to update the Input/Output model being conducted?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1232, 1233 and 1235 of 2006.

NO. 1235 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INPUT/OUTPUT MODEL

Can Government state when the update of the Input/Output model is expected to be completed and will the results of the study be provided to this side of the House?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The cost of the current study to update the Input/Output model is £7,000.

The Input/Output model is updated, apparently, on a continuous basis by the consultants as and when secondary data such as employment, tourism and national income statistics become available. It is nevertheless important that a business expenditure survey be carried out periodically to either fine-tune existing intersectoral relationships or to redefine these if and when significant changes are identified.

The latest business expenditure survey has covered all sectors of the economy, given that there have been important changes both in the size and nature of the labour market, particularly, for example, employment growth in the gaming and financial services industry in recent years. A full review of all sectors and industries has consequently been undertaken. Contrary to what I think we were speculating the other day when we were discussing it over dinner, I think at one of the Club dinners we were talking about this.

Ken Male, researcher with project leader Professor John Fletcher, conducted the survey. He visited Gibraltar during the period 5th to 25th September 2006 inclusive to commence data collection. The follow-up process continues from the UK in respect of organisations that were unable to provide him with the information required during the time frame of his visit. It is not envisaged, at this stage, that he will need to return for the purposes of further data collection as the consultants are pleased with the size of the sample and the general level of response.

The consultants are currently working their way through the questionnaires to bring the model up to date. The teams are working with the Statistics Office to agree on figures during the update to ensure that tables and data are reconciled. The final results of the update are not expected until early next year. Once the results have been finalised, Government will consider making these available to the Opposition on a confidential basis. That is what I have been sent here to tell him.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1232 TO 1235 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, presumably, eventually since they decided to do so with the original study they would not want us to be working from out of date figures.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I would presume so but I would not dare speak for all these.

ORAL

NO. 1236 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. 783 of 2006, and if so, show the grade and department?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 1237 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1237 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CIVIL SERVANTS

Can Government state whether any of the posts vacant in Government departments have been filled since the answer to Question No. 784 of 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 schedules that I now hand to the hon Member.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1237 OF 2006

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1236

28 Posts have become vacant. The details are set out below:-

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u>
Buildings and Works	A.O.	1
Buildings and Works	Plumber	1
Customs	A.O. (Customs)	4
Education and Training	A.O.	1
Education and Training	Classroom Aide (Special Needs)	1
Education and Training	P/T Cleaner	3
Employment	Health and Safety Officer III	1
Housing	A.O.	1
Human Resources	A.O.	1
Income Tax	A.O.	1
Port	Port Officer	1
Post Office	Typist	1
Post Office	P/T Cleaner	1
Procurement	E.O.	1
Social Services Agency	Social Worker	2
Social Services Agency	School Attendant	1
Technical Services	A.A.	1
Trade and Industry	Personal Secretary	1
Transport	Vehicle Tester	1
Treasury	A.O.	3

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1237

ANSWER TO QUESTION 1237

The 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>
Audit Office	Audit Clerk	1	3.7.06	External
City Fire Brigade	Fire Control Operator	1	29.8.06	Within the Service
Civil Status and Registration Office	H.E.O.	1	20.6.06	Within the Service
Customs	S.E.O. (Customs)	1	12.6.06	Within the Service
Customs	H.E.O. (Customs)	2	4.9.06	Within the Service
Customs	E.O. (Customs)	4	16.9.06	Within the Service
Education & Training	Headteacher (Westside)	1	2.9.06	Within the Service
Education & Training	Education Adviser	1	2.9.06	Within the Service
Education & Training	Assistant Education Adviser	1	2.9.06	Within the Service
Education & Training	Qualified Teacher	17	1.9.06	External
Education & Training	Assistant (Food & Technology)	1	1.9.06	Within the Service
Education & Training	20 Hr Cleaner	2	3.7.06 2.8.06	Within the Service Within the Service
Gib Health Authority	H.E.O.	1	20.6.06	Within the Service
House of Assembly	S.E.O.	1	13.9.06	Within the Service
Human Resources	H.E.O.	1	20.6.06	Within the Service
Income Tax	Senior Officer	1	10.8.06	Within the Service
Income Tax	S.E.O.	1	7.9.06	Within the Service
Income Tax	H.E.O.	1	7.9.06	Within the Service
Income Tax	E.O.	1	2.10.06	Within the Service
No. 6	H.E.O.	1	20.6.06	Within the Service
Police	Superintendent	2	16.6.06	Within the Service
Police	Chief Inspector	1	16.6.06	Within the Service
Police	Inspector	1	6.9.06	Within the Service

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1237 OF 2006

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u>	<u>DATE FILLED</u>	<u>RECRUITMENT</u>
Police	Sergeant	1	6.9.06	Within the Service
Police	Constable	12	9.8.06	External
Port	Port Operations Room Operative	5	27.8.06	External
Port	Coxswain	3	26.5.06	Within the Service
Post Office	Single Operational Grade (Ex Sorter)	2	10.8.06	Within the Service
Post Office	Single Operational Grade (Basic)	3	10.8.06	External
Social Agency	Services Classroom Aide (Special Needs)	1	1.9.06	Within the Service
Social Agency	Services P/T Classroom Aide (Special Needs)	1	1.9.06	External
Transport	Driving and Vehicle Examiner	1	18.10.06	Within the Service
Treasury	H.E.O.	2	20.6.06	Within the Service

ORAL

NO. 1238 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GAMING TAX/LICENCES

Does Government still expect to receive £6,700,000 in Gaming Tax and £250,000 in Gaming Licences in the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes Sir.

ORAL

NO. 1239 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - RECEIPTS

Can Government state what have been the receipts of the Social Services Agency for the current financial year to 30 September?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1240 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1240 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - PAYMENTS

Can Government state what have been the payments made by the Social Services Agency for the current financial year to 30 September with a breakdown for personal emoluments, industrial wages, other personnel and employer contributions and other recurrent expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 and 1241 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1241 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ELDERLY CARE AGENCY - PAYMENTS

Can Government state what have been the payments made by the Elderly Care Agency for the current financial year to 30 September giving a breakdown for personal emoluments, industrial wages, other personnel and employer contributions and other recurrent expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239, 1240 and 1242 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1242 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ELDERLY CARE AGENCY - RECEIPTS

Can Government state what have been the receipts of the Elderly Care Agency for the current financial year to 30 September?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1241 and 1243 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1243 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY - EXPENDITURE

Can Government state what has been the recurrent expenditure of the Sport and Leisure Authority for the current financial year to 30 September 2006 giving a breakdown of personal emoluments and other recurrent expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1242 and 1244 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1244 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY - RECEIPTS

Can Government state what have been the receipts of the Sport and Leisure Authority for the current financial year to 30 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1243 and 1245 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1245 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY - REVENUE

Can Government state what has been the operating revenue of the Gibraltar Electricity Authority for the current financial year to 30 September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1244 and 1246 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1246 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY - EXPENDITURE

Can Government state what has been the operating expenditure of the Gibraltar Electricity Authority for the current financial year to 30 September 2006, giving a breakdown of personal emoluments, employment costs and other recurrent expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1245 and 1247 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1247 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA - PAYMENTS

Can Government state what have been the payments made by the Gibraltar Health Authority for the current financial year to 30 September 2006, with breakdown by personal emoluments, industrial wages, other personnel and other recurrent expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1246 and 1248 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1248 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA - RECEIPTS

Can Government state what have been the receipts of the Gibraltar Health Authority for the current financial year to 30 September with a breakdown by Social Assistance Fund, GPMS, Consolidated Fund and other receipts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1247 and 1249 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1249 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDC - EXPENDITURE

Can Government provide the total estimated Gibraltar Development Corporation expenditure for the current financial year to 30 September 2006 giving a breakdown as between Employment and Training and other divisions?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1248 and 1250 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1250 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDC - REVENUE

Can Government provide the estimated total Gibraltar Development Corporation revenue for the current financial year to 30 September 2006 giving a breakdown as follows:

- (a) Training Levy;
- (b) ESF;
- (c) Consolidated Fund Head 1B;
- (d) Miscellaneous;
- (e) Other receipts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1249 and 1251 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1251 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

I & D FUND - REVENUE

Can Government provide the total estimated Improvement and Development Fund revenue for the current financial year to 30 September 2006 giving a breakdown by Head of Revenue?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1250 and 1252 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1252 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

I & D FUND - EXPENDITURE

Can Government provide the total estimated Improvement and Development Fund expenditure for the current financial year to 30 September 2006 giving a breakdown by Head of Expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1251 and 1253 to 1254 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 1253 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CONSOLIDATED FUND - EXPENDITURE

Can Government provide the total estimated Consolidated Fund expenditure for the current financial year to 30 September 2006, giving a breakdown by Head of Expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 1239 to 1252 and 1254 of 2006.

NO. 1254 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CONSOLIDATED FUND - REVENUE

Can Government provide the total estimated Consolidated Fund revenue for the current financial year to 30 September 2006, giving a breakdown by Head of Revenue?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

In combination all of these questions in effect calls for the compilation of all the accounts put before the House at Budget Time in the form of a forecast outturn, that will be, if it is asked for, on the basis of an estimate. In accordance with longstanding practice and with the laws, the Government accounts to this House for revenue and expenditure of Government Departments, Agencies and Authorities on the basis of a full financial year, by means of forecast outturns and estimates at Budget times and on an actual audited basis through the tabling of audited accounts. The Government do not consider it, it really has become quite onerous to do this in respect of answers to questions and to boot at relatively short notice following the period questioned, the Government do not consider it appropriate to provide such information in respect of interim periods. What I can say to the hon Member is that I am perfectly happy to share the information with him informally when I get it. In other words, when I get provided with management in-house accounts of revenue and expenditure for a half year, which is what basically he is asking. He is asking to the 30th September and it is the 27th October. When I get them I do not mind informally sending them to him by way of sharing, but the idea that in response to questions something which is done on an annual basis, he is asking for it half yearly and indeed, he asks for it half yearly because a couple of years ago I said to him, 'look, if at least it was only half yearly this used to be asked for at dates which bore no relationship to accounting dates originally used'. But we really do now want to get away from the situation where in answer to questions the administration, and to boot in three days really which is what the administration get to prepare answers to questions, the entire Treasury has to grind to a halt to produce for the hon Member interim Government management accounts for a six monthly period. Now, the Government are putting in place computerisation and other systems that do generate these management interim statements, that is why I say I do not mind sharing them with him when they are available. But we do not think we should provide them specifically for answers to questions, still less in the time frame that is available for people to prepare these answers. The hon Members get seven days, they have to put their questions but then it takes a lot of time to produce them and it is just not realistic. If the hon Member is interested in what is in effect half yearly accounts, if I could call them that very loosely, half year statements of income and expenditure to put it slightly more

accurately, when those are provided to me in whatever form they are provided to me I will send them to him so that he has the same information as I have. Rather than respond to some formal system in this House which suggests that in a question, in effect, one can require the formal basis of accounting to this House which is annual, Budget Time, to be done quarterly, half yearly, still less any more frequently. I hope that the hon Member will be willing to accept that, it is really not an unreasonable offer. He will have it when I have it.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 1239 TO 1254 OF 2006

HON J J BOSSANO:

I do not suppose I really have any choice. I accept the offer or I get nothing and something is better than nothing. So on that basis I am grateful.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

He has all that I have, which is more than just something.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I have not put the question on this occasion because I thought it created a new onerous, but simply as the Chief Minister says, we have had this and obviously the purpose of the exercise is to get some idea of how half way through the year the indicators in terms of the way spending is going and the way revenue is coming in, is consistent with the Estimates that were approved and which we debated and voted. Sometimes it has been longer after 30th September and sometimes it has been earlier, simply because it happened to coincide with when the Government chooses to call the meeting of the House, over which we have no influence.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I understand that the hon Member wants an opportunity, which he gets now, which has not been available to previous Oppositions in the past, either because Governments have not been willing to produce it or perhaps they did not have the means to produce it, for lack of computerisation and things of that sort, that the hon Member wants this information for the purposes that he has just described. In fact, it is not a reliable source of that assessment that he has just described. It is on the expenditure side but not on the revenue side, because it is actually true of expenditure as well. It is much more true of revenue that revenue is not evenly distributed in both halves of the year. So he can certainly follow how much we have spent, of a 12 month estimate how much have we spent by the halfway mark. He can, in a nominal sense, do that also for revenue as well, except that revenue is much more skewed towards the end of the year because of Corporation Tax receipts and all of those things do not come in. So it is not a ready guide, it is not even an indicator of whether at the halfway stage there is likely to be more or less surplus or more or less deficit than was estimated at the beginning. As an indication of the levels of expenditure, it is useful. I can understand that it is useful to see how things are going during the course of the year. It is a huge benefit that the Opposition can now have which, I think he will recognise, we did not have. The reason why it has

become more onerous is not just that it is not long enough after the close of the period for it, let alone in the five days that we have to prepare questions. But we have got the hon Members into the bad habit of providing them with this information. Over the years, when it was asked of one Department, then of one Agency, but the combination of questions, I am not saying this is the first time that he does it, but the combination of questions that have now developed really now provide to the whole lot. It is all the Departments, in effect, and all the Agencies and all the Authorities. It is in effect to compile the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure half way through the year, for the year in question not for the 12 month period. It is available, I am not saying to the hon Member that this information cannot be put together or that it is unduly onerous because the Treasury's accounting systems and computer systems now enable them to do this. So it is not that the information cannot be made available or will not be made available, but it cannot be made available necessarily at the time that the hon Member asks. I understand that he asks for it now because it is Question Time, and if Question Time had not been until November he would not have asked for it until November. That is why I have said to him not that he will not have it but that he will have it when it is available and when it emerges from the system in the ordinary, internal Government course of business and that he will get it as soon as I see it.