

**ORAL**

**NO. 1 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**CEMETERY**

Can Government state the commencement and the finishing date for the works in connection with the refurbishment and beautification of the North Front Cemetery?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The contractor is currently mobilising for the works and is programmed to start on site in April 2006, with an anticipated completion date of December 2006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Can the Government confirm that in the contract of the works there exist such things as penalty payments or progress payments or how is the sum of £630,000 odd to be paid to the contractor?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I am not sure whether in this specific contract there is penalty payments as such but I would dare say that it is normally a standard form of contract which will include it, but to be honest I have not seen the contract itself so I cannot categorically tell him that it is included but I will say that it is normally in a standard form.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Would the Minister be so kind as to inform me whether this is in fact the case, at a later date in writing?

**HON J J NETTO:**

So long as the hon Member writes to me I would be more than welcome to pass the information to him.

ORAL

**NO. 2 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

Can Government state whether they have now received the consultant's report in respect of the Sewage Treatment Plant?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The Consultant's report on the preliminary study and assessment of this project was received in early January. This is currently receiving the Government's consideration.

**ORAL**

**NO. 3 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

No Sir. Neither the proposed opening date nor a meaningful cost estimate can be provided as yet.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 3 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

What route will the cement lorries that will deliver obviously cement to the works follow in Gibraltar?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I am not quite sure I have understood the question, could he please repeat that?

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Yes, cement lorries will deliver cement on site for the works to commence, what route will they follow from the frontier to the site?

**HON J J NETTO:**

The hon Member needs to clarify what site he is referring to.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I am sorry, the south district site.

**HON J J NETTO:**

I would need notice of that question to be able to indicate a proper answer.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I will write to him again.



**NO. 4 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOUTH BARRACK ROAD**

Can Government provide an indication of when the road works being carried out outside the entrance to the car park of the Gibtelecom premises at South Barrack Road will be concluded and when they propose to resurface the stretch of road from the entrance to the garage at Brympton to the top of Sunny Side Steps, which is in an advanced state of dilapidation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The trenches which have been excavated outside the Gibtelecom premises at South Barrack Road are not Government works. It can however be stated that representations have been made to the contractor and the entity responsible for the works, Gibtelecom, to have these completed without further delay.

With regard to the resurfacing of the named stretch of South Barrack Road, this remains under consideration. However, repairs are programmed to shortly be undertaken to improve the situation.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 4 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Am I correct that given that it is a private contractor the Government have to authorise the works on the roads?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes, that is correct.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Is a stipulated period of time given to the contractor to complete the works?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Normally there is but I am not quite sure in this particular contract.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

The object of the question is that the works have been going on for months and there seems to be little progress, in fact a hole for the third time was just opened and it is there waiting for somebody to come and do something with it and it seems to be going on and on and unless something is done about it.....

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes, I can echo the same sentiments on this side of the House and that is why I said that the Technical Services Department has made observations and comments with regard to this and will be making some further comments if it needs to, to improve the situation.

**NO. 5 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 December 2005 to date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Since the award of the Highways Term Maintenance contract a number of roads have been resurfaced, namely:

1. Smith Dorrien Avenue from Smith Dorrien bridge up to Winston Churchill Avenue.
2. Lime Kiln Road.
3. Rosia Lane from the entrance to Vineyard's Estate to Rosia Steps.
4. City Mill Lane from Main Street to Cornwall's Lane.
5. Cathedral Square.

In addition to these, works have started on the Orange Bastion link road project as well as the Engineer and Bell Lane beautification works.

**ORAL**

**NO. 6 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**MAIN STREET - SOUTH**

Can Government say how many tenders were received for the beautification works at Main Street – South, the tender for which closed on 27 January?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

One tender was received for the Main Street (South) beautification works project.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 6 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Has the tender been awarded to that one tenderer?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Government are currently assessing the tender and no decision has as yet been taken on an award.

**NO. 7 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**UPPER TOWN – CAR PARK**

Can Government state how many tenders they received for the Willis' Road Car Park Scheme as a result of the Invitation to Tender of the 16 April 2003?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

A total of four tenders were received by Government for the Willis' Road car park scheme.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 7 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can Government say why a decision was taken not to proceed with the work at the time?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes, the Board's initial recommendation was to award to Sharrock Shand on the grounds that this company had the acceptable track record and had submitted the lowest tender. However, before awarding the contract various qualifications needed to be clarified, namely, the company's assumption that the Highways Engineer would exempt the transportation of the tower crane in segments from a pylon grid from current load restrictions and their non inclusion in the tender price of the cost of building a new sub-station, and their assumption that these works would be covered in the provisional sum provided. Additionally, Lyonnaise Des Eaux, AquaGib, also qualified the need to divert main services affected by the construction of the car park.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the light of those complications shall we say, does it mean then that the idea of doing a car park there is not feasible?

**HON J J NETTO:**

No, the scheme is going ahead it is feasible. The contractor is currently finalising under a design and build contract format and is expected to mobilise on site in April of this year with completion expected at the end of 2007.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is the same contractor that initially put the lowest bid, is it?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Have the Government negotiated an additional sum to cover these other factors?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Correct.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Will these car parking spaces be for sale or will they be simply available for residents in the area?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I am afraid I have not got the answer to that question with me, if the hon Member wishes to write to me I will endeavour to find the answer.

**NO. 8 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**OESCO**

Will Government now state what are the details of the work for the noise insulation of the OESCO power station at Europa Business Centre and what costs it will entail?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Government are not presently in a position to state what the exact works will be or the cost of the insulation of the OESCO power station as details have yet to be finalised and this work is likely to be the subject of a future tender.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 8 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

At the last meeting of the House, which I recall was now last year, the Minister referred me to the definition in the dictionary of the word 'soon' when he told me that works would be commencing in respect of this matter soon. Having had regard to that definition, can he please tell us when it is that he expects to be in a position to put this matter out to tender?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Well soon always has to be taken into context and not in isolation. What I can say is that we want to be in a position to have consultants to be engaged by the Government in order to report to us on the type and cost of insulation that is needed and we are hoping that works will start in the new financial year.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Do the Government expect to fund that insulation work itself or will it be financed by OESCO or jointly?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Well, there are aspects which may fall on the Government and there are aspects which may fall on the company in accordance with the contract. There are different views being held whether the building belongs to the Government and there are views held whether the machines, obviously, are owned by the company and in relation to each respective category where the cost will come, so I anticipate there will be areas which belong to the building, for which the Government are the owners and for which the Government would have to find the finance for that particular part of the insulation.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The hon Gentleman said in accordance with the contract, what contract did he refer to?

**HON J J NETTO:**

The contract between the Government and OESCO.



**ORAL**

**NO. 9 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CALPE MARRIED QUARTERS**

Why have Government not built the same 'ape proof' cage around the rubbish dumps in the area of Calpe Married Quarters that they have erected in the area of Willis' Road?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Answered together with Question No. 10 of 2006.

**NO. 10 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CASTLE STEPS**

What action do Government intend to take in respect of the state of the rubbish dump at the bottom of Castle Steps?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The bin holding facility at Willis' Road is only a 'temporary' structure that is not of the standard that Government wishes to adopt. The construction of the new road from Moorish Castle to Willis' will necessitate the relocation of the present bin cubicle, consequently the temporary nature of that which presently exists. The new bin cubicle to be constructed will be of a more permanent nature and one that is more aesthetically pleasing.

A permanent structure will be erected at Calpe Married Quarters. These works were actually started some months ago but shortly thereafter a disused water cistern was uncovered and this has necessitated the complete redesign of the cubicle. The new design is now practically complete and work should resume within weeks.

The refuse holding facility at the bottom of Castle Steps is, as are all other refuse receptacle areas, under review. These enclosures were constructed some considerable time ago and some have reached the end of their useful life whilst others are no longer suited for the purpose for which they were constructed at the time. Government are therefore systematically looking at all such areas and plans are being drawn up to enhance or to replace such facilities. This project will be spread over a number of financial years.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 9 AND 10 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Minister tell me when it is exactly that he alleges that the work in respect of the bins at Calpe Married Quarters started?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I cannot answer the question but this is information passed on by my own Civil Servants.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Yes I appreciate that but the Minister is answerable to the House especially in relation to a question as clear as this. Will he take it from me that there has been no evidence whatsoever of any work having been done in respect of the area of Calpe Married Quarters and that that has now become the main feeding zone for apes that no longer access the rubbish dump at Willis' Road.

**HON J J NETTO:**

Well, I hear what the hon Member has to say and no doubt I will be asking my Civil Servants for an explanation. Suffice to say that the problem as he just alluded to is still there, is one where we are now completing the new designs for the new cubicle bins and hopefully works should start within a few weeks to resolve the problem.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does the Minister not agree with me that the wait is becoming too long? For some time I have been asking questions of the Government in this House about this issue and we were told that the bin holding facility was being designed. We then saw after about a year and a half the erection of this now apparently temporary facility in Willis' Road, which whether temporary or otherwise aesthetically pleasing or otherwise, works well. The apes cannot get into it, they cannot feed, they cannot break the rubbish out. They have not erected a similar temporary facility at Calpe Married Quarters so all the apes have been moved, in effect the action that the Government have undertaken has resulted in the apes being moved from one rubbish dump to another and all congregating in the same one, in an area where children play, where there is now rubbish strewn on the floor, which might be very funny but if a child falls it is really going to cause a problem. Now, frankly would the hon Gentleman not agree with me that it is time to stop designing and redesigning and to stop doing things soon and actually make them happen.

**HON J J NETTO:**

I have already answered the question.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In relation to Question No. 10 of 2006, given that the only answer that it appears we are going to get from the Minister in relation to the other matter is that he is going to ask his Civil Servants, how and on what basis does the hon Gentleman describe the rubbish dump at the bottom of Castle Steps as a refuse holding facility when it does not hold any refuse? That is the problem, the refuse is spread out in the area in front of St Bernard's School?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I do not detect a clear question from the hon Member, perhaps he can make it clearer.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

How is it that the hon Gentleman can describe that area or that dump as a refuse holding facility when it does not hold refuse, the refuse is everywhere?

**HON J J NETTO:**

The title he suggests is the title being given by those people in those particular services, by the particular industry itself. It is not a title which I have invented but those who work there use that particular vocabulary.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is the hon Gentleman not concerned that rubbish is strewn all over the area of the bottom of Castle Steps? Is that not an issue which as Minister for the Environment, with his commitment to the environment, should be causing him serious concern because the environment in which the people in that area have to live is really not up to standard?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Let me say that that particular facility was not done under this present Government, it was done by the previous GSLP Government, I have already recognised the fact that they have ceased to exist for what they were intended to do and have also said that we intend to upgrade them whenever we get a moment to do it. So I have recognised that there is an issue, an issue that was started before this administration and we are going to put it right.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

No, that is not right. The rubbish dump at the bottom of Castle Steps used to work but it is now dilapidated, most of the walls are broken down, therefore there is nothing any longer to hold the rubbish and that is something which has happened during this administration. It has happened in the past 10 years because the place is just falling to bits and my question to him and I ask it again because the residents in the area are entitled to consideration is, is he not concerned at the fact that rubbish is strewn all over the area?

**HON J J NETTO:**

The rubbish is held in bins not actually strewn all over the place.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Well, would the Minister agree to go up to the area at the bottom of Castle Steps on a Sunday afternoon and see exactly what it is like in that area when one has to negotiate the area around that rubbish dump, so that he can understand that it is not actually kept in the bins?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I have been many times before.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Would he agree to go again to see it on a Sunday afternoon?

**HON J J NETTO:**

There is no need to answer that silly question.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

It is not the same question he has not answered it. Will he go again to see the area strewn with rubbish on a Sunday afternoon?

**MR SPEAKER:**

I think the last question which I understood was will the Minister go again, the operative word being again, after the Minister answered he had been there before. I think it calls for an answer, either yes, no or maybe whatever it is and that might end the debate.

**HON J J NETTO:**

I will go whenever I think it is necessary to go, given the fact I have been several times before.

ORAL

**NO. 11 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**APES DEN**

Are there any plans to move the Apes Den from its present location?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

There are no plans to relocate the apes den from its present location.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 11 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

There are no plans then to move it nearer to the feeding area?

**HON J J NETTO:**

No.

**NO. 12 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**PIGEON CULL**

What has been the cost of the pigeon cull to date and which parties have been remunerated in respect of the cull and in what amounts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The three entities participating in the pigeon cull are the Animal Welfare Centre, GONHS and the Environmental Agency.

The Government's contract with the Animal Welfare Centre includes the culling of pigeons as a routine operation and consequently costs incurred in this respect are what would normally have been incurred in the normal course of events and which is allowed for in the contract. There has therefore not been any additional cost beyond that.

GONHS has an on-going contract with Government for the culling of seagulls. Government have decided that for some weeks effort would be directed towards the culling of pigeons. No costs beyond that already included in the contract have been incurred.

The Environmental Agency, as part of the services included under their contract with Government, assigned staff to undertake this specific role. There has therefore not been any cost incurred beyond that already included in the contract.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 12 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it that the seagulls were being killed with lethal injections? We have been told there is no additional cost and therefore the seagulls that were due for execution in that period have had their lives spared and pigeons are being killed instead. So I am asking, since he is saying that the resources were previously aimed at the massacre of seagulls has now been devoted to the massacre of pigeons, were the seagulls being killed with lethal injections?

**HON J J NETTO:**

The answer is that as the question implies they have directed their human resources in order to get pigeons as opposed to seagulls.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is not my question. Are the pigeons being killed by the same methodology as the seagulls were being killed?

**HON J J NETTO:**

The answer is no.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Therefore if the same methodology is not being used and the pigeons are being killed with lethal injections who is paying for the lethal injections?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Obviously, indirectly the Government through their own contract with the Animal Welfare Centre.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The Minister is telling the House that in the contract which the Government had which previously resulted in seagulls being killed, there was no provision for the cost of lethal injections and that in the new contract there is a need to buy or import these lethal injections.....

**HON J J NETTO:**

I think the hon Member is confusing some of the contracts. One has got to bear in mind that there is one specific contract with GONHS and there is another specific normal contract with the Animal Welfare Centre. In relation to the contract with GONHS, it says there shall be a culling of seagulls by a certain methodology. The contract with the Animal Welfare Centre also provides for the culling of pigeons every year, and in accordance with how many pigeons have been culled it gets a payment. So therefore, what I am saying is that there have not been any additional costs beyond that of the contract which means that only in accordance with those pigeons being culled there has been a payment for the lethal injection that the hon Member was referring to.



**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But the Animal Welfare Centre, I am not sure the pigeons or the seagulls would agree with that particular description, the Animal Welfare Centre is also using lethal injections or are they using some other less attractive method?

**HON J J NETTO:**

All pigeons being culled are using the same lethal injection, humane lethal injection as opposed to massacre.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is not true then that the pigeons are being killed in any other way other than by lethal injection, that is the fact?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes.

**NO. 13 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SOUTH DISTRICT – NOXIOUS SMELLS**

What action are Government taking to deal with the problems of noxious smells being suffered by residents of the south district and recently highlighted by both GONHS and the ESG?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Government ensure that all operators abide by the bunkering code of practice and the provision of MARPOL Annex 6 which is referred to in the Gibraltar Code of Practice. Although it is accepted that there may have been incidents of unpleasant smells in the past no bunkering operator has been found to be in breach of the Regulations.

The Government have met all bunkering operators in order to reduce unpleasant smells. The operators are able to make use of additives, all bunker operators now use these. In addition, all operators are now allowing the fuel to settle for a minimum of 48 hours before supply. The cumulative impact of these measures which the industry has introduced has resulted in a significant reduction in the unpleasant smells from bunkering operations.

I would like to make it clear that even when there have been unpleasant smells the levels of hydrogen sulphide have always been within the legal limits.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 13 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What has happened to make the Government change their view that these noxious smells actually do originate from bunkering operations?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

What has happened is that over the past few months we have been monitoring the instances of unpleasant smells and eventually we have been able to trace these to some bunkering operations which take place in the Bay. Therefore we have tried to take steps in order to reduce and hopefully eradicate them.

**NO. 14 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**STEELMAC LTD**

What conclusions if any have Government reached in their consideration of the situation and assessment of options in relation to the contract with Steelmac Ltd in respect of recycling?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The agreement with Steelmac Limited has recently been terminated and a tender for the service is being prepared by the Department of the Environment.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 14 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

When do the Government expect that tender to be published?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Well, I will avoid the word 'soon'. Realistically speaking it will probably be in the new financial year.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In the first quarter of the new financial year or in the second quarter of the new financial year?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I should imagine in the first quarter, I would hope so anyway.

**NO. 15 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**UPPER ROCK - FIREBREAKS**

Can Government state to what Head of Expenditure the annual cost of clearing the Upper Rock firebreak is charged?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The annual cost of clearing the Upper Rock firebreak is charged to Head 104(6) – Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 15 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Head 104(6) in the Improvement and Development Fund, is that the case?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Would the Minister not agree that if this is supposed to be done annually it is annually recurrent expenditure as opposed to Improvement and Development Fund expenditure?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I understand that it has always been in the Improvement and Development Fund although there seems to be some logic in what the hon Member seems to be saying in terms of annual recurrent expenditure, but the history seems to be that it has always been in the Improvement and Development Fund.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not sure that that is accurate, I seem to remember perhaps some years ago of having it detailed in the actual recurrent expenditure and voting on it, so I am just putting it to the Minister that perhaps it needs reviewing if it is an annual event.

**HON J J NETTO:**

Fine, thank you.

**NO. 16 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CATALAN BAY – BUND WALL PROJECT**

Have Government abandoned the Catalan Bay Bund Wall Rockfall Protection Project, which was originally included in the 2003/2004 Improvement and Development Fund approved expenditure?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Work on the Catalan Bay Bund Wall Rockfall Protection scheme started on 10 October 2005 and is programmed to be completed on 8 April 2006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 16 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister say why it was not in fact commenced in the year in which the funds were originally voted, in 2003/2004?

**HON J J NETTO:**

What I do know is that this project has been put out to tender on two occasions. The closing date for the first was 3 October 2003 where three tenders were received. However, the sums tendered exceeded the funding allocated to the project by a substantial margin and were not considered acceptable. The second tenders were returned on 10 December 2004 when two tenders were received and it went to the lowest bid.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So in fact is the Minister saying that the bids that were put in in 2004 were lower than the ones in 2003?

**HON J J NETTO:**

No, what I am saying is the opposite, that the first tender brought results which were far in excess to the estimates by the Department and for which we had no such allocation of funds. The current bids, my understanding, is much lower.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is what I asked. I said is it the case that the bids in 2004 were lower than the lowest one of 2003, that is the case is it?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

And it was with the same specification or does the Minister not know?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I do not hold that information with me.

**NO. 17 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**LATHBURY BARRACKS – CLIFF STABILIZING**

Can Government explain why they have decided not to proceed with the Cliff Stabilizing Project at Lathbury Barracks, which was ready to proceed to tender in November 2003?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The only cliff stabilisation work in the area of Lathbury Barracks are those to the area of the cliff above the upper section of Windmill Hill Road. These works were started on 23 January 2006 and were completed on 10 March 2006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 17 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Was there a decision not to proceed with the tender in November 2003 which is in fact identified as having happened by the Principal Auditor?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I am afraid I have not got that information with me.



ORAL

NO. 18 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

**BUILDINGS & WORKS AUTHORITY**

Can Government state whether it is still their intention to proceed with the setting up of a Buildings and Works Authority?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The Government are not actively proceeding with the setting up of a Buildings and Works Authority.

ORAL

**NO. 19 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**POLICE BARRACKS**

By when do Government expect that Police Barracks will be vacated?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Government do not have a completion date for the decanting of the Old Police Barracks.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 19 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is this a process which has already commenced, has it already started?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**ORAL**

**NO. 20 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. 21, 22, 36 and 38 of 2006.

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**NO. 21 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. 20, 22, 36 and 38 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 22 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – SOCIAL CATEGORY ‘A’ LIST**

Can Government state how many persons are currently on the social category ‘A’ list?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 20, 21, 36 and 38 of 2006.

**NO. 23 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

Can Government state how many housing applicants have been removed from the Waiting List in each financial year since 1996/1997 because the department had not received the relevant signed form confirming their housing application details?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Prior to 2002 the computer system did not provide for the recording of the information requested. This information is available as from 2002 and I now hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested as from 2002.

**Answer to Question No. 23**

Financial year 2002/2003	18
Financial year 2003/2004	42
Financial year 2004/2005	23
Financial year 2005 to date (15.3.06)	166

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 23 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

It seems from the statistics provided, that the number of people being crossed off from the waiting list is increasing. Rather disturbingly in 2005 to date the figure comes to 166. Could the Minister consider that the time from the moment the letter is sent to the applicant the waiting time is just not long enough. As evidenced by myself somebody was away for Christmas last year, they received the letter informing them that should they not return the signed form their application would be suspended and just a couple of weeks later in January another letter came saying that they had been removed from the waiting list.

**HON C BELTRAN:**

No, the hon Member has not got it right, there are in fact three letters in the process not two as he indicates. There is not an increase in the figures provided there is certainly a huge bump in the year 2005 to date which can be explained, otherwise the year 2002 18 and in 2003 42 and then in 2004 it went down to 23 so there is not a consistent increase in the number of people who are, as it were, losing their application if they do not follow a certain process. The bigger figure of 166 in fact arises as a result of a screening process which was carried out during that particular year and a number of applications which had been temporarily suspended as it were, a permanent decision was taken there and then and that is why the figure is higher in 2005. The process of letters is in fact the annual review letter in which they actually find out whether the applicant still is interested in applying and also whether there are any changes in the circumstances of the applicant, more children or whatever, which will support his application. That letter goes out, which is the first letter, by the way all these letters are registered mail to ensure that it gets there and people know about this, then there is a reminder which is the second letter which reminds them that they have not returned it and the third letter actually says the application has been suspended or cancelled, as the case may be. So it is really a three letter process. I think that people are given a certain amount of time.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

The relevant point is not the number of letters but the time from the moment the first letter is sent to the point in time when the actual applicant is removed. Also could I ask the Minister for Housing if there is not hand written information prior to 2002 before computers were used in his Department?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

As I said there are three letters and whether the hon Member feels that there is not enough time given in between the letters is debateable and certainly can be looked into if that is causing problems to people. Certainly that has not come to the notice of my office as a problem. Checking physically through thousands of files going back 10 years to find out whether there were people who were being crossed out of the list or not, in theory I suppose could be done but would be a massive exercise, as I say involving thousands of files and I think frankly myself would be unreasonable to ask

the clerks in the Housing Department to leave important work that they do on a daily basis to carry out this type of historical search.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is everybody that is on the waiting list sent one of these letters?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

As far as I know yes, this is the procedure.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is this done every year?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

What the Minister is saying is that bar 18 for example in 2003 they got 500 replies out of the 518 as it were? That is the position?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

Yes.



**ORAL**

**NO. 24 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

Can Government state of the 670 persons who were on the waiting list as at the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2005, how many have been rehoused giving a breakdown by month and category of accommodation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 25 to 28 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 25 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

Can Government state in respect of each waiting list to which an applicant was added in the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> August 2005 who had previously been a homeowner, the number of persons on the list on the date such applicants joined?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 24 and 26 to 28 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 26 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

Can Government state in respect of each list to which an applicant was added in the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> August 2005 who had previously been a homeowner, the position on the list obtained by the applicant when joining?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 24, 25, 27 and 28 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 27 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – PRE-LIST**

Can Government state how many of the 64 persons who had previously chosen to sell their homes and had joined the pre-list after the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2003 who were not in the 20 that joined the main list in the 12 months to the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2005, have since joined the main list, giving a breakdown by month and size of accommodation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 24 to 26 and 28 of 2006.

**NO. 28 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

Can Government provide a breakdown by size of accommodation required for the 20 applicants who joined the Housing Waiting List in the 12 months to the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2005, who had been identified as being homeowners who had previously sold their homes?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested. Before doing so, however, I wish to clarify that:-

The information requested in Question Nos. 25 and 26 which is to do with the 5<sup>th</sup> August people who went into a list, how many people there were on that list and what position they took up, this information cannot be provided absolutely accurately to the day because the positions and the number of applicants in the lists fluctuates constantly and daily backups are only kept for two weeks. So today I can tell what position and how many people there were in those lists for the last two weeks. However, archive copies of the waiting lists are kept for the end of each month so there is a list for the end of the month and looking at these, therefore, the information requested can only be an approximation as the date of entry into the lists of these applicants might not necessarily coincide with the date that the waiting lists were archived.

## Answer to Question 28

### Answer to Question 24

A total of 12 applicants have been rehoused. A breakdown by month and flat composition is as follows:

1RKB	-	2
2RKB	-	3
3RKB	-	5
4RKB	-	2

### Answer to Questions 25 and 26

The following is a breakdown of the applicants who had previously been homeowners:

Date of entry into main list	List	No. of applicants in list	Position in list
August 2004	3RKB	116	13
August 2004	3RKB	116	105
September 2004	3RKB	190	162
September 2004	2RKB	51	44
November 2004	3RKB	126	95
January 2005	3RKB	136	26
February 2005	3RKB	146	94
February 2005	1RKB	347	245
February 2005	1RKB	347	36
March 2005	1RKB	404	205
April 2005	4RKB	65	2
April 2005	3RKB	147	147
April 2005	1RKB	380	263
April 2005	3RKB	147	119
May 2005	3RKB	151	54
June 2005	1RKB	383	375
June 2005	4RKB	68	5
July 2005	3RKB	159	150
July 2005	3RKB	159	85
July 2005	1RKB	390	122

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## Continued. Answer to Question 28

### Answer to Question 27

A total of 24 persons have joined the main list. A breakdown by month and flat composition is as follows:

August 2005	-	3RKB x 1
September 2005	-	1RKB x 1 2RKB x 1 3RKB x 2
October 2005	-	3RKB x 3 4RKB x 3
November 2005	-	4RKB x 1
December 2005	-	1RKB x 1 3RKB x 2 4RKB x 1
January 2006	-	2RKB x 1 4RKB x 1
February 2006	-	2RKB x 1 4RKB x 4
March 2006	-	2RKB x 1

### Answer to Question 28

A breakdown of the flat composition of the 20 applicants is as follows:

1RKB	-	5
2RKB	-	2
3RKB	-	11
4RKB	-	2

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### SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 24 OF 2006

#### **HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can I just ask for clarification to the answer provided to Question No. 24. The question was 'Can Government state how many of 670 persons on the waiting list on 5<sup>th</sup> August have been rehoused giving a breakdown by month and category of accommodation'. There is no month shown, it says the breakdown by flat composition is as follows and then it says 1 bedroom, 2 bedroom, 3, is that for the whole period since 5<sup>th</sup> August without the breakdown by month?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

The month seems to have disappeared.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Has it just disappeared in our copy?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

No in mine as well, this is obviously a typo somebody has left it out.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So in fact the figures that we have here is what from 5<sup>th</sup> August to date?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

As at 5<sup>th</sup> August.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No it says how many have been rehoused by month.

**HON C BELTRAN:**

Since 5<sup>th</sup> August.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

What I am asking him is, is it from 5<sup>th</sup> August to date since there is not an indication of how many were rehoused in each month.

**HON C BELTRAN:**

I am afraid I cannot give a categorical answer to that question I shall have to find out.



**ORAL**

**NO. 29 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. 1098 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question No. 30 of 2006.

**NO. 30 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – NUMBER OF REPOSSESSED FLATS**

Can Government state how many Government flats have been repossessed, to date, since the answer given to Question No. 1099 of 2005, giving a breakdown of pre-war and post-war?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

A total of 6 pre-war flats have been allocated to date since the answer given to Question No. 1098 of 2005.

A total of 7 Government flats have been repossessed to date since the answer given to Question No. 1099 of 2005.

The breakdown is as follows:

Pre-war	-	3
Post-war	-	4

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 29 AND 30 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

What is the time lapse from the point in time when the house is repossessed to the time that these houses are given to other people on the waiting list?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

It is very difficult to give a typical answer because each house will have different types of problems that need doing, different levels of refurbishment or what we call cleaning, removing unwanted stuff by the tenant who has left. Therefore it is very difficult to know exactly how long Buildings and Works will take with any particular dwelling.

ORAL

**NO. 31 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

Can Government state how many households have applied for rent relief in December 2005 and January and February 2006 and how many were approved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 32 to 35 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 32 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

Can Government state how many households were on full rent relief in December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 31 and 33 to 35 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 33 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

Can Government state how many households have received rent relief in December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 31, 32, 34 and 35 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 34 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 31 to 33 and 35 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 35 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**Answer to question 35**

**Answer to question 31**

The number of households that have applied for Rent Relief in December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006, and the number that were approved is as follows:

December	-	1	(1 approved)
January	-	6	(4 approved)
February	-	9	(6 approved)

**Answer to question 32**

The number of households on full rent relief in December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006 is as follows:

December	-	79
January	-	78
February	-	72

**Answer to question 33**

The number of households that have received rent relief in December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006 is as follows:

December	-	725
January	-	715
February	-	694

**Answer to question 34**

The number of households on rent relief that have had this benefit terminated in December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006 is as follows:

December	-	3
January	-	26
February	-	20

**Answer to question 35**

The number of households that have had the level of rent relief reduced in December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006 is as follows:

December	-	53
January	-	67
February	-	58



**ORAL**

**NO. 36 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. 20 to 22 and 38 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 37 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – PRE-LIST**

Can Government state how many, if any, of the 64 persons who had previously chosen to sell their homes and had joined the pre-list after the 5<sup>th</sup> August 2003 were in the 20 that joined the main list in the year ending 2005, giving a breakdown by size of accommodation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

The answer is none.

**ORAL**

**NO. 38 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**

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

### **Answer to Question 38**

### **Answer to Question 20**

A total of 66 applicants, to date, have been medically categorised, as follows:

A+	-	3
A	-	19
B	-	20
C	-	24

### **Answer to Question 21**

A total of 226 persons, who are non-applicants, have been medically categorised, as follows:

A+	-	14
A	-	71
B	-	64
C	-	77

### **Answer to Question 22**

A total of 81 persons are currently on the Social Category 'A' List.

### **Answer to Question 36**

A total of 471 applicants are currently on the pre-list, as follows:

1RKB	-	303
2RKB	-	31
3RKB	-	89
4RKB	-	42
5RKB	-	5
6RKB	-	1

### **Answer to Question 38**

1RKB	-	398
2RKB	-	68
3RKB	-	204
4RKB	-	83
5RKB	-	12
6RKB	-	2

**ORAL**

**NO. 39 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. 1079 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

None have been rejected.

**NO. 40 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. 1080 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

One such case was accepted in December 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 40 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Presumably it is possible to deduce from the answer to the two questions that the one accepted was the only applicant since none were rejected.

**HON C BELTRAN:**

It is possible to deduce that but it is the wrong deduction, there could be some more in the pipeline being looked at by the Housing Allocation Committee.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Who may have applied in that period but no decision has yet been taken?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

Yes.

**ORAL**

**NO. 41 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. 1081 of 2005, 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 No. 42 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 42 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. 1082 of 2005, 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**

The answer to both questions is none.



ORAL

**NO. 43 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – MINOR WORKS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question No. 44 of 2006.

**NO. 44 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**

In respect of Question No. 43 there are presently 1,717 tenants who require some extent or other of work to their flat to be carried out.

In respect of Question No. 44 there are 38 flats at present for refurbishment.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 43 AND 44 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Could the Minister repeat the answer? I am not too sure because it is a double-barrelled question, there are 38 flats presently being refurbished or.....

**HON C BELTRAN:**

At present for refurbishment at Buildings and Works, I cannot tell him exactly what number exactly, how many masons and how progress is going on, I cannot give that detailed an answer.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

In connection with Question No. 43 the answer given of 1,717 must refer as I have asked the question to the number of tenants, but can the Minister from the information he has in front of him confirm that this equates with the number of jobs to be done or could there be more than one job required doing in a specific household?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

I dare say there would be in some cases more than one job required but that is a different question.

**NO. 45 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006, and what is the total of arrears covered by such agreements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

The number of tenants that have entered into agreements to pay arrears of rent in December 2005, January and February 2006, and the total amount of arrears covered by such agreements is as follows:

<b>Month</b>	<b>No. of Tenants Entering Agreements</b>	<b>Amount</b>
December 2005	4	£7,170.61
January 2006	15	£51,290.42
February 2006	17	£53,805.26
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>£112,266.29</b>

**NO. 46 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**BUILDINGS & WORKS DEPARTMENT**

Can Government say if there have been any changes in the Bonus Scheme of the Buildings and Works Department in the current financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

There have been no changes in the Bonus Scheme in the current financial year.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 46 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

We have information which I think is reliable that the group of employees involved in outside maintenance are receiving less bonus than the other groups. Is the Minister willing to comment on that?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

I have just said that there have been no changes as far as Government are concerned in the Bonus Scheme. Which individual employees get what level of bonus within the scheme I do not know, I do not have it with me here.

**NO. 47 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 give a breakdown by month and estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**Answer to Question 47**

A total of 74 phone calls have been received since the 14 December 2005 as follows:

December 2005	-	11 of which 3 were found to be correct
January 2006	-	3 of which 1 was found to be correct
February 2006	-	54 of which 7 were found to be correct
March 2006 (to date)	-	6 of which 3 were found to be correct

Out of the total calls received the following is a breakdown according to Estate:

Laguna Estate	-	5
South District	-	5
Alameda Estate	-	3
Varyl Begg Estate	-	50
Glacis Estate	-	5
Catalan Bay	-	1
Upper Town	-	2
Town Area	-	3

**ORAL**

**NO. 48 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ST BERNADETTE'S CENTRE**

Can Government state the management structure of St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 49 to 51 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 49 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ST BERNADETTE'S CENTRE**

Can Government state how many cleaners are currently at St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 48 and 50 to 51 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 50 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ST BERNADETTE'S CENTRE**

Can Government state how many classroom aides are currently at St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 48, 49 and 51 of 2006.



**NO. 51 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ST BERNADETTE'S CENTRE**

Can Government state how many teachers are currently at St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

The management structure of St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre is as follows:-

- 1 Manager
- 1 Deputy Manager

There are currently three cleaners employed at St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre, two full-time and one part-time.

There are currently 14 classroom aides, seven full-time and seven part-time.

There is currently one teacher.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 48 TO 51 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

What is the role of the classroom aide?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is a supplementary that diverts quite a lot from the actual question itself but from the top of my head I can say that the role of the classroom aide is to supervise and lend support in the personal care and in other spheres to the people attending St Bernadette's.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Why is it that they are classified as classroom aides if there is no classroom or teaching as such?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

They can also be classified as learning assistants but due to the nature of the work that is done at St Bernadette's I myself consider the name 'classroom aide' to be an anomaly and there are moves to try to rectify it. The whole area of St Bernadette's is being very carefully looked into.

**HON S E LINARES:**

A learning assistant is still the wrong terminology because if we look at St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre which the Minister in answer to Question No. 119 of 2005 last time she said was not an educational centre, and therefore not being an educational centre the learning should come from the teacher and therefore the terminology is wrong, so is the Minister going to change the terminology of the classroom aide or learning assistant to some other name?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

As I said, we are looking at the whole situation at St Bernadette's, I am sure that the hon Member is aware that St Bernadette's is not the only place which employs classroom aides, the name classroom aide is historical, they are employed in schools as well and as I say we are looking at a complete reshuffle of St Bernadette's from the teacher, everything that is involved with education will be looked at thoroughly.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Has the Minister had any proposals from the teacher to see how the post can be put to a better use, as she commented in the last answer to my Question No. 119 of 2005?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The latest proposal that we have had from the teacher is that he is stating that he feels that he is a wasted resource within St Bernadette's and he has actually asked for a transfer to the Education Department.

**HON S E LINARES:**

In view of the fact then that the teacher might be moved back to some other school or wherever, will St Bernadette's then not have a teacher and for how long?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

It is the intention once that happens, if it happens, to replace the post of teacher with the post of a qualified occupational therapist which is more suited to the work which is carried out at St Bernadette's as the name itself suggests.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Who will then after that happens look at the educational programmes and I mean the programmes not the actual delivery, because as we rightly said last week the delivery can be done by speech therapists and other therapists, the delivery of even educational programmes but who will look into the educational aspect of St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre after that teacher is moved?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The teacher himself feels he is a wasted resource precisely because he cannot deliver any sort of structured educational programmes. There is a limit to the degree of education that the person attending the Centre receives, the name of the Centre is an occupational centre and that is why we think it would be best suited by being served by an occupational therapist as opposed to a teacher.

ORAL

NO. 52 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

**HM PRISON**

What was the number of receptions into HM Prison in 2005 and the population in custody as at 31 December 2005?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

The number of receptions into HM Prison in 2005 was 192.

The population in custody as at 31 December 2005 was 27.

ORAL

**NO. 53 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND**

Can Government state what was the income, expenditure and balance of the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund in each of the months of December 2005 to the end of February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 54 to 60 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 54 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 53 and 55 to 60 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 55 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 December 2005 and January and February 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. 53, 54 and 56 to 60 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 56 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 53 to 55 and 57 to 60 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 57 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 53 to 56 and 58 to 60 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 58 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

Can Government state whether the Closing Balance as at 30 September 2005 of the Social Insurance (Short-Term Benefits) Fund is £1,058,264, as provided in answer to Question No. 594 of 2005, or £1,062,587, being the Opening Balance provided in answer to Question No. 1131 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 53 to 57 and 59 to 60 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 59 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

Can Government state whether the Closing Balance of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund as at 30 September 2005 is £1,170,271 as provided in answer to Question No. 588 of 2005, or £596,844, being the Fund Account Opening Balance provided in answer to Question No. 1132 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 53 to 58 and 60 of 2006.

**NO. 60 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

Can Government state whether the Closing Balance as at 30 September 2005 of the Social Insurance Open Long-Term Benefits Fund is £13,354,776 as provided in answer to Question No. 592 of 2005, or £13,246,668, being the Opening Balance provided in answer to Question No. 1135 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I hand the hon Member statements giving the information requested in Question Nos. 53, 54, 55 and 56 of 2006.

The transfers made from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund to the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for December 2005 and January and February 2006 are as follows:

December 2005	£1,310,000
January 2006	£650,000
February 2006	£900,000
	<u>£2,860,000</u>

The revised balance of the Social Insurance (Short-Term Benefits) Fund as at 30 September 2005 is £1,064,754.

The revised balance of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund as at 30 September 2005 is £600,025.

The revised balance of the Social Insurance Open Long-Term Benefits Fund as at 30 September 2005 is £13,252,959.

**Answer to Question No. 60 of 2006**

**Answer to Question No. 53**

The income, expenditure and balance of the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund in each of the months of December 2005 to the end of February 2006 is as follows:

**EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND**

	<u>31-Dec-05</u>	<u>31-Jan-06</u>	<u>28-Feb-06</u>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>			
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£4,491,132	£4,454,353	£4,418,917
<b><u>Add</u></b>			
Receipts	£40,126	£23,546	£5,868
	£4,531,258	£4,477,899	£4,424,785
<b><u>Less</u></b>			
Payments	(£76,905)	(£58,982)	(£54,760)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	£4,454,353	£4,418,917	£4,370,025

**Cont'd Answer to Question No.60 of 2006**

**Answer to Question No. 54**

The income, expenditure and balance of the Short-Term Benefits Fund in respect of December 2005 and January and February 2006 is as follows:

**SOCIAL INSURANCE (SHORT-TERM BENEFITS) FUND**

	<u>31-Dec-05</u>	<u>31-Jan-06</u>	<u>28-Feb-06</u>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>			
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£1,084,663	£1,083,213	£1,117,908
<b><u>Add</u></b>			
Receipts	£63,928	£95,386	£89,053
	£1,148,591	£1,178,599	£1,206,961
Payments	(£65,378)	(£60,691)	(£66,312)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	£1,083,213	£1,117,908	£1,140,649

**Cont'd Answer to Question No.60 of 2006****Answer to Question No.55**

The income, expenditure and balance of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for December 2005 and January and February 2006, showing the amounts from UK and local funds and the expenditure to former Spanish workers and to pensioners from local funds is as follows:

**CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

	<b><u>31-Dec-05</u></b>	<b><u>31-Jan-06</u></b>	<b><u>28-Feb-06</u></b>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>			
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<b><u>£327,770</u></b>	<b><u>£696,100</u></b>	<b><u>£376,282</u></b>
<b><u>"Local Account"</u></b>			
Opening Balance	£35,971	£169,435	£57,901
<u>Add</u>			
Transfers from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund	£1,310,000	£650,000	£900,000
Other Receipts	<u>£2,390</u>	<u>£2,294</u>	<u>£90</u>
	<u>£1,348,361</u>	<u>£821,729</u>	<u>£957,991</u>
<u>Less</u>			
Pension Payments	<u>(£1,178,926)</u>	<u>(£763,828)</u>	<u>(£891,188)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£169,435</u>	<u>£57,901</u>	<u>£66,803</u>
<b><u>"Spanish Account"</u></b>			
Opening Balance	£291,799	£526,665	£318,381
<u>Add</u>			
Receipts from DFID	<u>£1,370,000</u>	<u>£10,000</u>	<u>£160,000</u>
	<u>£1,661,799</u>	<u>£536,665</u>	<u>£478,381</u>
<u>Less</u>			
Pension Payments	<u>(£1,135,134)</u>	<u>(£218,284)</u>	<u>(£176,806)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£526,665</u>	<u>£318,381</u>	<u>£301,575</u>
<b><u>Fund Account</u></b>			
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<b><u>£696,100</u></b>	<b><u>£376,282</u></b>	<b><u>£368,378</u></b>

**Cont'd Answer to Question No.60 of 2006**

**Answer to Question No.56**

The income, expenditure and balance of the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund in respect of December 2005 and January and February 2006 is as follows:

**OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

	<b><u>31-Dec-05</u></b>	<b><u>31-Jan-06</u></b>	<b><u>28-Feb-06</u></b>
<b>Fund Account -</b>			
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£13,393,610	£12,673,949	£13,124,179
<b><u>Add</u></b>			
Receipts	£742,759	£1,188,187	£1,052,897
	£14,136,369	£13,862,136	£14,177,076
Payments	(£1,462,420)	(£737,957)	(£1,003,279)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<b><u>£12,673,949</u></b>	<b><u>£13,124,179</u></b>	<b><u>£13,173,797</u></b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 53 TO 60 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister explain how it is that the receipts, presumably from insurance contributions for the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund in December is over £40,000 and in January it goes down to £23,500 and in February it is £5,800, given that the rate is the same every month and presumably the levels of employment are more or less the same as well?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I am afraid I would not be able to provide an answer off the top of my head but I can certainly pass on the information to the hon Member once I obtain it.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

In answer to Question Nos. 58, 59 and 60 of 2006 the Minister has provided me with figures which are neither the balances at the end of September, the closing balance, or the opening balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> October, can she explain why this is the case?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I am informed by Treasury who obviously compile the answers to these questions that the accounts of the Government remain open until nine months after the end of the financial year, and therefore figures are provided as and when requested are only tentative and subject to amendment until the accounts are finalised.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I have been keeping records of all these balances and I can tell the Minister that from April to August the balances were correct. In order to keep a true account of these figures could she then provide me with where the differentials are so that I can at least come to sensible balances? In answer to Question No. 58 of 2006 there is a difference of £2,200, which of the components has changed?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes certainly, if the hon Member writes to me asking exactly which years or which months, the exact information that he is requesting I will certainly forward it to him.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I am saying it in my question, 30 September 2005 the closing balance was £1,058,264 and then I am given £1,064,754. Could she not write to me in this respect?



**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes and I have provided an answer being the balance as revised.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The point is that if we are being given on a month by month basis the opening balance, the receipts and the payments and the closing balance and then the closing balance of one month is different from the opening balance of the previous month when there has been no interval of time between it, it can only be because the original information provided in the House on expenditure and on income was incorrect. I would think that the Minister would want to correct the incorrect figures that had been provided previously and which are on record.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I do not agree that they would be necessarily incorrect. As I explained the accounts are open nine months after the end of the financial year and they are revised again at that date, that is why the figures do not tally.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well I know that the Minister has repeated three times the explanation that she has been given, except that I can tell her that the explanation that she has been given does not make sense. It may be that she is not able to distinguish between an explanation that makes sense and one that does not and therefore has just told us what she has been given. These are cash balances so therefore it is not as if one goes back, either one pays out so much money that month or one has not paid it. The information that has been given to us today is that for example, in the Social Insurance Short-Term Benefits Fund there were payments of £66,312. Now, these figures have been provided for a very long time and we have never previously had a situation when the closing balance that has been given in one Question Time has been altered as the opening balance in the next Question Time without any explanation. It has never happened, it is the first time it happens. If there was a technical reason which required revision then it would be something that would not be happening for the first time. So it can only be that either the figures that they gave us for income were incorrectly too high or the expenditure side was incorrectly too low. There is no other possible explanation because I am sure the Minister will be able to confirm, and I would ask her to do so, that in fact if somebody has paid or makes a payment that is recorded in the month in which it is received not in respect of the month that it was due for, and we have always understood that these figures we have been given as cash so there is no need to go back and make revisions because of late payments for example.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

These are obviously accounting practices and measures that are taken by the Treasury and I will not pretend to know the answer to his question. What I will do is that I will ask the Financial and Development Secretary to shed some light on the matter and I will write to the hon Member with the information requested.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

We are quite happy for the light to be shed here and now given that the Financial Secretary continues to be a Member of the House.

**HON T J BRISTOW:**

The answer could simply be, I do not know what the detailed answer is, but it could simply be that there was a mis-posting in the month in question which was then subsequently corrected and he would find that across all the accounts, but as my hon Colleague said she will write and explain in more detail.

**NO. 61 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

Can Government explain to whom was the sum of over £107,000 paid by the Social Insurance Long-Term Benefits Fund in the financial year 2003/2004, in respect of Unified Collection System Expenses?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

The sum of over £107,000 paid by the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund in the financial year 2003/2004 in respect of Unified Collection System Expenses is made up as follows:-

Payment of £87,164 made to TQS Ltd for on-going development of the unified collection computer system, programming required in connection with the scanning and computerisation of all manual social insurance records and annual maintenance fees.

Payment of £12,356 to several suppliers in respect of special computer paper, ink cartridges and other computer equipment.

Payment of £5,000 paid to UK Government Actuaries in respect of work carried out in connection with the Actuarial review of the funds and which were erroneously allocated under the heading Unified Collection System Expenses.

Payment of £2,997 made to BSG Computer Services for a currency machine, also erroneously allocated under this heading.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 61 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The £5,000 to the UK Government Actuaries does that mean that the Government have now had an actuarial review done of all the Social Insurance Fund and is this the total cost?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I would not know if the exercise has as yet been completed or this is part-payment if it is on-going. I would not know the answer to his question but I can find out for him.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Presumably if the actuaries have submitted their report and recommendations the Minister would know because presumably they would have given it to her.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct and actually I knew that this was on-going and I recall having asked for it quite recently and it has not been provided. So I assume that it is not ready yet.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is not yet completed. So given the fact that this is a sum that was actually paid in 2003/2004 there may be then payments in subsequent financial years then if the final report has not yet come through, is that correct?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That could be the case.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the work done on the unified system presumably it is work that a policy decision was taken to charge it to the Long-Term Benefits Fund as opposed to any other one but obviously it affects the operation of all the funds. This has to do I take it with the quarterly schedules, is that correct?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes, they are the expenses incurred as a result of the unified collection system to do with the schedules as the hon Member has rightly pointed out.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The Minister mentioned that it involved scanning social insurance records, does that mean now that the records that existed prior to the unified scheme when people paid by sticking stamps on insurance cards have now been included in the computer?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is the purpose of the exercise, what I do not know is if the exercise has actually been completed. I suspect that it has not because I did ask whether there would be

further costs incurred in forthcoming years and I have been told that there are. That the work of TQS will not have finished until a couple of years time.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So this is not a one off thing that happened just in that year, it is a continuing exercise the scanning, is it?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I think it started in 2002 if I am not mistaken and will continue for several years more.

**NO. 62 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – NUMBER OF PENSIONERS**

Can Government state what was the number of pensioners being paid or with entitlement to payment in December 2005 and January and February 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 nationalities for each of the months in question?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 63 and 64 of 2006.

**NO. 63 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – NUMBER OF PENSIONERS**

Can Government state of the pensioners being paid or with entitlement to payment from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund, how many were also being paid or with entitlement to payment from the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund giving the numbers for each month since April 2005 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. 62 and 64 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 64 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – NUMBER OF PENSIONERS**

Can Government state what was the number of pensioners being paid or with entitlement to payment for each month since April 2005, from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund, giving a breakdown of:

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.



**ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 64/2006****Answer to Question No. 62 of 2006**

The following pensioners were in receipt of payments from the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund from December 2005 to February 2006.

	<b>Dec-05</b>	<b>Jan-06</b>	<b>Feb-06</b>
<b><i>Pre-1969 Spanish Pensioners</i></b>	6094	6071	5966
<b><i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i></b>	5064	5069	5085
<b><i>Moroccan Pensioners</i></b>	1644	1648	1687
<b><i>Other Nationalities</i></b>	470	474	476
<b>Total</b>	<b>13272</b>	<b>13262</b>	<b>13214</b>

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 64/2006**

**Answer to Question No. 63 of 2006**

The following pensioners were in receipt of payments from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund and also in receipt of payments from the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund since April 2005.

	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06
BRITISH PENSIONERS (GIB/UK NAT.)	2073	2101	2116	2144	2165	2195	2222	2240	2266	2287	2308
SPANISH PENSIONERS	96	98	98	99	99	100	100	100	102	104	104
MOROCCAN PENSIONERS	576	582	582	577	579	584	584	583	582	609	611
OTHER NATIONALITIES	30	29	29	30	30	30	33	33	33	33	33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2775</b>	<b>2810</b>	<b>2825</b>	<b>2850</b>	<b>2873</b>	<b>2909</b>	<b>2939</b>	<b>2956</b>	<b>2983</b>	<b>3033</b>	<b>3056</b>

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 64/2006**

**Answer to Question No. 64 of 2006**

The following pensioners were in receipt of payments from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund since April 2005.

	Apr-05	May-05	Jun-05	Jul-05	Aug-05	Sep-05	Oct-05	Nov-05	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06
BRITISH PENSIONERS (GIB/UK NAT.)	2080	2108	2123	2152	2173	2203	2230	2248	2274	2295	2316
SPANISH PENSIONERS	101	103	103	104	104	105	105	105	107	109	109
MOROCCAN PENSIONERS	576	582	582	577	579	584	584	583	582	609	611
OTHER NATIONALITIES	30	29	29	30	30	30	33	33	33	33	33
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2787</b>	<b>2822</b>	<b>2837</b>	<b>2863</b>	<b>2886</b>	<b>2922</b>	<b>2952</b>	<b>2969</b>	<b>2996</b>	<b>3046</b>	<b>3069</b>

**ORAL**

**NO. 65 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Can Government state what was the number of persons receiving Social Assistance in December 2005 and January and February 2006 giving a breakdown by age and sex?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 66 and 67 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 66 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Can Government state how many persons receiving Social Assistance in December 2005 and January and February 2006 have been employed since and how many are still receiving social assistance, giving a breakdown by age and sex?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 65 and 67 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 67 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006, giving a breakdown of their age and sex?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

## ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 67/2006

### Answer to Question No. 65 of 2006

Persons receiving Social Assistance for the month of December 2005 & January & February 2006 by month, sex and age.

2005	Males	Females	Total	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
December	184	287	471	67	152	121	131

2006	Males	Females	Total	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
January	180	290	470	69	153	119	129
February	178	289	467	70	152	115	130

### Answer to Question No. 66 of 2006

Persons in receipt of Social Assistance for December 2005, January & February 2006

QTR	Month	Males	Females	Total	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dec-05	184	287	471	67	152	121	131

QTR	Month	Males	Females	Total	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan-06	180	290	470	69	153	119	129
	Feb-06	178	289	467	70	152	115	130

Persons employed during December 2005, January & February 2006

QTR	Month	Males	Females	Total	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dec-05	0	1	1	1	0	0	0

QTR	Month	Males	Females	Total	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan-06	4	1	5	0	2	2	1
	Feb-06	6	4	10	4	1	5	0

Persons in receipt of Social Assistance as at 17<sup>th</sup> March 2006

As at	Males	Females	Total	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
17.03.06	179	289	468	70	150	118	130

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 67/2006

**Answer to Question No. 67 of 2006**

Months	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	Total	Male	Female
<b>Dec-05</b>	26	26	25	11	19	9	0	116	83	33
<b>Jan-06</b>	25	26	25	10	19	10	0	115	81	34
<b>Feb-06</b>	25	26	26	10	19	10	0	116	81	35

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 65 TO 67 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

In relation to Question No. 67 of 2006 where it states that there is a disability allowance under the Social Assistance arrangements, does the Minister know how many of those people who are on that allowance are in St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I would suspect that all of them.



ORAL

**NO. 68 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – 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 December 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question No. 69 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 69 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE**

Can Government state how many of the pensioners in receipt of the Minimum Income Guarantee as at end December 2005, if any, had the amount of this entitlement reduced following the increase in the quarterly Household Cost Allowance payment made by Community Care Limited in respect of the fourth quarter of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I hand the hon Member the answer to Question No. 68 of 2006 in written format.

In December of every year all cases of persons in receipt of Minimum Income Guarantee are re-assessed for any changes in income. As a result of the increase in the quarterly Household Cost Allowance in respect of the fourth quarter of 2005, 417 cases have had a reduction in their benefits as from 1 January 2006.

## ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 69

### Answer to Question No. 68

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 december 2005.

				Singles			Couple			Total
				No			No			No
From	£ 133	To	£ 135	0			1			1
From	126	To	130	0			0			0
From	121	To	125	0			0			0
From	116	To	120	0			0			0
From	111	To	115	0			0			0
From	106	To	110	0			0			0
From	101	To	105	0			0			0
From	96	To	100	6			1			7
From	91	To	95	14			0			14
From	86	To	90	1			0			1
From	81	To	85	0			0			0
From	76	To	80	1			0			1
From	71	To	75	0			0			0
From	66	To	70	0			1			1
From	61	To	65	22			0			22
From	56	To	60	1			0			1
From	51	To	55	2			2			4
From	46	To	50	6			0			6
From	41	To	45	14			1			15
From	36	To	40	16			2			18
From	31	To	35	10			1			11
From	26	To	30	22			0			22
From	21	To	25	30			2			32
From	16	To	20	31			7			38
From	11	To	15	211			2			213
From	6	To	10	18			8			26
From	0	To	5	11			4			15
				<b>416</b>			<b>32</b>			<b>448</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 68 AND 69 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That means everybody because there are 416 singles and 32 couples so out of the 448 there were some whose allowance was not reduced?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct, 31.

**ORAL**

**NO. 70 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS**

Can Government provide an explanation why industrial accidents by cause of injury, classified as Others, show an increase from 8 in the year 2000 to 101 in the year 2003?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

My Department is carrying out an exercise to re-check the data provided. As soon as this is completed I will provide an explanation in writing to the hon Member. It is obviously evident that there is some explaining to do.

**NO. 71 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**

Can Government confirm that they have recently advertised in Spain vacancies for Supply Care Workers in the Social Services Agency?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I can confirm that vacancies for supply Support Workers have recently been advertised in Spain.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 71 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

What is the nature of the work that Support Workers do in the Social Services Agency?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I draw the distinction between Care Workers and Support Workers because the former, the Care Workers, work in the childrens' residential service whereas Support Workers work in the area of Dr Giraldi and it is in this area that the Agency are having extreme difficulties in recruiting workers.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

What the Minister is saying is that they have extreme difficulty in recruiting Supply Workers because they have no difficulty in recruiting permanent workers, do they?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Well, the occasion for recruiting permanent workers has not arisen as of late so we would not know what the situation would be like. We will know very shortly because we have some vacancies coming out but the more constant recruitment is of Supply Workers and as I say it is in the area of recruiting Supply Workers where we are having a lot of difficulties.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The Supply Support Workers who work in the Dr Giraldi Home are these people who are in fact Supply Workers in theory but on permanent supply on a regular basis?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No, they work a lot but not permanently. On different occasions during the year quite a lot because they cover all the leave absences of the permanent workers, that is, annual leave, sick leave and because the amount of people on the supply list is quite reduced because of the difficulties in recruiting, they do work not on a constant basis I would not say but quite a lot, yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Coming to the conclusion that the difficulty was such that it required the unusual step of advertising vacancies in Spain, has the Minister sought the use of the services of the Employment Service to fill these vacancies? Are these vacancies put up on boards in the ETB?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Of course, they are advertised in the ETB as well as the local newspapers.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The ETB from amongst people who are registered with them have not been able to offer the possibility of any recruitment in that area?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Well, I assume that they have sent some people along but either the numbers were limited and/or they were not suitable.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the Agency require any specific qualifications from these Supply Workers?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Not qualifications as such but certain personal qualities and skills.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are these personal qualities and skills listed in the advertising or are they only made available to people once they apply?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

They are actually stipulated in the vacancy.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the vacancies as they are advertised in Spain?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes and the same here in Gibraltar.



ORAL

**NO. 72 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT HOSTEL**

Can Government state whether there is a Waiting List of applications for a place in the Government Hostel, and if so, how long is it and what is the date of joining of the person longest on the list?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 73 to 78 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 73 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT HOSTEL**

Can Government state whether places that become available at the Government Hostel are offered to persons on the Waiting List based on the length of time that has elapsed since they were added to the list?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 72 and 74 to 78 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 74 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT HOSTEL**

Can Government state what are the criteria for eligibility to a place at the Government Hostel?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 72, 73 and 75 to 78 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 75 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT HOSTEL**

Can Government state the number of beds provided at the Government Hostel and how many are occupied?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 72 to 74 and 76 to 78 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 76 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT HOSTEL**

Can Government state how many of the beds at the Government Hostel are occupied by pensioners?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 72 to 75, 77 and 78 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 77 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT HOSTEL**

Can Government state how many of the beds in the Government Hostel are occupied by persons who are currently unemployed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 72 to 76 and 78 of 2006.

**NO. 78 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT HOSTEL**

Can Government state how many beds they plan to have in the proposed new Government Hostel that is intended to replace the existing facilities?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I can confirm that there are two waiting lists of applications for a place in the Government Hostels. That is, one for persons who only want a place in the Devil's Tower Hostel and one for those who do not mind being accommodated at either of the two hostels (the other being Buena Vista Hostel). The details are as follows:-

Devil's Tower Hostel has a waiting list of 23 persons. The person who has been longest on the list made a request for accommodation on 19 July 2002.

For those who do not mind either one or the other there are nine persons on that list. The person who has been longest on the list made a request for accommodation on 26 April 2005.

In answer to Question No. 73 of 2006 yes, this is the normal procedure. Any person who is in employment in Gibraltar and not eligible to apply for Government accommodation can request a place in the Government Hostels.

A total of 200 beds are provided at the Government Hostels, 197 are currently occupied and three are in the process of being allocated.

There are 19 beds occupied by pensioners.

There are 37 persons in the Government Hostels who are currently unemployed and there are provisional plans to provide 200 beds in the new hostel but no final decision has been taken on this matter.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 72 TO 78 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Is the Minister aware as to whether or not there is anybody on that list which is medically categorised 'A' or socially categorised 'A' who would need housing immediately?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I am not aware.

There are provisional plans to provide 200 beds in the new hostel but no final decision has been taken on the matter.



**ORAL**

**NO. 79 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**MOUNT ALVERNIA**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

As at the end of February 2006 a total of 98 Elderly Citizens are in the Waiting List for Mount Alvernia out of which 28 are occupying a bed at St Bernard's Hospital.

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

**Answer to Question No. 79/2006**

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

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age</b>			
	<b>60-70</b>	<b>70-80</b>	<b>80-90</b>	<b>90+</b>
<b>Male</b>	0	1	8	1
<b>Female</b>	0	6	9	3

**Breakdown by Age and Sex of all others in Waiting List**

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age</b>			
	<b>60-70</b>	<b>70-80</b>	<b>80-90</b>	<b>90+</b>
<b>Male</b>	2	5	6	5
<b>Female</b>	1	11	28	12

**Breakdown by Age and Sex of all in Waiting List**

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Age</b>			
	<b>60-70</b>	<b>70-80</b>	<b>80-90</b>	<b>90+</b>
<b>Male</b>	2	6	14	6
<b>Female</b>	1	17	37	15

ORAL

**NO. 80 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SENIOR CITIZENS – SWIMMING POOL**

Can Government state how much money has been spent to date on the Senior Citizens Swimming Pool project?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question No. 81 of 2006.

**NO. 81 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SENIOR CITIZENS – SWIMMING POOL**

Can Government say whether they have received any money to date from OEM towards the costs of the construction of the Senior Citizens Swimming Pool project?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

The expenditure of the Senior Citizens Swimming Pool project as at 15 March 2006 is £890,439. However, the project is not yet fully complete.

I confirm that the Government have received money from OEM towards the costs of the construction of the Senior Citizens Swimming Pool project.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 80 AND 81 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the money that the Government receive from OEM go into the Improvement and Development Fund and is it then that the payments to the contractor are made from the Fund?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the position of OEM then to make a payment up to £1 million and then if there is any additional cost that would be met by the Government or is OEM actually funding whatever the pool will cost?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No, OEM has made a contribution of £1 million irrespective of what the pool costs.

ORAL

**NO. 82 OF 2006**

**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 in December 2005 and January to 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**

Answered together with Question No. 83 of 2006.

**NO. 83 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES – WELFARE REPORTS**

Can Government state how many pre-sentence and child welfare reports have been prepared in each month of 2005 and in each full month of 2006 to date by Social Services for hearings involving access to children in both the Magistrates' and Supreme Courts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

In December 2005 no reports were prepared.

In January 2006 two reports were prepared. One was requested by the Supreme Court on the 21 September 2005 and another was requested by the Magistrates' Court on 17 November 2005.

In February 2006 two reports were prepared. Both were requested by the Supreme Court. One on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2005 and another on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

I hand the hon Member a list of child welfare reports prepared by Social Services for Hearings involving access to children in both the Magistrates' and Supreme Courts.

As a legal practitioner himself, I assume he is aware that pre-sentence reports are prepared as sentencing documents for convicted offenders in criminal proceedings and not in cases involving access to children. However, if the hon Member is still interested in knowing the number of pre-sentence reports prepared I have the information readily available and can pass it over to him.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 83**

**List of Child Welfare Reports prepared each month of 2005 and in each full month of 2006 to date by Social Services for hearings involving access to children in both the Magistrates' and Supreme Courts,**

January	2005	1
February	2005	1
March	2005	1
April	2005	2
May	2005	2
June	2005	4
July	2005	5
August	2005	0
September	2005	1
October	2005	1
November	2005	4
December	2005	0
January	2006	2
February	2006	2

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 82 AND 83 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Of course I am fully aware of that and I would not for one moment expect there to be pre-sentencing reports on children's matters. This Question was answered in this format in the previous House and I am surprised that the point should be taken now that I am still interested in the information so I would be grateful to have it. In her answer to Question No. 82 of 2006 one of the things that the Minister told us was that one of the reports delivered in January related to a request in November 2005 and the other one to September 2005, but that reports delivered in February related one of them to a year before and the other one to June 2005. Is the Minister now satisfied that the backlog has finally been dealt with or not?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No the backlog has not been dealt with because the two new Social Workers have only started or been appointed very recently, in fact last week.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

When does the Minister expect that the backlog will be dealt with?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I would not dare say the rate of work that these two new Social Workers are going to produce, it depends how many reports they can get through in a certain day as they are going to be dealing exclusively, initially obviously, with working with court welfare reports.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is the Minister telling us then that the decision to employ two was taken without considering how long it would take them to clear the backlog?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I do not know whether that played part in the decision to employ two, that was the recommendation made by the professionals in the Agency that two were required, they must have come to that conclusion in some way or other.



**ORAL**

**NO. 84 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES**

Can Government state the total number of outpatient attendances at the Primary Care Centre in the months of December 2005 and January and February 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. 85, 86 and 87 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 85 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – OUT-PATIENT 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 84, 86 and 87 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 86 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – NUMBER OF HOUSE CALLS**

Can Government state how many House Calls were attended to by Health Centre Doctors in December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 84, 85 and 87 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 87 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 87 of 2006****Answers to Questions 84, 85, 86 and 87 of 2006**

DEPARTMENT	Dec-05	Jan-06	Feb-06	TOTAL
AUDIOLOGY	66	154	92	312
DIETICIAN	63	93	91	247
CLINIC SISTER	1524	1465	1365	4,354
SCHOOL HEALTH	233	256	251	740
SPEECH & LANGUAGE	58	136	138	332
MENTAL WELFARE	136	184	186	506
GP CLINIC	6669	6882	8256	21,807
HOUSE CALLS *	407	413	510	1,330
DENTAL	1206	1405	1420	4,031
CHILD WELFARE	656	954	1090	2,700
NURSE PRACTITIONERS	871	875	1092	2,838
DERMATOLOGIST	90	DNA	96	186
CRYOTHERAPY	119	131	104	354
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,098</b>	<b>12,948</b>	<b>14,691</b>	<b>39,737</b>

\* Calls received during working hours are recorded until 4.00p.m. Night calls do not form part of these statistics.

**\* COMMUNITY**

PHYSIO	166	167	204	537
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	129	129	111	369
DISTRICT	2558	1819	1727	6,104
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,853</b>	<b>2,115</b>	<b>2,042</b>	<b>7,010</b>

**NO. 88 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**GHA – APE RELATED INJURIES**

How many patients were treated at St Bernard's Hospital and the Primary Care Centre for "ape related injuries" in each month of 2004 and 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**Answer to Question 88 of 2006**

**St Bernard's Hospital**

<b>Month</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>
January	9	15
February	7	7
March	11	13
April	11	8
May	9	10
June	14	17
July	28	21
August	29	3
September	16	29
October	16	21
November	12	15
December	12	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>160</b>

**Primary Care Centre**

No patient has been treated in the Primary Care Centre for "Ape related injuries". Any such patients would automatically be referred to the A&E department at St Bernard's Hospital.

**NO. 89 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – AVIAN FLU**

Can Government state the conditions that would have to be experienced in Gibraltar before the Government triggers off protecting the population from Avian Flu by administering the anti-viral drug Tamiflu?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

There seems to be an assumption in the question that at some trigger point the Government will administer Tamiflu to everyone as a prophylactic. This belief is erroneous, Tamiflu is intended as a treatment to be used by doctors and nurses for patients, not by the Government but by doctors and nurses, for patients who experience symptoms and not given to everybody. It is not a vaccine, it is similar to a stockpile of antibiotics. Other than that, the situation remains as given in answer to Question No. 1146 of 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 89 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Can the Minister confirm whether the viral drug Tamiflu is now in Gibraltar? If I remember correctly he said late March, has it arrived or is it just due shortly?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I have not been notified and neither do I see any reason why I should have been notified of its arrival. I am assuming it has not arrived yet but there is nothing to indicate that it is not arriving on time. So if it has not arrived it is about due.

**NO. 90 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

A total of 14 cases were identified of which seven were hospital acquired, three were intrinsic, that is, when the person arrived at hospital he or she was already infected.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 90 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Am I correct in assuming that the other four were imported? The Minister gave 14 cases and if I heard him correctly he said seven and three intrinsic.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

That is correct, four were imported.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Of the three that are described as intrinsic did the patient gain admission to St Bernard's Hospital from another medical institution, from another hospital, or are those simply the imported ones?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

We group MRSA under four definitions – imported, intrinsic, hospital acquired and indeterminate which by implication answers the question that if they were intrinsic they were not imported. If they are imported they are imported from another hospital.



**HON F R PICARDO:**

If somebody were to be an in-patient at St Bernard's Hospital or another hospital and were to be discharged from their particular ailment that they were originally suffering and they were to be admitted into the hospital two weeks later and they happen to have MRSA, would that be featured in this list as intrinsic?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

If they did not have MRSA whilst they were actually in the hospital then yes, they would be as intrinsic.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

So if a person was released from, for example, St Mary's referred from St Bernard's to St Mary's released at St Mary's, returns to Gibraltar and has MRSA at the stage that he leaves St Mary's when he is re-admitted in Gibraltar because he has not come back straight to hospital he comes back to his normal life and then is admitted into hospital, that is intrinsic?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

If he is not known in St Mary's to have had the illness then yes it would be as intrinsic.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

If it was known it would be imported?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes, if he went back into St Bernard's straight from St Mary's for example or from any other hospital and he was carrying the disease then it would be shown as imported.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Yes but when he is known to have the disease when he leaves hospital, it may not be possible but I am just trying to understand the headings, and he is released knowing that he has got MRSA or having been diagnosed with MRSA believed to be cured and after say a number of days of being back at home he is then re-admitted or admitted into St Bernard's is that imported, intrinsic or...?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

The definition of 'imported' is where the person arrives at hospital with the MRSA infection which has been acquired outside Gibraltar. It is irrelevant whether it comes in direct or whether it comes in via a stay at home, if it is known.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Does the Minister not consider that seven hospital acquired cases of MRSA is a high number and if not, why not?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

No, the Minister considers nothing of the sort. In fact I said it before and I will say it again, our figures in Gibraltar are much lower than they are in the UK. If we used the same system, we are much stricter on ourselves, we measure to a very much higher standard. I will give an example, if we had used the same yardstick in Gibraltar that they use in the UK, then for the period 1999/2005 only eight cases in total would have been reported. Here we are going out of our way to test to try to prevent the disease spreading. Nowhere else, as far as we know, in no other jurisdiction is every patient returning from an overseas hospital to a general hospital systematically screened and if having the disease then isolated until the disease is cured. In many places including the UK published statistics only deal with MRSA bacteraemias, that is the most severe case of the infection whereas Gibraltar counts and publishes every single case of MRSA infection, and as I said if we used the same yardstick of bacteraemias then only eight would have been reported in that six year period.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

But surely the incidence of patients returning to a hospital in the UK after treatment from an overseas hospital is much lower than it is in Gibraltar.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

But it is the principle, it is the principle of moving between one hospital and another, the principle of coming into a hospital. We are testing every single case and we are recording every single case that emerges irrespective of the degree of the infection, whereas UK is recording and reporting only bacteraemias which are severe cases of infection.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Just on the parameters the Minister said that we are the only place that is testing all patients returning from an overseas hospital but we obviously have more patients returning from an overseas hospital than for example the United Kingdom which will not have that many patients returning from overseas hospitals. They might come from other hospitals in the United Kingdom but if the criteria is overseas hospitals, then really the fact that we are testing more of those does not say much does it?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

We compare ourselves not just with the United Kingdom but also to the Channel Islands, Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man, which are smaller jurisdictions with which we compare more favourably.

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**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I very quickly crave your indulgence and just go back one question to ask the Minister this? Of the figures that he gave of detected MRSA cases, were any of those fatal?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I am sure that if they had been I would have known about it so I will say probably not. I think when I answered this question some time ago I said there had been either no deaths or one death attributed to MRSA, this was in answer to a question some months ago, so I would think the answer is almost certainly no.

**NO. 91 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – SMALLPOX VACCINES**

Can Government confirm that between 1999 and 2004 they purchased Swiss Serum Institute smallpox vaccines from UK, and if so, how many doses were obtained?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Yes a total of 290 ampoules of 100 doses each, that is a total of 29,000 doses were purchased from the UK Department of Health in 2003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 91 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Given that there is no indications that we are about to have a smallpox epidemic and that there are only 22,000 of us Gibraltarians, is there a particular explanation why this apparently large volume was considered necessary?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I was not Minister for Health at the time as the hon Member knows but from my connections with C3, the Contingency Planning Committee and also from memory of other situations I can tell him that at the time, we are talking about the time of the Iraq War and events surrounding it, at the time there was considerable concern in circles to do with this that they were being used by terrorists basically, so this was a preventative measure taken by Government at the time which was difficult to achieve I might say, it is not easy to get smallpox vaccines because they are strictly controlled and difficult to come by, and they were bought at the time as a preventative measure and are still held in stock. I think the hon Member said 22,000?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Gibraltarians.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Well the population is 27,000 and in case of an outbreak we cannot distinguish on grounds of nationality.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Have these got an expiry date?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

All medicines have an expiry date, I asked that question myself. I do not know what the expiry date of this is but I understand that for vaccines it is fairly long term but I could not tell him on my feet what the expiry date is.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the Minister have available to him what it cost at the time?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

It cost £46,400. To give the answer completely they come complete with something called, I think it is bifurcated needles which are not straight needles they are fork shaped and if the transport costs are added we are talking of £50,763.83.

**ORAL**

**NO. 92 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 93, 94, 99, 100, 101 and 102 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 93 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES**

Can Government state what was the total number of out-patient attendances at St Bernard's Hospital during the months of December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 92, 94, 99, 100, 101 and 102 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 94 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – IN-PATIENT ATTENDANCES**

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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 92, 93, 99, 100, 101 and 102 of 2006.



**ORAL**

**NO. 95 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – NUMBER OF BEDS**

Can Government provide a breakdown by ward of the number of beds available at St Bernard's Hospital as at 0800 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 96, 97 and 98 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 96 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – NUMBER OF BEDS**

Can Government state the number of beds that were occupied at St Bernard's Hospital as at 0800 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 95, 97 and 98 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 97 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 December 2005 and January and February 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 three categories identified by the Government specifying sex and age:-

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 95, 96 and 98 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 98 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 December 2005 and January and February 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 hand over to him.

## Answer to Question 98 of 2006

### Answer to Question 95 and 96

Ward	Beds	Transfers	Occupied	Unoccupied
Victoria	30	+1	31	0
John	30	+1	31	0
Dudley Toomey	30	+1	31	0
Captain Murchison	30	+1	31	0
Rainbow	21	-	11	10
Emily Macintosh	11	-	5	6
Dr Giraldi Unit	13	-	8	5
Closed Wards	40	-4	-	36
Day Surgery	5	-	-	5
A&E	2	-	2	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>62</b>

### Answer to Question 97

1. Elderly patients formally discharged:

December		
Age	Male	Female
71-80	8	20
81-90	4	16

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.

## Cont Answer to Question 98 of 2006

### Answer to Question 98

The number of elderly patients at St Bernard's Hospital as at the end of December 2005, end of January 2006 and end of February 2006 were as follows:

#### December 2005:

Age	Male	Female
65-70	4	8
71-80	7	24
81-90	11	17
91-100	2	3

#### January 2006:

Age	Male	Female
65-70	1	6
71-80	6	24
81-90	12	10
91-100	1	3

#### February 2006:

Age	Male	Female
65-70	2	5
71-80	4	25
81-90	13	10
91-100	1	3

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 95 TO 98 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Can the Minister confirm that of the 212 beds available only 176 are usable as 36 appear to be in closed wards?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Normally 40 are not unusable but not open for use at any given moment. On the date that the question is framed four of those beds had been transferred from the closed wards to the open wards and that is why the figure there is at 36, but normally as at today for example, of the 212 available beds in the hospital 40 are in a closed ward that is not being used. I had difficulty with the hon Member's use of the word 'available' because I was not quite sure what the question meant and that is why in the answer it has been changed from 'available' to 'occupied' and 'unoccupied' in order to make it absolutely clear.

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**HON F R PICARDO:**

In answer to Question Nos. 95 to 96 of 2006, looking at the schedule it would appear that there is a total of 62 unoccupied beds at St Bernard's Hospital in the days in question but obviously that includes not 40 but 36 which are unavailable, to coin the phrase that is perhaps the one that the Minister does not like, and 10 in the Children's Ward.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

It is not that I do not like the word, I changed it to unoccupied and occupied to avoid misunderstanding so that I could give a clear answer. By occupied and unoccupied what is meant is that on the snapshot that the hon Member asked me to take at 8 o'clock in the morning on that particular day those beds were occupied meaning that they had a patient lying in the bed and being looked after and those that are unoccupied, other than the 36 beds in the closed ward, are unoccupied because there are no patients in them but if at one minute past eight a patient had been trundled in on a trolley that figure would have been 61 and not 62 if he sees what I mean.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Yes absolutely but the substance of this debate that we have had now for some considerable time, certainly since I have been elected to this House and very recently publicly as well as a result of the bed shortage problem really is this, we are still being given a total number of beds of 212 and yet even with acute shortages like the ones that even the Health Authority itself accepts that it suffered in the past three weeks, 40 of those beds are not really available beds in any way shape or form by any definition.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

That is exactly why I changed the answer not to use the word 'available' to avoid misleading Opposition Members because how does one define 'available'? If the bed is behind the doors of a closed ward technically according to the dictionary definition of the word a bed is available because it is there but I have changed it to 'unoccupied' so as to make it clear the difference between available and it is unoccupied at that particular moment in time which does not mean to say that it could not be occupied if it were necessary to occupy it but the policy, to get it clear once and for all, the policy of the Government and the GHA is at this moment in time to keep that ward closed and not to use it for reasons that we have rehearsed publicly and I am quite willing to rehearse again but for the avoidance of wasting the time of the House I will not unless the hon Member presses. The policy is to keep those 40 beds closed under normal circumstances. Now having said that, not currently because we are in the middle of the week but last weekend, I have lost track now whether we are in the middle of an initiative or just finished one but the initiatives that we are taking last for about a week. Now what we have done for the last new initiative is to avoid a recurrence of the situation that we had three weeks ago when the new initiative contributed to the shortage of beds and the problems that were raised. For the new initiative this time we have opened a small ward of 10 beds and the new initiative operations have been carried out in that small ward. The beds have been opened up for a short period of time and as soon as the knee patients have gone home the beds have been closed down again.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

It sounds like a knee jerk reaction to the bed shortage problem to me but anyway, let us try and cut to the chase. Is the Minister telling us and let us try and analyse his language, is the Minister telling us that today in St Bernard's there are 212 available beds?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

If by 'available' we mean are there physically 212 beds in the hospital the answer is yes, there are physically 212 beds in the hospital in the locations given in the answer to the Question.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is the Minister telling us that there are 212 beds available for patients, for example at Accident & Emergency if those people turn up. If the hospital were empty and 212 patients were to turn up at Accident & Emergency would there be 212 beds available?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Then it depends how one defines the word 'available'. The hon Member raises his hands as if I were talking nonsense, well he should listen more carefully and maybe he will understand the explanation that I am giving because the rest of his Colleagues obviously do, he is the only who does not so maybe he should listen more attentively. It depends how one defines 'available'. If he is asking me whether



212 people arrived at the hospital today, now at this minute and wanted to lie on a bed then the answer is yes, there are sheets and there are 212 beds which could be used and can be used. Now if he asked me, and he has not asked me so I volunteer the information to cut the debate, if he asked me whether the hospital is staffed for 212 beds then the answer is no. The hospital is not staffed for 212 beds but it is staffed for 212 minus 40, yet we have opened up 10 for the initiative and we have taken on the extra staff for the initiative. So that is the situation both clearly, transparently and openly. There are 212 physically there one can go and touch them and they are made up and they are ready, there is not in the hospital today in the GHA today staffing to man 212 beds and that is not by accident that is deliberate. There is not because we do not think, and this is where we disagree with Opposition Members if one judges by their comments publicly, we do not agree and neither do the experts as they like to call them that we brought in to advise us, neither do they, that Gibraltar needs a hospital with 212 beds under normal circumstances and because we do not think that the hospital needs to be staffed for that number of beds on a permanent basis that is why those wards are not open and that is why those wards are closed.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

So the hospital is then staffed for less beds than there were at the old St Bernard's?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

The hospital is staffed for 172 beds. There were 167 beds in the old St Bernard's.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Would the Minister not confirm that it has already been agreed and established in these exchanges that the old St Bernard's had more than 167 beds until they decided to put the Physiotherapy where a ward had been after the move of the kitchen when the refurbishment was completed, because that point has already been conceded and they reduced the number of beds.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

If we are going to go back into the archives and into history then let us go back to 1988 not to 1996 but beyond. In 1988 when the hon Members came into office there were 192 beds in the hospital and they cut them down not this Government.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

No.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

What does he mean no? It is not that I will give him the opportunity he has the opportunity to ask as many questions as Mr Speaker allows. So there were more than that back in 1988/1989 when the hon Members came into office. In fact I have

got the figures here in front of me. The number of beds that there were, were cut down by the GSLP in Government by 29. I will tell how they were cut down, they closed down the private corridor which had 17 beds in it and they lost 12 beds in the acute wards in the refurbishment they did and 17 plus 12 is 29. It is also true as the hon Member says that when the GSD came into office in 1996 the situation that we inherited is 192 minus 29 which is 163. Now, the GSD contrary to what the hon Member said that we reduced beds, we actually increased beds by four because in the transfer of wards that they alluded to a moment ago where we transferred Lewis Stagnetto into the private corridor we gained four beds. There used to be four beds less in Lewis Stagnetto Ward than there were when we moved to private corridor. We had 29 between Lewis Stagnetto Ward and Lady Begg Ward initially and we went up to 33. It is also true that we transferred the kitchen and we put in the physiotherapy treatment rooms where the old kitchen had been. The net result, which hon Members cannot get away from, is that when they came into Government there were 192 they reduced by 29 to 163 and when we came into Government in 1996 during the first four years we increased by four beds to 167, 167 is the number that remained in the old hospital up to February last year when we moved and when we moved we moved from a hospital that had 167 beds into a hospital with 212 which we cut down to 172 for use. Added to that we opened up an extra 50 beds which hon Members very conveniently like to forget about, we opened up an extra 50 beds not in the hospital but in Mount Alvernia.

So we closed down Lady Begg and Lewis Stagnetto Wards and transferred the patients that were there into Mount Alvernia and we moved down into the ward with plenty of empty space. Whether the hon Members like it or not it is a fact and if they say I am presenting excuses, they say that the Government have not planned for this, the reality is that we left the old hospital with very few elderly patients, still some but very few, we transferred 50 elderly patients into Mount Alvernia and since we have been in the hospital the number of elderly patients has been increasing and the number of spare beds has been decreasing. When hon Members look at it they should study where the bed shortage is before they make wild accusations.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think the Minister does deserve that round of applause for the incredible fiction that he has put up before the House today. In fact, I do not believe for one moment that the position is as bad as he has painted it because if indeed it were it would show that the health of this community had deteriorated massively, given that we apparently managed with 167 beds to have less people move to Mount Alvernia, no problems of bed blocking and no massive complaints of people being kicked out of hospital when they wanted to stay, and we did all that according to him with 167 beds but he seems to have forgotten and would he not agree that he should look back and check his figures that at the beginning of 1996 when the refurbishment which was started prior to 1996 was still continuing, the Government in fact I believe the Minister might have been Keith Azopardi at that time, were saying in this House that the number of beds that had been temporarily lost as the refurbishment went on from ward to ward would be recovered at the end and then a policy decision was taken to change that and not recover the beds that were being lost. That is recorded in Hansard and if he does not want to look it up I will look it up and let him have a copy.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes, I invite the hon Member to look it up and he will find that what I have said is correct. When they refurbished the wards in their period in Government, if the Leader of the Opposition will stop and think for a moment and re-picture the wards as they used to be, what I call Florence Nightingale wards in which all the beds are side by side and there are no partitions, what they did when they were in Government and it is always a good sign that one is striking home and saying the unpalatable and the acceptable when the Opposition Member starts making side comments and strikes. When they were in Government they changed the old-fashioned Nightingale wards into more modern, partitioned areas of four beds each in the old hospital and in doing so, whether they like it or whether they do not and I am not saying it is a bad thing, but whether they like it or whether they do not because they put in walls inside an open area that had no walls before in doing this they lost 12 beds in total. They lost three beds in each of the acute wards. Now that is history I am not inventing it, that is history and they can look up all the Hansards they like and they can go up to the old hospital and measure it for themselves and ask the people who were there at the time but that is, whether we like it or not, fact. We made the wards smaller but we made them better I will grant the hon members that and that is that. What they also did was close down because that was their policy at the time, close down the private corridor as part of the refurbishment that they were doing, and in doing that they lost another 17 beds and that is also fact. Again if they want to look at the Hansard look at the Hansard, what Keith Azopardi my predecessor would have said in this House that as a Government we were not losing the beds, and I am right in the figures that I have said we inherited 163 from Opposition Members and during that period of time we actually increased it to 167 because by transferring Lewis Stagnetto Ward into what had been the private corridor we gained four beds. So if Keith Azopardi said that in Hansard, as the hon Member says, there is no reason to say he was wrong he was right but he was right in our time. We took a hospital with 163 beds and during the first eight years of the GSD in Government we increased it to 167.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it not a fact that when the present Government took over the hospital there was a refurbishment in process which had not been finished and what they said in the House was that whether they stuck to the policy that they inherited, which was that when the refurbishment was completed the number of beds would be recovered or whether they did something else was something on which they had not yet taken a decision and that they subsequently came back and took the decision related to the movement of the kitchen and the physiotherapy. They decided there was a refurbishment going on, it was clear that there was a question of musical chairs as the work was being done with patients in the hospital, a hospital ward that was finished was closed down and another one was gutted, while that was going on it was clear that we were not intending to have patients with construction workers clambering over their beds. When the process was completed they chose not to go back to what it was at the start of that process because it was completed in their time and that was in fact confirmed here as their policy which we did not question or challenge them on assuming they did not think they needed those beds. There was no indication, if the Minister will recall, that in that time when it was 167 because they did not restore the 13, at that time no great pressure from patients about needing more beds it came much later for reasons that are not very clear.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I have nothing to add.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Coming to another aspect of the bed shortage problem, is the Minister satisfied that people should wait in the hospital for 12 hours for a bed in Accident & Emergency?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

No, and I would be less satisfied if I were in the UK where unfortunately delays are much longer but that does not in any way make the situation locally any better. Let us get it in perspective, that has happened twice in the period that we have been in the hospital over the period of the month of February when we had a particularly difficult period. During February our admissions through A & E went up by 30 per cent over the weekends. During February we had the initiatives which meant an extra 10 patients in. We have had an increase of activity in the hospital due to the excellent track record of this Government in having extra consultants, extra doctors in the Primary Care Centre, to the introduction of the CT Scan, in the introduction of mammography and in the introduction of all the new measures that we are doing. This is generating new movement in the hospital. For example, the work in the Laboratory has gone up by 17 per cent; the output for the ITU has gone up by 20 per cent; admissions have gone up by 15 per cent; long-stay patients are up from 22 to 52; we have already carried out in the period since the CT Scan opened, we have carried out almost as many CT Scans as were carried out in the whole of last year. So all that is providing extra work and extra input, we have more doctors, we have more consultants and therefore more people are being seen and more work is being generated and all that is translating itself to extra demands on beds. Now, I am not in any way complacent or satisfied to be standing here and to be answering questions on why people have to wait for 18 hours in A & E, it is not something that I would like to see. I would like people to whiz in and out of A & E as if it were a Tube Station. Unfortunately, in real life it does not quite work out that way but we need to keep it in perspective that we had a bad period over two weekends during the month of February and this is what made the problem more acute. Under normal circumstances the problem is not there and as I have given to the hon Member in answer to either in this series of Questions we have, as the hon Member will see there, in February we have 42 elderly patients who have been formally discharged and we have 43 elderly patients who are occupying beds in St Bernard's Hospital. We have as we have given in answer to a previous question I think it was 28, I stand to be corrected but I think it was 28 patients are occupying beds in St Bernard's Hospital who are waiting a place in Mount Alvernia. Now leaving everything else aside and leaving away all the fog and obfuscation and all the conflicting details that are being generated in public between us in the last few days in the past few weeks, taking that statistic in isolation there are 28 patients in St Bernard's Hospital doing nothing more than waiting for a place in Mount Alvernia. Now by definition and implication those patients do not need medical care, ergo they do not need a medical bed, ergo they are not in need of occupying space and if we had those 28 beds vacant, which we should have, then there would be no challenge at any time of people waiting in A & E or long-stay admissions into hospital. That is the true situation.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What is the Minister going to do to ensure that next year nobody has to wait for 12 hours at Accident & Emergency for a bed?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Well we will strive to learn from our mistakes and we will strive and try to avoid the same thing happening again, but I notice that equally he has not taken up the challenge which I issued in a press release when I said that the Opposition instead of criticising should also try to provide constructive criticism and say how they propose that the problem be solved.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is that all the Minister is going to come up with? A placebo that he intends to learn from his mistakes and a challenge to the Opposition to solve the problem for him. What plan is he making to ensure that next year elderly, young or middle aged people who are taxpayers and who need health care and who need a bed at the hospital do not have to wait for 12 or 18 hours or even six hours at Accident & Emergency? He is the Minister for Health it is his responsibility, what plan is he going to activate to ensure that the management of the hospital next year does not suffer the indignity of having people having to wait for 12 hours?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

He shall have to wait until next year to be able to see whether he has to criticise me or congratulate me.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I will take that as, 'I have no plan I will think of one'.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

He can take that exactly in the way it has been said. We have looked at what has gone wrong this year and we shall attempt to prevent it happening. I cannot guarantee, and the hon Member well knows it, I cannot guarantee that there will not be a major disaster God forbid in the future, I cannot guarantee that the avian flu will not break out, I cannot guarantee that we will have an epidemic or something else. If that happens we will have similar problems. We will strive to prevent under normal circumstances this sort of thing happening and I do not know any Health Minister of any Government who can stand up on his feet in any country and guarantee that there will not be a problem of that nature.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Ministers of all Governments are expected, barring disasters like aircraft accidents, avian flu et cetera and with the normal year on year statistics that we see, to provide

that guarantee and in fact the Minister told us when he was introducing the new hospital that many of the problems that had been experienced before had been dealt with. In particular the bed shortage problem because of the moving of the 50 elderly patients to Mount Alvernia, that did not materialise. It does not take an expert to know that more elderly people unfortunately, more people certainly, get ill in December, January and February, they are the obvious acute months the elderly are more susceptible to colds et cetera, what is he doing subject to a major disaster breaking out to ensure that in those months he has got more beds available. Why does he not simply tell me that he is going to ensure that the extra ward with 40 beds is ready to go in December, January and February next month.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I have already answered that question twice just as I have already given Opposition Members a full, frank and detailed analysis of the bed situation in St Bernard's and I am not prepared to be drawn down the route of giving the Opposition Member a platform for making political broadcasts to whoever is listening to us on the radio.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Anybody might think that we had forgotten the answer he gave a few moments ago which was in fact prefaced with a political broadcast about how it was the GSD's policies increasing the activity in the hospital that were causing people to wait for 12 hours at Accident & Emergency. Never mind. Can I ask the Minister perhaps also to consider not answering questions like Question No. 102 in writing by way of schedules because I think the answer to Question No. 102 is an answer that should have been read out for the benefit of everybody who may be in the House and it is not a table that needs to be passed around?

**MR SPEAKER:**

Well the answer has been provided and it is a matter which I am sure the Minister.....

**HON F R PICARDO:**

With respect, it is a question put for oral answer. Now we all agree that because a lot of the information required is statistical it is sometimes easier for the Minister to pass us a table but a question put for oral answer to which the answer is there is normally no distinction in timings between adult and child surgery other than in the ENT waiting list initiative programme where children are being scheduled after 1300 hours, that is clearly an answer that should be read out and not passed in a sheet of paper.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I take the hon Member's point, I am not quite sure why that was grouped with the statistical questions other than I am checking on all the questions that were grouped together and they were all in terms of out-patient attendances and in-patient admissions and they were all to do with patients and they may have been grouped

together for that reason. There is no reason why it should not have been given verbally and equally no reason why it should not have been given in the schedule as part of the package, but I take the hon Member's point, I try to restrict the schedules to statistical information and I take his point that this one is not statistical.

**ORAL**

**NO. 99 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – SCHEDULED SURGERY**

Can the Government state whether scheduled surgery has now commenced by specialities other than Gynaecology?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 92, 93, 94, 100, 101 and 102 of 2006



**ORAL**

**NO. 100 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – NUMBER OF OPERATIONS**

Can Government state how many operations were performed in St Bernard's Hospital at Europort in December 2005 and January and February 2006, by specialists, specifying which were elective and which were emergencies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 92, 93, 94, 99, 101 and 102 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 101 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 February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 92, 93, 94, 99, 100 and 102 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 102 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – CHILDREN’S SURGICAL OPERATIONS**

Can Government confirm that programmed children’s surgical operations at the GHA are carried out only after 1300 hours?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the attached schedule.

**Answer to Question 102 of 2006****Answer to Question 92**

The following number of non-entitled patients were admitted to St Bernard's Hospital during the months of December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006:

December 2005 - 3  
January 2006 - 3  
February 2006 - 3

**Answer to Question 93**

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

2005/2006	Clinics	A&E			Physiotherapy
		Clinics	Dressings	Plasters	
December 2005	1520	1863	450	55	433
January 2006	1845	1871	461	67	553
February 2006	1639	1856	443	50	468
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5004</b>	<b>5590</b>	<b>1354</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1454</b>

**Answer to Question 94**

The total number of In-patient admissions during the months of December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006 was as follows:-

December 2005: 338  
January 2006: 423  
February 2006: 381

The average number of in-patients per day during the months of December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006 was as follows:-

December 2005: 104  
January 2006: 117  
February 2006: 133

**Answer to Question 99**

Scheduled surgery has now commenced in Ophthalmology.

**Contd. Answer to Question 102 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 100**

Elective operations performed during the period in question were as follows:-

	<b>December 2005</b>	<b>January 2006</b>	<b>February 2006</b>
General surgery	54	70	70
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	15	20	16
Medical	-	3	-
Ophthalmology	13	19	34
Oral Surgery	14	30	22
Orthopaedics	34	26	28
Otorhinolaryngology	14	22	34
Pain relief	-	8	9
Plastic Surgery	9	-	-
Total	153	198	213

Emergency operations performed during the period in question were as follows:-

	<b>December 2005</b>	<b>January 2006</b>	<b>February 2006</b>
General Surgery	7	13	9
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	6	9	8
Medical	1	-	-
Oral Surgery	-	-	-
Orthodontics	-	-	2
Orthopaedics	1	15	8
Otorhinolaryngology	2	-	-
Total	17	37	27

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**Contd. Answer to Question 102 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 101**

The elective surgery waiting list as at the end of February 2006 by speciality is as follows:-

General Surgery	296
Orthopaedics	319
Ophthalmology	48
Gynaecology	53
Otorhinolaryngology	134
Orthodontics	175
Plastic Surgery	178

**Answer to Question 102**

There is normally no distinction in timings between adult and child surgery other than in the ENT waiting list initiative programme where children have been scheduled after 13.00Hrs

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 92 TO 94 AND 99 TO 102 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Perhaps whilst my hon Colleagues look through those tables I can take the Minister to Question No. 102 of 2006 where we are told that in respect of ENT initiative surgery children's surgery is being scheduled for after 1300 hours, is there a particular reason for that?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes and no, the question implies is there a reason why it cannot be done at any other time then the answer is no. If the question is why is it being done at 1300 hours or after 1300 hours it is because in the administration of the hospital that was the convenient spot or vacant time in theatre and that is what was allocated but there are no hidden agendas, motives or reasons. It could have been after 9 o'clock if circumstances had been different.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I would not think there was a hidden agenda in respect of scheduling children's operating hours but I had recent experience of this in relation to some friends and of course children when they are going to have surgery need to fast just like adults when they are going to have surgery and it appears to be particularly harsh on children to make them fast from the evening before through the morning until 1 o'clock or thereafter. It starts at 1 o'clock many of the children are not being operated on until 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon and that means that they are without the ability to eat or drink anything other than just a glass of water during the course of the day. Is it possible for the Minister to look into whether this type of operation could be re-scheduled to earlier in the day for that reason?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes I will certainly look into it but this is a decision that has been made by clinicians who are experienced in these matters. I would have assumed that they would have taken into account the fact pointed out by the hon Member but be that as it may I will certainly take it up with Management and make the point to them.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Would the Minister write to tell me what the solution to that is or would he rather I write to him to prompt a reply?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I always prefer, as hon Members know, to answer a question rather than to offer an explanation that may not meet the criteria. In this particular case maybe the question is clear and implicit so can I suggest to the hon Member that he gives me a telephone call the middle of next week and if I can give him a satisfactory answer

over the telephone then he may be satisfied, if not we can then exchange correspondence.

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**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I would like to clarify a possible confusion that certainly has arisen in the way the media has reported part of my answers yesterday. I just want to clarify just in case the same confusion should exist on the Opposition side of the House. When I refer to non-entitled patients the media in the reports today appear to have interpreted that, and in fact I have been in contact with them and they have confirmed it, appear to have interpreted the term 'non-entitled' to refer to elderly people who are in hospital who in their words are not entitled to be there. Now, that is not what I have always meant by non-entitled and I thought I would clarify it for the sake of the media but also to avoid any possible confusion. When I speak of 'non-entitled patient' I am referring of course to persons not entitled to free medical care under the GPMS Scheme, like for example, a foreign national off a liner, or off a cruise ship or off an oil tanker who comes to the hospital with an accident and is treated in the hospital, he would be classified as a non-entitled patient and charged for the service that is provided to him by proof of his insurance or passport. I thought I would clarify that for clarification for the media but also just in case the confusion should exist anywhere else.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I just come back to the Minister in respect of his answer, I think we all agree that we have been using the term non-entitled as he suggests and not in any other way, but in effect if an elderly person were to remain at St Bernard's despite having been medically discharged, on the basis of the proposals that the Minister made publicly not in this House which he said were his proposals that he was going to put to the Government, they were not Government proposals, in effect also those elderly people would be charged for remaining in the hospital by the taking of their pension in exchange for remaining in the hospital bed, is that not correct?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

No, this widens the debate considerably. I am not going to dodge the question but let me clarify that the term non-entitled does not cover elderly persons in any shape or form except for non-entitled elderly person. Now in relation to the proposals that I made those proposals are still being put together, have not yet been put to the Government, I do not agree that the proposal to remove the pension as happens in Mount Alvernia would be in effect to charge, persons who are entitled cannot be charged that is statutory, so whatever proposals the Government accept or do not accept would have to be dealt with when they are made and when they are accepted.



**ORAL**

**NO. 103 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 are on the Waiting List for Physiotherapy treatment, who have been referred by a doctor at the Primary Care Centre?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 104 and 105 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 104 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – PHYSIOTHERAPY TREATMENT**

Can Government state what is the waiting time that a patient has to experience at the moment when referred to a physiotherapist for treatment by a doctor at the Primary Care Centre?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 103 and 105 of 2006.

**NO. 105 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – PHYSIOTHERAPY TREATMENT**

Can Government state whether they are aware that doctors at the Primary Care Centre are telling patients that Physiotherapy waiting lists are so long that they may as well go private instead of even being put on the waiting list?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

There are 158 patients waiting for Physiotherapy treatment who have been referred by a doctor at the Primary Care Centre. The waiting time for such referrals is four to five months.

It is against GHA policy for doctors to refer patients to private practitioners.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 103 TO 105 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Just because it is against GHA policy I am sure that it could be happening. It is against GHA policy but in fact people come to us and report the fact that they are being told by doctors at the Primary Care Centre that if they do not want to wait that long they have got to go private.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

The investigations that have been done have not been able, predictably I suppose, to show that anybody has admitted to having done this. If the hon Member has any information which links a patient or a doctor and can produce that information to me I can give him an undertaking here and now that I will follow it up. At least I will get Management to follow it up. On the other hand human nature being what it is it depends on how this is phrased but it would I think be almost understandable if the doctor knowing that there is a four to five month waiting list and seeing that a patient needs the treatment, out of his duty of care a doctor could conceivably say something like 'you have a waiting list of so long, it is going to take you so long to see a public physiotherapist, maybe it is in your interest to go and make alternative arrangements or to go and see someone privately'. It depends on the choice of

words and the way the question is phrased, 'one might as well go private' is a disciplinary offence. The policy is that the doctor is not supposed to refer people outside the GHA circle. I would also like to add that we are talking here about outpatients and by and large, there may be exceptions to this, but by and large the outpatient who needs physiotherapy needs it for relatively minor ailments or relatively minor afflictions. This waiting list does not apply to patients in the hospital who may have been there because of an accident or who may be there for a broken bone where there is a separate team of physiotherapists who will give him that physiotherapy straight away whilst they are in the hospital. I want to draw a distinction between one and the other.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Can the Minister say whether he has any plans in hand to reduce this waiting time which I consider to be too long? Are there any plans in hand in order to reduce it from four to five months to something more acceptable?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Let me first of all analyse the reasons why there is a waiting list and we put it down to the investigation that has been done because there is a review being done of physiotherapy as a whole and it is being put down to extra input. Again what I have said before, we have extra doctors, we have now got nurse practitioners, there is an increase of input through the Health Centre to the hospital, one of the hon Members before said 'are we less healthy?'. It is not that we are less healthy it is that we are more healthy and that we are living longer and drugs are getting better and people have a greater life expectancy and therefore statistically there is a greater demand on existing services. We have engaged an extra physiotherapist in order to bring down the waiting lists as well as in helping with the new initiative because an extra demand on the service is that all the new initiative patients need intensive physiotherapy after the operation. We are carrying out a review of all physiotherapy to see what can be improved and certainly we are looking at how we can improve the service by providing more group work and less individual work, because at the moment the physiotherapy is focused on one to one and individual work outs and there are, I am told, many areas where three or four patients can be grouped to do the same or similar type of exercise under one physiotherapist rather than what they are doing now. That and any other measures that may be identified through the review.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

The Minister mentioned that one extra physiotherapist had been employed, when did he start his service?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I cannot commit myself to a date I do not have the information with me but it is relatively recent, it is not a year ago it is within the last month or two months that sort of thing.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

In that time frame has the Minister detected an improvement in the time patients have to wait to receive treatment or is it too early yet?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

It is early and no notable improvement has yet been noticed mainly because there is extra demand because of the new initiative. So no tangible improvement has been noticed yet.

**NO. 106 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – NON-ENTITLED PATIENTS**

Can Government state whether they have finalised the Review of Private Fees for non-entitled patients accessing secondary care, and if so, provide details of the fees now being charged?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The amendments to the Hospital Rules, which include the schedule of Hospital Fees, are currently at the drafting stage. Maybe I should add for the benefit of the hon Member that when he asked me to provide details, these details will be provided automatically because the changes to the Hospital Rules will be Gazetted so they will become public knowledge as soon as they are published.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 106 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Could the Minister provide an estimated date by when this will be ready?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

No because it is entirely out of my hands, it is in the hands of the LSU and it depends on their workload and the frequency of meetings of the House. No wrong, it does not depend on the House because these are Regulations so it does not need to come to the House, it is not primary legislation but I would not think it is going to take long. I am pressing for it to be done as quickly as we can.

ORAL

**NO. 107 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 6 to 11 of 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 108, 109, 110, 111 and 112 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 108 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 6 to 11 of 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 107, 109, 110, 111 and 112 of 2006.



**ORAL**

**NO. 109 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – PAYMENTS TO PHARMACISTS**

Can Government say what was the amount paid to Pharmacists for the periods 6 to 11 of 2005/2006, and the comparable figure for the same periods in the previous year 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. 107, 108, 110, 111 and 112 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 110 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 6 to 11 of 2005/2006 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. 107, 108, 109, 111 and 112 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 111 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 6 to 11 of 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 107, 108, 109, 110 and 112 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 112 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – PAYMENTS TO PHARMACISTS**

Can Government state how much has been paid to the Pharmacists as Dispensing fees for periods 6 to 11 of 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 112 of 2006****Answer to Question 107**

	Financial year 05/06				
Period	6	7	8	9	10
Scripts	11980	13686	12586	14039	12076
Items	45010	51077	46230	53852	46391
Cost	£459,711.48	£518,135.21	£482,222.74	£575,545.45	£504,068.90

**Answer to Question 108**

	Financial year 05/06				
Period	6	7	8	9	10
Paid to Pharmacy	£516,516.98	£580,873.81	£538,906.74	£642,746.55	£561,820.20

**Answer to Question 109 and 112**

	Financial year 05/06					
Period	6	7	8	9	10	11
Dispensing Fees	£81,018.00	£91,938.60	£83,214.00	£45,728.40	nil	nil

	Financial year 04/05					
Period	6	7	8	9	10	11
Dispensing Fees	£88,977.60	£91,675.80	£94,055.40	£49,796.40	nil	nil

**Answer to Question 110**

	Financial year 05/06				
Period	6	7	8	9	10
Scripts	5181	6067	5543	6037	5276
Items	9685	11680	10612	11893	10301
Cost	Not possible to identify costs.				

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**Cont Answer to Question 112 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 111**

No. The following are the number of items on paying prescriptions that have not attracted a charge:-

	Financial year 05/06				
Period	6	7	8	9	10
No.of items	3505	4120	3775	4439	3832

The foregoing is in respect of completed periods only. Some accounts are yet to be submitted in respect of period 11.

**ORAL**

**NO. 113 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – PATIENT REFERRALS**

Can Government state the number of patient referrals to the UK in the months of December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 114, 115 and 116 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 114 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 113, 115 and 116 of 2006.



**ORAL**

**NO. 115 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 113, 114 and 116 of 2006.

**NO. 116 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 116 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 113**

292 patients were referred to the United Kingdom during the months of December 2005, January and February 2006.

**Answer to Question 114**

257 sponsored patients were treated in the UK during the months of December 2005, January and February 2006

**Answer to Question 115**

97 Patients were treated in Spain, as sponsored patients, during the months of December 2005, January and February 2006.

**Answer to Question 116**

The amount spent by the GHA with regard to patients being sent to Malaga Clinics for scans in December 2005, January and February 2006 was as follows:

December 2005	=	Nil
January 2006	=	Nil
February 2006	=	£1,526.75

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 113 TO 116 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

In answer to Question No. 116 of 2006 for December and January the figure is nil and for February it is also a very low figure, is this because scans are currently being carried out in Gibraltar?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes that is correct. The figure for February of £1,526.75 is probably just one scan, at the most two and these are the type of more specialist scans that are not carried out locally.

**NO. 117 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – CT SCAN**

Can Government state the commencement date of CT Scan Services at St Bernard's Hospital and how many CT Scans have been undertaken to date, providing a breakdown by month?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The CT Scans services at St Bernard's Hospital commenced on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005. A total of 517 CT scans have been carried out up to the end of February in comparison to a total of 305 scans which were carried out in Spain in the same period between October 2004 and February 2005.

The detailed monthly statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 117 of 2006**

MONTH	TOTAL CT SCANS	
	04/05	05/06
18 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	36	60
November	70	119
December	60	115
January	70	126
February	69	97
TOTAL	305	517

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 117 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Regarding the statistical information to Question No. 117 of 2006, the figures for 2004/2005 I take it the CT Scans took place outside Gibraltar?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes that is correct, the scan in St Bernard's opened on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005 so any scans up to 31<sup>st</sup> October would have been done in Spain.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Then all those for 2005/2006 were done in Gibraltar?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes.

ORAL

**NO. 118 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 No. 119 of 2006.

**NO. 119 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – GENERAL PRACTITIONERS**

Can Government state whether they continue to be committed to the principle of parity with the UK in respect of the salaries of GP's, and if so, what is the UK analogue?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The position in respect of discussions with the General Practitioners remains as stated in answer to Question No. 1181 of 2005.

The salaries of the General Practitioners have never been analogued to those of General Practitioners in the UK.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 118 AND 119 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Perhaps the Minister could confirm whether I am correct or not in saying that some of the GP's, not all of them but some of them, are on Civil Service terms? They are considered as Civil Servants.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

So are the Government saying they are not committed to the principle of parity of wages with the UK for the Civil Servants?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

No, the Government are saying nothing of the kind. There are some GPs who are permanent and pensionable which is what I take what he means by being Civil Servants and all the conditions of permanent and pensionable apply to them. What I am saying is that there has never been an analogue simply because there is not an equivalent in the UK. There are no salaried GPs in UK and therefore at the time when parity was introduced it was not possible to find a body of GPs that were salaried to compare and have an analogue. So what was done was to link it to the mid-point of the UK Consultant scale and that is the analogue. It is not an analogue to a GP scale.



ORAL

**NO. 120 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 February 2006, giving a breakdown by grade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 121 and 123 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 121 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 February 2006, listing the speciality in which they are employed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 120 and 123 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 122 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA - NURSES**

Can Government say when the requirement for Nurses to be qualified at RGN level before qualifying as Midwife or RMN was discontinued by the GHA?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question No. 124 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 123 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – NUMBER OF NURSES**

Can the Government confirm what is the present distribution of nurses by wards and departments at St Bernard's Hospital, Europort, specifying their grades?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 123 of 2006****Answer to Question 120 of 2006**

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

Director of Nursing & Patient Services	1	
Deputy Director of Nursing Services	1	
Clinical Nurse Managers	6	
Education Development Officer	1	
Senior Nurse Tutor	1	
Nurse Lecturer	1	
Nurse Practitioners	2	
Charge Nurses	32	
Staff Nurses		
112 Full-timers		} 125.5
7 Part-timers (3.5 Full-time equivalents)		
Midwives		
8 Full-timers		
4 Part-timers (2 Full-time equivalent)		
Operating Department Practitioners	5	
Senior Enrolled Nurses	5	
Enrolled Nurses		
79 Full-timers		
14 Part-timers (7 Full-time equivalents)	86	
Nursing Auxiliaries		
8 Full-timers		} 93
1 Part-timer (0.5 Full-time equivalent)		
Nursing Assistants		
77 Full-timers		
9 Part-timers (4.5 Full-time equivalent)		
4 (28 hours) (3 Full-time equivalent)		

**Answer to Question 121 of 2006**

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

DIRECTOR OF NURSING & PATIENT SERVICES	1
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT OFFICER	1
NURSE LECTURER	1
NURSE PRACTITIONERS	2
CHARGE NURSES	3
STAFF NURSES	25
STAFF NURSES (PART-TIME)	1
REGISTERED SICK CHILDREN'S NURSE	5

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**Contd. Answer to Question 123 of 2006****Continued Answer to Question 121 of 2006**

REGISTERED MENTAL NURSE	6
THEATRE NURSES	2
MIDWIVES	8
MIDWIVES (PART-TIME)	2
OPERATING DEPARTMENT PRACTITIONERS	5
ENROLLED NURSES	2

**Answer to Question 123 of 2006**

Department	Charge nurse/Sister	Staff Nurse	ODP's	Senior enrolled nurse	Enrolled Nurse	Nursing Assistant
Phlebotomy	-	1.5	-	-	-	-
Eye	1	2	-	-	-	0.5
Clinics	-	1	-	1	10	-
CSSD	1	1	-	-	-	2
John	2	9	-	-	8	11
Victoria	2	7	-	-	9.5	10.5
ITU	2	19.5	-	-	6	-
Night Sisiter	4		-	-		-
Dudley Toomey	2	10	-	-	8	10
Captain Murchison	2	10	-	-	7	10.5
Rainbow Ward	1	8	-	1	5.5	2
A&E	2	12.5	-	-	10.5	-
Theatre	2	8	5	-	-	1
Maternity	2	13	-	-	1	3.5
Dialysis	-	1	-	-	-	-

The above figures do not include arrangements for the Waiting List Initiative (Knee) whereby 8 Staff Nurses and 4 Nursing Assistants are engaged on an ad hoc basis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 120, 121 AND 123 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are any of these contract nurses that there were in the end of February employed through an Agency or all they all directly employed by the Health Authority?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

If he looks at the last two lines of the answer he will see that the arrangements for the waiting list initiative those were employed through an agency. Everybody else would have been employed under short-term employment, all the others were employed by the GHA.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The people on the waiting list initiative that are shown at the bottom, are they engaged on a specific term for a specific period?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes, I think I am right in saying that they are engaged only for the period of the given operation, that is, for the one week.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister say what terms the nurses are paid? Are they sort of paid pro-rata the same as other contract nurses or do they have a different...? Does the Authority pay the Agency and the Agency pays them as happens with agencies in the UK?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes that is the situation. I do not have details of the figures but the employment is through the Agency, we contact the Agency and the Agency supplies x number of workers and we pay the Agency. It has worked reasonably well so far.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is this the first time that this approach has been used or has it been done on other occasions before?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

As far as I know this is the first time for the new initiative. I qualify that because we now have had three sessions of operations so it has been done three times but three times since the beginning of February. I know it has not been done in my time as Minister for Health, I cannot say whether it has been done before.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Would this agency be in the UK?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes. Let me qualify that, I know that there are some Spanish nurses that have been employed so there may have been two agencies, one in the UK and one in Spain. We have also, let me add, given the first choice to any unemployed but currently qualified nurses who are in Gibraltar who are not currently working for GHA. So we have advertised and we have given those people the choice and then we have gone to the two agencies.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see, so the ones that are local nurses that may be able or may be in a position to take on temporary employment of this nature do not have to go through the agency then?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

That is correct yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

They are offered employment directly by the Authority.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

We have gone one further, we are now in negotiation with the Union post the first three initiatives and at the request of the Union, to which we have agreed, we are now giving the option to employed staff on conditions that have been worked out to apply to do the short-term work as long as they meet a number of criteria, that is does not affect their normal work, that they do not suddenly go sick after they finish doing the extra work they then go off sick for a week and whatever other conditions have been worked out with the Union to give our own staff a chance to earn some extra money as well.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

What is it that they would be sort of working on their off duty days, would that be the case?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes, call it overtime for want of a better word, off duty days or they are on leave other than the scheduled contracted hours.



**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the case of the ones that are brought out from the United Kingdom by the UK agency, do Government payments to the agency cover everything or does the Health Authority have to pick up things like accommodation and travel costs?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I am subject to correction on this but the payment covers everything including travel and accommodation. Now whether we are paying one lump sum to the agency and the accommodation separately I am not sure but I do not think so. I think we pay the agency one lump sum per nurse and they meet the accommodation and the transfer fees. I think that that is correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The payment then to the agency is for the contracted period and the agency pays the wages of the individual nurses.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

That is correct. Let me say also that we are maintaining a strict supervision of the people that we are being sent and there has already been a case of at least one and I think possibly two nurses who have been sent back in the middle of their contracted one week period, thereby forfeiting the payment because they have not met the standards.

**NO. 124 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – SUPERVISOR OF MIDWIVES**

Is it Government's intention to fill the vacant posts of Supervisor of Midwives at St Bernard's Hospital, and if so, how long has the post been vacant and when is it proposed to be filled?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The training for midwives was changed by the Nursing Midwifery Council a number of years ago and it is now no longer a post-registration qualification. Direct entry midwifery training is a three year programme at the end of which they are fully qualified autonomous midwifery practitioners. The first cohort of three Gibraltarian midwives who have completed this programme and qualified earlier this year have now been employed by the GHA. Similarly, the GHA policy with respect to RMN training has been adjusted to take into account the changes to RMN training. This is no longer a post-registration qualification either. This brings Gibraltar in line with employment practices elsewhere and enables students to train directly in their specialist area of practice.

There has never been a Supervisor of Midwives post on the complement at St Bernard's Hospital. There are therefore no vacancies. The role of supervisor of Midwives is not a post in its own right. It is an additional responsibility that is taken on voluntarily by experienced Midwives who have the respect and confidence of their peers. Indeed, it is essential that anyone taking on these duties is currently in practice to ensure that they are clinically up to date. The GHA has made good progress in introducing this important development for Midwifery services. The Midwifery unit underwent a review by a Local Supervising Officer who made a series of recommendations to prepare the unit for this work. Two senior midwives were recommended as fulfilling the criteria and all the Midwives in GHA have now been allocated a supervisor and have had their first annual review.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 124 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well perhaps the terminology of Supervisor of Midwives may not be the accurate terminology but there certainly was somebody in post on a salary and in a grade that was not replaced when the person retired, of that I have no doubt and I think in fact in one of the area lists provided by the Minister the post appeared there when the

person was in post. I will check the terminology and come back with a different question on that.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

If the hon Member would like to do that, it may be because the terminology has confused the drafter of this answer which obviously has not been me, unintentionally giving the wrong answer. If he would like to write to me specifying the post or if he would like to ring me I can then investigate and give him the information either by letter or in a future answer in the House.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

As regards the RMN training I think perhaps the Minister would be able to clarify for me, I thought I detected a distinction in that in respect of the midwives he referred to it no longer being a post-registration qualification whereas in the case of the RMN he talked about the employment practice elsewhere now being adopted here.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

No, there are certainly five lines on the midwives but I will read again the part of the answer on RMN training: similarly the GHA policy with respect to RMN training has been adjusted to take into account the changes to RMN training. This is no longer a post-registration qualification. It is not here but I added 'either' when I read the answer so my understanding is that it is exactly the same situation in the verbal explanation that was given to me. Before people used to train as nurses and then have to take the extra qualification, now they train as midwives or they train as Registered Mental Nurses in their own right in their own careers.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But is the Minister then saying that this was driven by a change in training requirements in the UK because certainly that is not my understanding?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

That is my understanding certainly in terms of midwives and I suspect it is the same in terms..... I am not sure whether the RMN training is done locally or not.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

This is the whole point. Given that in the case of midwives the Minister did not say that this was following employment practice elsewhere, what I am trying to establish is in fact whereas in the case of the midwives they did a normal nurses course and then they did midwifery as a post-registration course, in the case of the RMN there has been no such change. That is to say that RMNs in the United Kingdom did not have to be general nurses before they became RMNs from a training point of view. Is the Minister saying that when we used to have that requirement in Gibraltar it was

because we were following UK training requirements and these have changed, which is what he was saying about the midwives?

**HON-LT COL E M BRITTO:**

It may be that the drafter of the question certainly has not taken that into account. I am certainly saying that the practice changed in the UK with regard to the midwives, my answer to the question does not talk about changes to the RMN training in the UK and therefore I cannot give him that information here and now because I do not know. I can certainly say that the policy in Gibraltar now is for people not to become general nurses before they become RMN.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes I am aware. I am trying to establish when that practice was introduced and why, given that unlike the midwife answer it is not training driven. I think in the last House when I asked when was this brought about I was told by the Minister that he did not have that information available and to put the question again and that is what this question is doing, seeking the information that he did not have the last time, which is when did it happen. I asked the last time, if the Minister will recall, whether it was still required and he told me it was no longer required. I then asked in a Supplementary when did the requirement stop and he was not able to tell me the last time I asked and this is why I am asking now what he was not able to do. Can Government say when the requirement was discontinued by the Health Authority? Now that information has not been given in the answer I take it. We have been told about changes in the UK and changes in employment practices elsewhere but we have not been given a date.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Fair enough, I will take note of what the hon Member is saying and I will try and find out the dates for him. Can I clarify whether he is talking about both the midwifery changes and the RMN changes or just the RMN changes?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am interested in getting the information on both because given that the first one seems clearly to have been driven by the fact that the UK stopped demanding that people should be trained as general nurses before they were able to enter into midwifery training, but the UK to my knowledge had never demanded that of people doing the RMN, that was a Gibraltar condition for reasons that were thought to be desirable when that was the policy and therefore a policy that was there which was not driven by UK entrance requirements as it were, has been changed and I am interested in knowing whether the change happened in both instances at the same time given that it may well be that somebody thought they were doing it for midwifery and they might as well do it for the RMNs, although I can assure the Minister that the reasons for the RMN were reasons that had nothing to do with the UK training to my knowledge.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I appreciate that the hon Member has background knowledge and information on this subject. I am sorry that I have not given all the information in the answer that he was looking for, obviously in drafting the answer no account has been taken of the previous answer that was given, I will obtain this information and I will communicate it to him.

**NO. 125 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA- OUT OF DATE DRUGS**

Can Government say in how many Wards in St Bernard's Hospital have drugs been found to be out of date, when and what is the procedure for removing and replacing drugs when the expiry date is reached?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

When drugs are dispensed from the St Bernard's Pharmacy the expiry date is checked by the person dispensing who is responsible for ensuring that only items with a good "best before" date are issued. It is the duty of the person administering the drug to check the expiry date before administration to the patient. If the drug is found to be expired it is not administered and is returned to the Pharmacy where it is exchanged for new stock. The expired stock is recorded and disposed of by the Pharmacy. It is the responsibility of the Ward Manager to ensure that drugs held are always current. Precisely because drugs have an expiry date, it follows that all wards and units holding drugs periodically return quantities of expired drugs to the hospital Pharmacy. Similarly, the Pharmacy itself also identifies expired drugs held in its own stocks.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 125 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but that is the practice that is intended to happen. My question is, in how many Wards the stock has been found to be expired and it has not been returned and presumably something has been done about it, or is the Minister telling the House that in fact, I am not suggesting that one thing is right or the other one wrong I am just trying to establish which of the two it is, that in fact as long as it is clear and nobody would suggest otherwise that patients are not being put at risk by being given expired stock, the fact that the expired stock has not been returned is not something that is monitored and enforced?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Well, the hon Member may be alluding to something that happened in one of the Wards recently where as part of a review of the Ward in general and of practices in the Ward that was being carried out, a number of drugs were found on one of the

emergency trolleys which were expired. As a consequence disciplinary action was taken against people concerned. This appears to have triggered off a reaction in other wards and there has been, in a short period of time recently, a fairly large number of wards all returning drugs. So if that is what the hon Member is alluding to that certainly happened and as a result there has been an inspection by the people responsible, by the Ward Managers, of all the drugs in their own wards. Also by other entities like District Nursing and in the Endoscopy Unit.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am aware of that particular incident and what I am trying to establish is if in fact this was happening in many wards then obviously it was triggered off by the decision of the Health Authority that this should be treated as a disciplinary offence because previously it had not been treated as a disciplinary offence, it was presumably the practice until that moment that as long as it was clear that the expired..... if one does not have a routine in place of checking stuff then presumably most nurses who usually have got more important things to do will only notice that the medicine is expired when they go looking for it to make use of it and they do not administer it if it is expired. Now given that at one point in time there seems to have been a change, what I am asking is as a result of that change in practice how many wards were affected and when did this happen and what is the procedure? In fact, if there is no procedure surely the Minister will agree that it is difficult to understand how somebody can be considered to be committing an offence if they have not got instructions that the medicine must be sort of returned say within 24 hours of its date being expired or something similar.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

That is precisely the point. I draw the hon Member's attention to that part of the answer where I said, 'it is the responsibility of the Ward Manager to ensure that drugs held are always current'. That is not a change, that has always been the rule and should have been the practice. Whether it has been or not been is a different issue but it is the responsibility of the Ward Manager to ensure that drugs held in the ward are current. In this case it was found that the ward was holding drugs that were not current and action was taken because someone had broken the rules. As a result it sent out alarm signals and a number of other wards returned drugs and now there is a system in place where there will be periodic revisions and periodic checks to prevent it happening again. But there has not been a change in the policy, now whether the policy was being implemented before or not is a different issue but there has not been a change of policy.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

When this particular incident happened did anybody actually go round checking if a similar situation was occurring in any other wards or not?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I cannot answer that question because I do not know. Strictly speaking it is a management responsibility, whether management sent out a warning to all wards

saying check your stocks or whether someone went round physically or how it was done I could not tell the hon Member.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But the Government do not have the actual information as to when this noticeable discovery of expired stock took place?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

In the last three to four months, I do not have a date in front of me but in the last three to four months.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The question of which I have given notice does ask for specific information on the wards affected and when.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

The answer to his question strictly speaking is that in one ward drugs were found to be out of date. As a consequence of the action that was taken the other wards applied the policy that I have read out of checking their own stocks and they returned drugs but no one actually went and found them, it was not necessary to do so. That is a straight answer to the question the way it was raised.



ORAL

**NO. 126 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – MEDICAL CARDS**

Can Government explain what criteria is adopted by the GHA in deciding whether an applicant is issued with a Medical card for 1 year or 5 years?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question No. 127 of 2006.

**NO. 127 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – MEDICAL CARDS**

Can Government explain why persons who contribute to the GPMS are required to produce an ID card to obtain the EU format Medical Card from the GHA?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The Identity Card is required for identification purposes.

Entitled persons to whom paragraphs 1(a), 1(b) or 1(c) of Schedule 1 to the Civilian Registration (Amendment) Ordinance apply are issued with a Gibraltar Health Authority Health Card and a European Health Insurance Card, each valid for five years.

Entitled persons who do not fall under any of these categories will be issued with a Gibraltar Health Authority Health Card and a European Health Insurance Card each valid for the period ending either with the date of termination of employment or the date of termination of the permit of residence, whichever is the later; but in any case for not more than five years.

In order to avoid inconvenience to the public initially when we were issuing the cards and in order to expedite the issue of cards in the first wave of applications, it was decided that a one year validity period would be given to all the cards when they were first issued to persons in the second category. In other words, those to whom paragraphs 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c) did not apply. New instructions have now been issued since the beginning of this month before the Question was tabled, for the staff to ask for employment or permit of residence documents and to make the expiry dates of the cards coterminous with the relevant document.

It may not have escaped the notice of the hon Member that the easiest way for the staff at the Primary Care Centre to establish the status of the applicants is by having sight of the Identity Card and the card. However, passports would be accepted in the absence of Identity Cards. So if I can paraphrase the answer, when we started issuing cards those people who qualify under paragraphs 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c), in other words resident Gibraltarians and others in similar category, were given five year cards. In order to speed up things because of the large number of cards that needed to be issued those people who did not or do not qualify under paragraphs 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c) were issued cards for one year irrespective of nationality, length of stay in Gibraltar, job employment or whatever. As from the beginning of this month that second policy has changed and we are now asking to see the employment document or the residence permit and we are issuing the card for a period to coincide with the

end of either the employment contract or the residence permit, whichever comes later, but in any case not more than five years.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 126 AND 127 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the Minister aware that people were being asked to produce both an ID card and a passport and that if they just came with the passport they were told they had to come back with the ID Card?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes, I am aware that there was some confusion initially in the line of management on the way the instructions were issued and the AO or the clerk on the ground was at some stage either asking for both or I even heard reports of the Identity Card being asked for and the passport being refused. Some of those instances happened in the initial rush to issue the cards but not because instructions were given for that to happen that way but because of confusion or because of mal-administration. As those were brought to the notice of management they were corrected and the instruction is now very clearly they are asked for the ID Card, because it helps to identify for reasons which the hon Member will obviously know. It helps to identify whether it is Category A, B, C or Category D but there is an Opposition Member absent today which is a good case in point. If a member of the public does not have an ID Card for whatever reason then the passport is accepted in lieu of the ID Card.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is not compulsory to have an ID Card, I do not have an ID Card.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

It is an interesting question. If the hon Member is asking me whether it is compulsory to have an ID Card in order to get a GHA Health Card or the European Card the answer to the question is no because we do not ask for the ID Card. Well we ask for the ID Card but if the ID Card is not produced for whatever reason we accept the passport in lieu. If the hon Member is asking whether the ID Card is compulsory, it is an interesting question which I am not going to debate with him but the advice that I got earlier on today or yesterday was that under section 2 of the Civilian Registration Ordinance and under section 3(1) combined, and also under the Ordinance itself that it is compulsory to register. Any person other than a registered person to whom these Regulations apply shall within three days of entering into Gibraltar make application to the Registration Officer for registration, and entering into Gibraltar is interpreted to include..... The Registration Officer receiving..... shall issue to that person an identity card the Civilian Registration Card. Before we enter into debate, can I draw the hon Member's attention to the date of the Gazette which is Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 1993 so it was enacted by Opposition Members when they were in Government. I am not proposing to enter into a debate whether ID Cards are compulsory or not compulsory.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

They are not compulsory, the Ordinance is from 1950 and ID Cards are not compulsory.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Well in 1993 it was an amendment to that Ordinance.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Yes the 1993 amendment but it is not compulsory.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the Minister saying that before 1993 they were not compulsory and they were made compulsory in 1993, is that what he is saying?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I do not propose to enter into a debate on this. I made it very clear, I said that if I was being asked whether an ID Card is compulsory before getting a Health Card the answer is no. If I am being asked whether it is compulsory to have an ID Card, there are those who would interpret this legislation to say that it is compulsory not to have an ID Card but to register under the Civil Registration Regulations. It is compulsory to register and then when one registers the Registration Officer shall issue to that person an Identity Card. But it is not for me to say whether it is compulsory or not compulsory I just pointed it out to the hon Member.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can I ask the Minister whether in fact it is not the case that frontier workers are entitled to be registered with the GPMS, and if they are, how does the Regulation apply to them?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

They come under paragraph 1(d) I believe of the Regulation which says, 'an individual who is not a visitor to Gibraltar entitled to be resident in Gibraltar and present in Gibraltar subject to such conditions and for such periods as may be specified'.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So they do not have to show an ID Card?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

That category of individual registers under 1(d) registers for the Civilian Registration Card not for the ID Card.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well is the Health Authority then saying to frontier workers that they have to produce their Civilian Registration Card?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I say again, I am not entering into a debate, I am saying that in terms of the Health Authority and the issue of the Health Authority Card and the European Health Card this does not apply. I only bring it up because the hon Member asked me whether it was compulsory. I said it is not compulsory for the Health Card, now whether it is compulsory for other reasons it is for others to decide, I am not prepared to say whether it is or whether it is not. I just drew the hon Member's attention to the legislation.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am aware that he has chosen to draw attention to it and my attention has been duly drawn. What I am trying to draw his attention to is, I understand that they are no longer asking for ID Cards of anybody so what is the procedure for registration of frontier workers? What do they have to produce, their passports?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

A frontier worker has to be entitled in the first place. To be entitled he must be a contributor to the GPMS. Now, once he is a contributor to the GPMS he then, as identification, can show whatever identification he has which can be an EU Identity Card or a passport, and then if he is entitled, if he has contributed to the GPMS then he will be issued with the card and if he can obviously identify himself. The ID Card, I stress again, is not necessary, is not essential, is not compulsory for the issue of the Health Card or the European Health Card. It just makes the job of the administration a lot easier.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I accept that and certainly I take the point that initially people were being told that it was and this is one of the things that reached us and we thought we would need to raise the matter and clarify it and that is what we are doing. Given that it seems no longer possible to have a GPMS entitlement without the EU element of being able to access medical services elsewhere, that is to say, the E111 has gone.....

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Can I correct the hon Member? The fact that the card is being produced on both sides on the same piece of plastic is purely for administrative convenience and for the ease of the member of the public, for the patient. They are two separate documents. There are conceivably circumstances where one could issue one without the other except that the old E111 used to be necessary only when one was travelling. Now the EU directive requires the EHC to be issued on a permanent basis to each individual member of the family as opposed to one E111 covering the whole family. So under the EU Regulation it is necessary to have the EHC and under the local Regulation it is necessary to have the Health Card so we decided to combine them both giving the same date of termination for ease of renewal and to make it easier for everybody, the patient and the administration.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see, but in fact then under the bringing into force of the EU format medical card does not require that it should be on the same document as the GPMS?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

That is correct.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But if frontier workers are being handed the same card as everybody else how does the Health Authority deal with the fact that surely frontier workers do not have passporting rights as it were based on their contributions in Gibraltar in their place of residence or anywhere else?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

But they do under the new EU Regulations if they are entitled patients in Gibraltar by virtue of their employment whether they are frontier worker or not frontier worker does not matter. If they are entitled they get the local card and they are entitled to the EHC and when they travel they are entitled to European benefits.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is that something that at least in theory is supposed to be at the expense of the Gibraltar Health Authority which gets subsequently billed for the treatment that is provided elsewhere or has that now disappeared?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

The regime is the same, it depends for different categories. Now we are dealing into the other E111 forms that I do not have information at my fingertips, but if the patient is travelling in Europe and claims medical care it eventually comes back onto

Gibraltar via the UK. It comes back to Gibraltar via the UK, the hon Member can come to his own conclusions.

**NO. 128 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GHA – AMBULANCE ATTENDANCES BY CFB**

What was the number of ambulance attendances carried out by the City Fire Brigade in each year from 1997 to 2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 128 of 2006**

The number of ambulance attendances carried out by the City Fire Brigade from 1998 to 2004 is as follows:-

1998 (as from 20 June)	-	266
1999	-	341
2000	-	294
2001	-	332
2002	-	390
2003	-	364
2004	-	235



**ORAL**

**NO. 129 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 each of the last five financial years on the maintenance of the KGV hospital by the GHA?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 130, 131, 132, 133 and 134 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 130 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 each of the last five financial years?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 129, 131, 132, 133 and 134 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 131 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 each of the last five financial years?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 129, 130, 132, 133 and 134 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 132 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – PSYCHO-GERIATRIC PATIENTS**

Can Government state how many Psycho-Geriatric patients have been admitted in KGV during the months of December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 129, 130, 131, 133 and 134 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 133 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 Long Stay Ward at the end of the last five financial years?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 129, 130, 131, 132 and 134 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 134 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – KGV HOSPITAL**

Can Government state how many of the beds in the KGV hospital Long Stay Ward were occupied at the end of each of the last five financial years?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule attached.

**Answer to question 134 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 129 of 2006**

Up to the end of March 2005 the works at KGV Hospital have not been accounted for separately. The figures shown in the table below are estimates based on works records. The figure for 05-06 is the actual amount spent on works at KGV Hospital.

Financial Year	Estimated expenditure for maintenance
01-02	£29,557
02-03	£30,500
03-04	£19,200
04-05	£37,900
05-06	£59,700

None of the above include the cost of labour employed or seconded to the GHA

**Answer to Question 130 of 2006**

I can state that there has been a provision of 24 beds in the KGV Hospital Acute Ward at the end of each of the last five financial years.

**Answer to Question 131 of 2006**

Out of the 24 beds available 19 beds were occupied in the KGV Hospital Acute Ward at the end of June 2001, 17 beds occupied at the end of June 2002, 22 beds occupied at the end of June 2003 and June 2004 and 20 beds occupied at the end of June 2005.

**Answer to Question 132 of 2006**

1 psycho-geriatric patient was admitted in KGV during the month of December 2005 and 3 psycho-geriatric patients were admitted during the month January 2006. There were no psycho-geriatric patients admitted in February 2006.

**Answer to Question 133 of 2006**

There has been a provision of 31 beds in the KGV Hospital Long Stay Ward at the end of each of the last five financial Years.

**Answer to Question 134 of 2006**

Out of the 31 beds available 26 beds were occupied in the KGV Hospital Long Stay Ward at the end of June 2001, 29 beds were occupied at the end of June 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 respectively.

**ORAL**

**NO. 135 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL**

Can the Government confirm how many complaints have been lodged with the new Independent Review Panel in the months of December 2005 and January and February 2006, by users of the Health Service, specifying the date of each complaint?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Only one complaint has been referred to the Independent Review Panel at the request of the complainant during the period December 2005 to February 2006 inclusive. The complaint was first submitted to GHA on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2005.



**ORAL**

**NO. 136 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – SHOWER SEATS**

Can Government confirm that the shower seats for the elderly or disabled at St Bernard's Hospital have now been fixed by the contractor, and if so, whether the contractor has provided the GHA with a full certification that all seats have been fixed to design specifications as per industry norms?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The shower seats at St Bernard's Hospital, which are for the use of all patients and not just for the elderly or disabled, have now been individually inspected and where necessary modified by Fitzpatrick Rotary. The GHA is awaiting formal certification from McDermott's (who were the company sub-contracted by Fitzpatrick Rotary).

**ORAL**

**NO. 137 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – TV SETS**

Can Government state whether they have finalised the negotiations with the UK company in connection with the TV sets at St Bernard's, which they referred to in answer to Question No. 1160 of 2005, and if so, when do they expect all of the TV sets to be back in operation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

I can confirm that the negotiations have been finalised. The works are due to commence on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006 and are expected to last approximately six weeks.

**NO. 138 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – INTRUDER ALARM**

Can Government confirm that the intruder alarm for the stores of the St Bernard's Hospital pharmacy was connected earlier this year following a year without an intruder alarm?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

An intruder alarm system for the pharmacy store, which is located somewhere different to the pharmacy, was not part of the tender specifications for the new hospital because these stores were not intended to be used and have never been used to store controlled drugs. However, an alarm was requested and subsequently installed at the pharmacy stores as part of the contract works for additional security because of the costs of products stored there.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 138 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the cost of the products is the reason for having the intruder alarm and there are no drugs kept in the store at all even after the intruder alarm is there, is that the case?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

No, there are no controlled drugs kept in the store, there may be other drugs like Panadol for example. It was not thought necessary initially but then because of the cost of items there and because the store may have been used for other things the Head Pharmacist asked for an alarm. The case was considered and it was approved and the alarm was installed in February of this year, it was ordered last September installed in February and it is expected to be finally commissioned by the 16<sup>th</sup> or it will have been done by now, by 16<sup>th</sup> March.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

What I am saying is the store will not be used for controlled drugs even after the intruder alarm

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

That is correct.

ORAL

**NO. 139 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 diseases for 2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question No. 140 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 140 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – CAUSES OF DEATH**

Can Government provide the 2004 percentage distribution for causes of death?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 140 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 139 of 2006**

The following table shows the breakdown of Laboratory confirmed notifiable diseases in 2004.

Organism	Total
Salmonella	90
Campylobacter	32
Shigella	8
Giardia lamblia	1
Myco. tuberculosis	2
Cryptosporidium	2
E coli 086: K61	1
E coli 0111 :K58	1
Trichomonas vaginalis	3
Chlamydia	8
Bartonella (Cat scratch)	1
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	1
Adenovirus	19
Rotavirus	14
Respiratory Syncytial Virus	8
Hepatitis C	3
Hepatitis B	3
Hepatitis A IgM	2
Total	199

**Answer to Question 140 of 2006**

The percentage distribution for causes of death in 2004 is as follows:-

Cause of Death	Percentage	Number of Deaths
Heart disease	22%	49
Cancer	15%	34
Stroke	23%	50
Respiratory diseases	16%	36
Infections	12%	27
Degenerative diseases	6%	14
Accidents & Injuries	< 1%	1
Others	5%	10
Total	100%	221

**NO. 141 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

Can Government state how many recommendations were contained in the work carried out by the Health Care Development Team and which did GOG reject?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The situation remains the same as given in answer to Question No. 1162 of 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 141 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I have not got Question No. 1162 of 2005 in front of me but I seem to recall that the Minister asked me to ask a specific question which he would answer because he did not have the information at hand when through the Supplementaries it came down to identifying the number of recommendations and those that had been rejected, but I stand to be corrected.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

I honestly cannot remember that but that is not to say that it did not happen but what I may have asked, because the underlying theme of my answer was that the programme cannot be simply viewed as a finite number of recommendations. It is not as though it is a report that ends with recommendations Nos. 1 to 10, it is 20 different workstreams and the recommendations are weaved into the text, some are and some are not and it needs to be looked as a series of high level proposals, structure processes practice et cetera, and what I may have said to him at the time was that if he had a specific interest in a specific area, if he asks about something if he identifies what he is interested in it may be possible to come back to him with a definite answer. The question he has asked now is virtually the same question as he asked the last time so that is why he has been given the same answer, if not to say the same words.



**HON L A RANDALL:**

I do not agree that it is the same question but nonetheless I will check Hansard and if I think it necessary I will write to him to the effect.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

From memory, because I do not have Question No. 1162 of 2005 either I have the answer but I do not have the question, but from memory having prepared the answer to the question this time he is asking 'how many recommendations were contained in the work carried out by the Health Care Development Team and which did GOG reject?' and that was exactly what he asked last time, 'how many recommendations were contained and how many were accepted and how many were rejected?' The words may not be the same but the thrust..... Be that as it may, the answer remains the same if he would like to look at it, Question No. 1162 of 2005. If he wants to identify particular items that he is interested in I am only too willing to give him the information but it is not possible to answer it in its current form.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

As I said before I will check Hansard and if I think it necessary I will write to him.

**ORAL**

**NO. 142 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – COST OF ACCOMMODATION**

Can Government confirm what is the expenditure figure to end January 2006 for accommodation under Subhead 22 for the current financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 143 and 144 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 143 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – STUDY LEAVE**

Can Government confirm what has been the expenditure for study leave up to the end of January 2006, which is included in Subhead 30, School of Health Studies of the GHA?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 142 and 144 of 2006.

**NO. 144 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GHA – LEGAL CLAIMS**

Can Government state the quantum they have paid in respect of legal claims settled against the Health Authority in the period October 2005 to February 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 attached.

**Answer to Question 144 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 142 of 2006**

The expenditure figure to end January 2006 for Accommodation under subhead 22 is £392,291.49.

**Answer to Question 143 of 2006**

The expenditure included in sub-head 30, School of Health Studies of the GHA up to the end of January 2006 in respect of study leave is £101,172.16

**Answer to Question 144 of 2006**

Two claims amounting to £8,404.90 were settled during the period October 2005 to February 2006.

**NO. 145 OF 2006****THE HON S E LINARES****EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE**

Can Government give a breakdown from the schedule given in answer to Question 1200 of 2005 as to what was actually spent on maintenance and on minor works?

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

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 145 of 2006**

	<b>MINOR WORKS</b>	<b>REPAIRS</b>
Bayside	£245,505.70	£10,349.49
Westside	£111,767.58	£19,369.18
College	-	£19,004.63
St Joseph's Middle	£4,137.44	£4,269.79
St Anne's Middle	£49,119.39	£14,750.00
Sacred Heart	-	£5,163.93
Bishop Fitzgerald	£101,648.19	£11,676.81
Hebrew	-	£661.51
St Martin's Special	-	£14,557.62
Notre Dame	-	£15,080.52
St Paul's First	£41,581.26	£10,157.27
St Mary's First	-	£15,075.60
Governor's Meadow	-	£9,091.66
St Bernard's First	-	£6,792.04
St Joseph's First	-	£7,418.22
Varyl Begg Nursery	£12,595.57	£185.40

ORAL

**NO. 146 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – BULLYING IN SCHOOLS**

Can Government state how many schools have a written policy in relation to bullying?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 147 of 2006.

**NO. 147 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – BULLYING IN SCHOOLS**

Can Government state what criteria are used by the Department of Education to define bullying?

**ANSWER**

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

All schools have a written Behaviour Policy which provides guidance for teachers, parents and pupils on how to deal with bullying incidents.

All schools take the issue of bullying very seriously and include it as a theme in their Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programmes which is part of the Curriculum.

The Government define bullying as a series of deliberately hurtful acts, physical or verbal, repeated often over a period of time and which makes it difficult for victims to defend themselves.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 146 AND 147 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

In answer to Question No. 1194 of 2005 which the Minister actually wrote to me because we had a sort of cross debate and he told me he was going to answer in writing, he has a definition, 'bullying has been defined as a serious incidence or allegation requiring that parents be called in to the school and which have been found, upon investigation, to have some degree of substance'. There is a disparity between the one he is giving me now and the one he wrote to me, is it that there have been any changes recently or that there has been an increased awareness, because I understand that there has been an increased awareness as of late to do in relation to bullying? The latest definition that the Minister has given me is that the one that I am supposed to be concentrating on or looking at?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The definition I have given here is more concise, it encapsulates pretty much other factors that we have debated across the floor previously, particularly with reference to Question No. 1194 of 2005 but it is just really sort of getting to the crux of the matter. Of course I could go on and for instance tell him that a more technical definition of bullying in the sense of the word 'bully' is sometimes misused and therefore it is sometimes difficult to differentiate between bullying and teasing. I have just tried to be as brief and concise as possible.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Does the Department then define bullying for that bullying to be included in the Behavioural Policy which the Minister has just mentioned? There has to be a uniform definition of bullying across every school because when I am given statistics and I ask how many children are being bullied in Bayside or Westside or whichever school, there has to be a uniform definition of what bullying is if not the statistics are useless, they have no foundation because one school might define bullying in one way and another school defines bullying in another way. The Department should define bullying albeit in consultation with Heads and schools and people to do with pastoral care, there has to be a uniform definition of bullying in order to ascertain statistics.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I would say there has to be a uniform understanding of bullying rather than a formula and a definition. The definition can be as broad or as concise as one likes to make it but so long as it points to an understanding, a real practical living existential understanding of what bullying is about, I agree with the hon Member. I am sure the hon Member knows that Headteachers and teachers know exactly what bullying is and the distinction between bullying, major incidents and teasing.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Yes but unfortunately we had the problem last time when I asked the question, 'can the Minister give us incidents of bullying in schools?' and then we had another statistic coming saying that Headteachers were not happy with the divulging of information, therefore that is why I am posing the question now because if one does not have a uniform definition of what bullying is across the board then what will happen is that one Headteacher will say in the statistics 'well this is bullying, I am going to put it in my statistics' whilst the other one says 'I will ignore that bullying because I do not think it is bullying'. Therefore, what I am stating is that the statistics will be completely useless, so does the Minister not agree that there should be at least a consensus across schools, of which some of them might not even have a bullying policy albeit they might have a behavioural policy but not a bullying policy specific.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

If the hon Member is concerned about the statistics and fitting and tailored in the statistics to the broad definition then I would actually go back to the definition that I gave in Question No. 1194 of 2005. That is, a distinction between trivial incidents



reported to teachers to serious parental complaints or incidents requiring parents to be called in and which have some degree of substance. Now, I can go on on that one actually getting into that and splitting it up and breaking it down into other features and factors involved in bullying. The traditional distinction can be broken down into three types of bullying, physical - hitting, kicking, taking belongings et cetera; verbal – name calling, insulting, offensive remarks; indirect bullying – spreading nasty stories, social exclusion, malicious rumours, offensive e-mails and text messages and so we can carry on breaking up the broad concept and the broad definition which I have put before him, but I think really we are talking two very abstract things which in fact in the day to day practice of each school most teachers know exactly what they are about.

**NO. 148 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION - NURSERY**

Can Government state how many teachers are employed in all Government nurseries giving a breakdown by nursery and session that is, am/pm?

**ANSWER**

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

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 148 of 2005**

<b>NURSERY</b>	<b>NUMBER OF TEACHERS</b>
St Joseph's First	1 full-time
St Bernard's First	1 full-time
Notre Dame First	1 full-time
St Paul's First	1 full-time 1 part-time (am only)
Varyl Begg	1 officer in charge – not a qualified teacher

ORAL

**NO. 149 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION - GASA**

Can Government state why schools not listed in answer to Question No. 1195 of 2005 did not use the GASA swimming pool?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 150 to 152 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 150 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION - GASA**

Can Government state how schools not using the GASA swimming pool are fulfilling the National Curriculum requirement for PE (which includes swimming)?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 149, 151 and 152 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 151 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION - GASA**

Can Government state how much the Department of Education paid GASA per child for the use of GASA in the academic years of 2002/2003 to 2004/2005 and 2005 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 149, 150 and 152 of 2006.

**NO. 152 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION - GASA**

Can Government state whether the payment for sessions in the GASA swimming pool are still being paid from Examination Expenses or from the schools capitation budget?

**ANSWER**

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

Government schools are able to make limited use of the GASA swimming hall to enable students, as the hon Member pointed out, to meet the National Curriculum standards of swimming which in effect is for a student to be able to swim a distance of 25 metres unaided by the end of Key Stage 4. The hon Member will know that the age of Key Stage 4 is Years 4 and 6 of Middle School, which equates to Year 6 when students are 10-11 years old. Most of the children in our schools are well able to do this. In cases where they are not, schools can carry out the assessment sessions and follow these with a series of lessons to bring this limited group of individuals up to standard but this can be done throughout Key Stage 2 by the requirements of the National Curriculum. One can deduce that the schools not listed before is because they have not got round to it yet and I think we listed if I recall properly Bayside, Westside, Bishop Fitzgerald. I can add to that now Sacred Heart and St Anne's for the reasons that I have just explained. That in the course of Key Stage 2, Years 6 and 7, they have found the opportunity. Let me say that in order to assess the 25 metre stretch skill GASA is not the only means of assessing that, we have got plenty of beaches here and there are plenty of trips by schools to beaches when they can actually observe and assist that. So we must not get things out of proportion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 149 TO 152 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

I appreciate the answer from the Minister but he has omitted to give me how much the Department pays, there are a couple other questions that have not been answered.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I apologise. The rate is still the same as last time we spoke about this which is, I think, £1.50 per student per session. The payments are made from examination expenses centrally and not from the school's capitation.

**NO. 153 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – SCHOOLS CAPITATION**

Can Government state what the capitation was for the academic years 1996/1997 to 2005/2006 giving a breakdown by school?

**ANSWER**

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

Given that schools' capitation allowances are conditioned on numbers on roll, children's ages and special needs, a generic figure for "capitation" by schools would not provide an accurate picture since the 'total' would tend to fluctuate.

I will now therefore hand over to the hon Member a table with the rates by school sectors rather than just by schools –nurseries rates and first schools rates et cetera, if that is acceptable to him.



**Answer to Question 153 of 2006**

SCHOOL	Rate per Child									
	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06
<b>SECTOR</b>										
Nurseries	£29.84	£31.33	£34.63	£38.10	£39.24	£40.42	£41.63	£42.88	£44.17	£46.86
First Schools	£29.42	£30.90	£33.90	£38.10	£39.24	£40.42	£41.63	£42.88	£44.17	£46.86
Middle	£40.37	£42.38	£45.77	£49.20	£50.68	£52.20	£53.76	£55.38	£57.04	£60.51
Secondary										
Year 8/9	£47.31	£49.67	£52.15	£55.28	£56.94	£58.65	£60.41	£62.22	£64.08	£67.99
Year 10/11	£67.44	£70.81	£74.30	£78.75	£81.11	£83.55	£86.05	£88.63	£91.29	£96.85
Year 12/13	£68.12	£71.52	£75.10	£79.61	£82.00	£84.46	£86.99	£89.60	£92.29	£97.91
Special Unit children	£103.10	£108.25	£119.00	£125.00	£128.75	£132.61	£136.59	£140.69	£144.91	£153.73
Total Amount spent	£330,005	£371,749	£384,121	£346,858	£372,709	£409,370	£409,924	£415,871	£442,034	£476,559 to date

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 153 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Yes, the question reflects that, that is why I wanted a breakdown by school if not I would have asked what is the capitation generally. Understanding that each school has a different type of capitation because of what the Minister has just said, that is why the question states 'in each school'. I understand that there are still even breakdowns within the school as in special needs and all that but I wanted to know in general what the capitation was in each section.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Well even within one school, Bayside School, Years 10 and 11 have one rate and Years 12 and 13 have another rate and the Special Unit has another rate but it is all there.

**NO. 154 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – ST BERNARD'S SCHOOL**

Can Government state whether they have taken a decision in relation to St Bernard's School and whether it will be relocated in the development of the site of St Bernard's Hospital?

**ANSWER**

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

The matter is still under consideration by the Government.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 154 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Does the Minister have any inkling as in what date we are talking about because there does not seem to be any prospect or visible prospect of the project going ahead now or in the future? We know of the limitations of St Bernard's School and therefore my worry is that if the development is not going to take place in say three, five or ten years that St Bernard's School remains in that situation for that period of time?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

No, it certainly will not be anything like ten years or anything like that. Definitely the project is on within the reasonable and feasible and viable time that we have before us. I have already given in a previous question assurances that certainly we are seriously looking at the overall site of the old St Bernard's Hospital, there are inter-Ministerial discussions about that but it would be inappropriate for me to give details as to what the Ministers are discussing.

ORAL

**NO. 155 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – ENTITLED PUPILS**

Can Government state the legal background to entitled pupils as opposed to services pupils and why the children of Gibraltar Regiment parents are not considered as services children for educational purposes?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 156 of 2006.

**NO. 156 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – ST CHRISTOPHER'S SCHOOL**

Can Government state whether Gibraltar Regiment children are entitled to attend St Christopher's School?

**ANSWER**

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

Entitlement to free schooling by Ordinance is subject to the Education and Training Ordinance Part 12 Section 73. Essentially what this says is that education is free for a child residing in Gibraltar. Section 73(2) then defines when a child is deemed to be legally and formally residing in Gibraltar.

In the case of Services Children, there is a long-standing agreement with the MOD whereby they are not considered resident for schooling purposes hence why fees are paid by MOD to the Gibraltar Government for the children in our secondary schools. As far as children of Gibraltar Regiment parents are concerned, they are told they are not entitled to the MOD school at St Christopher's and therefore the Government enrolls them in our own First and Middle schools.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 155 AND 156 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is there any reason why any child whose parents are in the Gibraltar Regiment should not be in a Services School? I remember that historically it used to be children of a certain religion which used to go to St Christopher's. If they were Roman Catholics they used to come to our local schools, if they were Church of England they were entitled to go to St Christopher's. I cannot understand why the Gibraltar Regiment, who are Services people, their children cannot attend St Christopher's. Can the Minister state why this is the case?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I cannot state why as a Minister because it is an MOD decision, it is not a Gibraltar Government decision it is the MOD which has told and barred, to put it bluntly, Gibraltar Regiment Gibraltarian children from their school, but it is something that we

can discuss with them but certainly it is their decision and not a Government decision as such he will understand.

**NO. 157 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Can Government state the financial implication for introducing as they did at the beginning of this month, the Health and Safety policy within the Education Department?

**ANSWER**

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

As an initial exercise the Department will be engaging the services of a professional Health and Safety body to carry out a Health and Safety audit of all our institutions. Then also the Health and Safety Inspectors locally are working very closely with the Department of Education and Training and with NASUWT to this end. It is only following the audit that all recommendations will be carried out over a reasonable period of time and it is only then that we will be able to establish the cost implications of the outcome.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 157 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

In relation to the professional safety body that the Minister is saying that they will engage, is it going to go out to tender or is it going to be a direct appointment? May I also add which company will it be a UK company based or a locally based company?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

To be honest we have not made a decision about that at Departmental level. What we really want is people who know what they are about and they carry out with experience the particular specific needs of health and safety within the school environment.

**NO. 158 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – TEACHERS ON TEMPORARY CONTRACTS**

Can Government state whether the Human Resources Department have been able to draw up an appropriate legal contract for teachers who are employed on a temporary basis?

**ANSWER**

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

The matter is still under consideration by the Human Resources Department.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 158 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

We keep on coming up to this question again. Is there not anybody who can pressurise the Human Resources Department in order to get that contract, which I presume is not a very extensive legal document? A contract to any employee is just a simple A4 written paper, or even if it is not all one has to do is get the contract of a teacher, what job description a teacher has, it does not take a rocket scientist to draw up a contract whilst it is affecting those on the supply list as we have debated before in this House. Can the Minister then please push the Human Resources Department in order to draw up this long-awaited contract?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Let me say a few things. First of all and most importantly is that the assurances given to this House by the Chief Minister agreeing that long-term supplies of this nature merit and deserve a contractual arrangement, that still stands. Now to put this into practical terms and implementation obviously we have to go through the expertise of the Human Resources Department and it is not as simple as they say as one might think, not just handing out a piece of paper as was suggested. They have to look at repercussions of what they do in this particular sector of the Civil Service, teachers are Civil Servants, in other areas of the Civil Service. There are complexities they say, which they need to really get well formulated and worked out. Perhaps that is the reason for the delay but of course as Minister caring for my



teachers in my Department, of course I will definitely do what I can to see that things move in the right direction and as speedily as possible.

**NO. 159 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – MATERNITY LEAVE FOR TEACHERS**

Can Government state whether any progress has been made in relation to the negotiations taking place with the NASUWT(GTA) about maternity leave for teachers since this Question was last asked in this House?

**ANSWER**

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

I am very pleased indeed to announce that the GTA's claim in relation to maternity and paternity leave entitlement has been met in full by the Government.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 159 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister give us an indication of what agreement has been reached?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Exactly the claim that was made upon us by the NASUWT. That is, paternity leave is increased from 0 to 10 days because there was no paternity leave before. Now fathers have 10 days paternity leave. Maternity leave has been increased from 14 weeks to 18 weeks excluding holidays. May I say that this arrangement becomes effective as from 1<sup>st</sup> February and it covers teachers already on maternity leave at that date. Not the unpaid leave that many teachers ask after maternity leave but those who are in maternity leave on 1<sup>st</sup> February will be covered by this enhancement in their leave entitlement.

ORAL

**NO. 160 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – TLR AND EXCELLENT TEACHER**

Can Government confirm whether they have reached the stage of formal negotiations with the NASUWT(GTA) in relation to restructuring our schools and the TLR and excellent formats?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 161 of 2006.

**NO. 161 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – WORKLOAD AGREEMENT**

Can Government confirm whether they are negotiating the workload agreement as part of the package for the restructuring of our schools?

**ANSWER**

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

The Department of Education and Training and NASUWT (GTA) are engaged in very productive discussions at this stage aimed at arriving at a mutually beneficial working model for schools in Gibraltar. Of course these discussions encompass all the issues, including the allocation of TLR's, Teaching Learning Responsibilities as opposed to the present management allowances, a localised workload agreement and the notion of the Excellent Teacher scheme. As the hon Member will understand, it would be inappropriate for me at this stage of the discussions/negotiations to give details to that effect.

ORAL

**NO. 162 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – SCHOOL CLEANERS**

Can Government state the complement of cleaners in the Department of Education giving a breakdown by school institution, college and department?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 163 to 165 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 163 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CLASSROOM AIDES**

Can Government state the complement of classroom aides giving a breakdown by school and whether they are on permanent and pensionable or supply?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 162, 164 and 165 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 164 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – SCHOOL SECRETARIES**

Can Government state the complement of secretaries in schools giving a breakdown by school and whether they are part-time or full-time?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 162, 163 and 165 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 165 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – NUMBER OF TEACHERS**

Can Government state what is the complement of teachers giving a breakdown by school, responsibility held and whether they are on supply basis or permanent and pensionable status?

**ANSWER**

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

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule attached.



**Answer to Question 165 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 162**

The two cleaners working in the Main Office of the Department are employed via a private company. The cleaners working in schools and the college are employed by Government. The breakdown is the following:-

	Cleaners
Bayside	25
Westside	22
College	6
Hebrew	2
St Martin's Special	2
Bishop Fitzgerald	8
St Anne's Middle	10
Sacred Heart	6
St Joseph's Middle	8
St Paul's First	6
St Bernard's First	5
St Mary's First	6
St Joseph's First	8
Notre Dame	7
Governor's Meadow	6

**Answer to Question 163**

SCHOOL	PERMANENT	SUPPLY
Governor's Meadow	1 f/t	
Notre Dame	3 f/t & 2 p/t	2 f/t & 1 p/t
St Bernard's		1 f/t covering vacant post & 2 p/t
St Joseph's First	1 f/t	1 f/t & 2 p/t
St Paul's First	2 f/t	1 f/t covering vacant post*
St Mary's First		1 p/t
St Anne's/Bayside	1 f/t	1 f/t
Bishop Fitzgerald	2 f/t & 2 p/t	1 f/t & 1 p/t
Westside	2 f/t	1 f/t
Bayside	3 f/t & 2 p/t	
St Anne's	2 f/t	
St Martin's	3 f/t & 12 p/t +B38	1 p/t

\* selection board to meet soon

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**Contd Answer to Question 165 of 2005**

**Answer to Question 164**

The complement of school secretaries is 15, of whom 11 are part-timers and 4 are full-timers. The breakdown by School is the following:-

	<b>SCHOOL SECRETARIES</b>
Bayside	2 full-timers
Westside	2 full-timers
St Anne's	1 part-timer
Bishop Fitzgerald	1 part-timer
Sacred Heart	1 part-timer
St Joseph's Middle	1 part-timer
St Paul's First	1 part-timer
St Joseph's First	1 part-timer
Governor's Meadow	1 part-timer
Notre Dame	1 part-timer
Hebrew/College	1 part-timer
St Mary's First/St Bernard's First	1 part-timer
St Martin's Special/St Mary's First	1 part-timer

**Answer to Question 165**

School	No. of Teachers	No. of responsibility posts inc. HT and DHT	No. of P&P teachers	No. of supply teachers
Governor's Meadow	17	9	17	0
St Joseph's First	19	11	18	2 p/t
Notre Dame	15	9	15	0
St Bernard's	11	5	10	1*
St Mary's	10	8	10	0
St Paul's	18.5	9	18	1 p/t
Bishop Fitzgerald	26	14	25	1*
St Joseph's Middle	19	11	17	2*
Sacred Heart	16	10	16	0
Hebrew	6	4	5	1
St Anne's	22	14	22	0
Bayside	65.5	38	63.5	2
Westside	66.5	38	64.5	2
College	25	14	24	1
St Martin's	6	2	5	1*

\*post-holder on unpaid leave

ORAL

**NO. 166 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PUPIL/TEACHER RATIO**

Can Government state the pupil teacher/ratio in schools giving a breakdown by school?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 167 of 2006.

**NO. 167 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – AVERAGE CLASS SIZE**

Can Government state what is the average class size for this academic year in each school giving a breakdown by year?

**ANSWER**

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

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule attached.

May I make a couple of points with regard to this schedule. I think the hon Member will understand that the complex nature as to class sizes that he is asking, the complex nature of the Secondary School timetable means that any figure about class sizes would be useless really. As an example there could be a class in a Secondary School of 27 for Year 8 English and then say five pupils in an A-level minority subject. There is such a variety of class sizes that really the best thing to do is to give the pupil/teacher ratios overall. The second point is very similar really. The reason for omitting class size in the information about the College is also because the College has a substantial number of part-time students as well as the full-time ones and indeed some of the part-time students attending are already also enrolled in the Secondary Schools and then they go for some subjects to the College. Again it is complex and there is no point in giving class sizes there because they are so varied.

**Answer to Question 167 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 166**

School	p/t ratio
Governor's Meadow	17.59
St Joseph's First	16.78
Notre Dame	15.85
St Bernard's	12.60
St Mary's	14.60
St Paul's	16.24
St Paul's	15.94
Bishop Fitzgerald*	19.29
St Joseph's Middle	18.84
Sacred Heart	15.06
St Anne's Middle	19.55
Hebrew	14.67
Bayside	15.11
Westside	15.27
St Martin's	2.83

**Answer to Question 167**

School	Average Class Size							
	YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	Y7
Governor's Meadow	21.0	20.7	21.5	22.0				
St Joseph's First	19.8	21.5	21.3	18.3				
Notre Dame	21.0	24.5	19.3	19.0				
St Bernard's	14.5	15.0	15.0	18.5				
St Mary's	18.0	16.5	17.0	21.5				
St Paul's	18.5	18.5	19.7	23.0				
Bishop Fitzgerald					27.0	24.2	25.8	28.6
St Joseph's Middle					25.5	27.7	22.0	21.3
Sacred Heart					20.0	18.0	19.7	22.7
St Anne's Middle					27.8	27.3	27.3	25.3
Hebrew		24.0		17.0		13.0		17.0

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 166 AND 167 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Just looking at the statistics it is striking that St Anne's Middle School class sizes have increased substantially, is there any reason why this is happening at St Anne's? St Anne's have always usually had low numbers, is it because there is an increase, a demographic move down there now?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Well yes I suppose it is. It must be a demographic reason behind it, these schools respond to their catchment area and the pupil population in each school is related to the population of that catchment area.

**NO. 168 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION - TRUANCY**

Can Government state at what stage they are at present in relation to the legislation on truancy?

**ANSWER**

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

The matter is still under consideration.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 168 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

I deliberately put this Question because I have not put this question for the past two years and before I was accused of putting the same question every time. I have given a two year lapse in order because the last answer to this question was exactly what the Minister is saying today, that it is still under consideration. Two years on they are still under consideration. Are they really considering it or is it just a way of just trying to avoid the question, because two years on we have not had any movement on truancy?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

We are certainly considering and taking very seriously the problem of truancy but I think we also have to get things in proportion. The problem of truancy in Gibraltar is not as acute, within the small ambit of our population here and the nature of our social conviviality, it is not as acute as the huge problem of truancy in UK. Therefore, the rather draconian legislation which we have as a model in the UK, that is an area that we are considering, whether that sort of legislation is really relevant to the real situation in Gibraltar. Again, the hon Member will know that the actual legislation in the UK has also taken quite a bit of time so that may be another reason for the delays to make sure that we do attend to the model that we can rely on. But as I say, we begin to think it may not be all that relevant to us.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Whether the UK has done it or not done it and whether we should follow the UK, I do not think really is the relevance of what I am trying to do and I understand that it is low, the numbers. What is ridiculous quite frankly is that the Department of Education, and I think we have spoken about this before, that the Department of Education goes through the whole process and it is a very long process of trying to monitor whether the child comes to school, how many days of the week does he come to school, are the parents aware, there is sort of like a warning shot to the parents, 'look your child is not attending school'. There is a whole process and it takes a long time and after all that, when the Department decides to take it to Court and litigate and actually try and get the parents to be responsible to send the child to school, the ridiculous fine is £5 which probably dates back to the 1950's I presume. I am not thinking of the draconian way of how to hammer down parents or put them into jail in some cases in the UK, I am not thinking about that. It could well be that we keep the one that we have now with a little amendment or just amending because parents sometimes, non-responsible parents, go there to the Court 'well who is it that I have to pay the £5 to?'. They pay the £5 and along goes the process again, we start again trying the charges to come to school because there is no deterrent. There is not a deterrent as such so what I am asking then, can the Minister not then look at it as in what we have and try and amend it to put it to the context of nowadays as in financial consideration?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The Minister looks at everything of course but one thing that I look at is precisely that going to Court is really a last resort for exceptional cases. The hon Member knows perfectly well that before we take that step all means have been taken by the school in counselling, in social attention to the social background of the family, those are the things that count rather than just bringing the law upon people.



ORAL

**NO. 169 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – REGISTER OF ASBESTOS**

Can Government state how many inspections have taken place to ascertain the presence of asbestos in schools since Question No. 1202 of 2005, giving a breakdown by school?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 170 of 2006.

**NO. 170 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – REGISTER OF ASBESTOS**

Can Government state how many schools hold an asbestos register giving a breakdown by school?

**ANSWER**

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

There have been no further inspections to ascertain the presence of asbestos in schools since the hon Member asked Question No. 1202 of 2005. Two schools hold an asbestos register, that is, Bishop Fitzgerald and Governor's Meadow Schools.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 169 AND 170 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

In the last debate that we had in this House in relation to asbestos the Minister actually stated that there was no need to have an asbestos register. I disagreed with him and I think that.....

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Inspections not registers.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I am talking about the register of asbestos and there was a debate as to whether it was legal or not legal. Not going down that road about whether it is legal or not legal, the Minister stated that there are these schools Bishop Fitzgerald for example, was an old building, the old building that was there when the old New Camp, there are other old buildings around which for example again the College had a problem in the John Mackintosh Hall but the College itself, St Anne's School was built in the 1950's. These two schools, that is the old Bishop Fitzgerald now the College and St Anne's are old schools and therefore I think it would be advisable, and I said this last time, for the Minister to have people in to ascertain whether there is asbestos, for the

simple reason that children get up to, I would not say no good but children do not realise the consequence of just for example kicking a board or something like that. If we knew exactly where the asbestos was, at least in schools which is what I mentioned last time, we can then take safety precautions. Does the Minister not agree with that?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The Minister does not agree with that for the simple reason that the hon Member says that it is advisable. Well the advice that we have from experts is that this is not the way to go about it, that invasive investigation to determine whether asbestos is present or not in any particular building is just not necessary, it is time-consuming and more importantly that it might well disturb the asbestos increasing the risk of asbestos disbursement. That is the advice we have got from as I say expert authorities in this matter and that is the policy that we are following. It is only when asbestos in the prima-facie suspicion that there could be some real risk of that and this is also part of the health and safety audits that they are going to carry. If that is of any comfort to the hon Member then of course yes we will take the appropriate measures.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister state who are the expert authorities?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I actually gave the names of the expert authorities that we called in when the Bishop Fitzgerald incident but I have not got the actual names before me. I can assure him that they are very credible, one of them was connected actually to the Rotterdam and other health and safety authorities locally and in the UK but I will give him the information.

**HON S E LINARES:**

So the Minister is saying that the expert authority is somebody who came from abroad? I recall the Minister stating that the experts who had come to deal with the asbestos from the Rotterdam they had contracted to do some work or look at some aspects of I think it was the Bishop Fitzgerald incident, but when these experts are not here who are the people locally?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The Health and Safety Inspectorate of course.

ORAL

**NO. 171 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state whether any further meetings have taken place between the owners of the private nursery situated at the Fleet Pavilion site in relation to their temporary move elsewhere and whether any alternative premises has been offered as a permanent option for the nursery?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 172 and 173 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 172 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state how many children attend private nurseries giving a breakdown by ages and nurseries?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 171 and 173 of 2006.

**NO. 173 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state how many private nurseries are currently in operation?

**ANSWER**

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

With regard to Question No. 171 of 2006 about the Fleet Pavillion site this is a matter which is being pursued by Land Property Services, the developers of the site and the owners of the nursery as to the reallocation of the premises.

With regard to Question No. 172 of 2006 about the number of children in private nurseries giving a breakdown et cetera by ages we do not collect this information as a matter of course in the Department.

In answer to Question No. 173 of 2006 there are nine registered private nurseries in Gibraltar.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 171 TO 173 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

When the Minister states that there are nine registered is it a requirement for private nurseries, crèche or pre-school institutions to register with the Department of Education?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes that is a statutory requirement.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Does the Minister then not think that if there are nine registered and they have to register that it should be the Department's responsibility to look at and not work closely but actually to know exactly how many children there are in each institution, in

order to ascertain whether they are fulfilling legal requirements? For example, one might have a small room and I am not talking about the Environmental Health going there and visiting it, whether they have a basin or a toilet, what I am talking about is the actual educational input that might be delivered there and should Government not be looking at how many pupils are there, how many pupils have special needs or whatever?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, the hon Member says looking at the number of children. Now we do look at the number of children, I gave a very lengthy explanation of all this in answer to a previous question, Question No. 783 of 2005, about the relationship and the liaison between the Department and the private nurseries but the reason why we do not keep exact statistical figures of numbers enrolled in these establishments is because they are very misleading. Some of these nurseries are involved or operating child-minding, crèche, drop-in facilities, sometimes parents call in at short notice and ask for their children to be supervised for a short period of time. The figures reflect flexibility and a variety which actually changes from day to day very often in some nurseries and therefore it is almost impossible to say this is the number of children in this particular nursery at this particular time. We get a snapshot but really a snapshot is just a snapshot but in terms of looking at it, in terms of the number of children in relation to the pupil/teacher ratio and all that, yes the Department does look at that in establishing standards before authorising registration.

**HON S E LINARES:**

How many times have the Department of Education gone to these private nurseries to look at these things?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Officers from the Department, I did explain all this before, officers from the Department visit private nurseries as and when necessary and appropriate. There is a constant flow of interaction between the Department and very often it is just a question of telephone calls, conversations answered if the nursery wants an adviser to go and see for himself and seek advice on any particular element in the curriculum or in the programme, then we are always attentive to that. I am not going to go into all the details which I gave and which will be found in Hansard.

ORAL

**NO. 174 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CO-EDUCATION WORKING GROUP**

Can Government state how many times the Co-Education Working Group has met since October 2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 175 of 2006.



**NO. 175 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CO-EDUCATION WORKING GROUP**

Can Government say whether they have considered the interim report produced by the Co-Education Working Group and state what have been its findings?

**ANSWER**

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

The Co-Education Working Group has met once since October 2005 – (17<sup>th</sup> November 2005). The Report has not yet been considered by the Government and it would therefore be inappropriate to divulge its contents at this stage.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 174 AND 175 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Does the Minister have any inkling as in when they will be looking at the report, and can the Minister state when that report was actually given to the Department of Education?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The problem is, as I explained to him in a previous Question, that the Co-Education Working Group has now been subsumed by the 14-19 Working Group which has a much wider agenda considering all aspects of the 14-19 curriculum, including all the White Papers which as the hon Member knows are quite controversial in itself. Therefore I tend to think that it is better to look at it globally, generically, holistically rather than just look at the Co-Education bit in isolation. Therefore that is being considered by the Co-Education 14-19 Working Group. I was being a bit jocular, I meant this one body which now covers the whole range of issues.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Taking all that the Minister has just said and all this about the wider agenda and all that, why does it not meet more frequently? I mean, to say that it has met once since

October 2005 when they have such a wide remit of things to discuss, is the Minister satisfied with the amount of times that this committee meets?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes I am satisfied. The Committee met in 2004 six times and put in a lot of work into producing an overview as I said of the whole picture. I think it is time now for them really to decide how often they want to meet, what is their need in terms of developing their studies and consideration, they have to keep tabs on what is happening in the UK, what is happening in the UK is also very fluid so those are technical issues which the Committee being professional people will know when and how often to meet.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister confirm then that there are two reports, one for the 14-19 issue and another one about Co-Ed or is it a general report?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

There is an interim report on Co-Ed which was studied at the very beginning. That now is being seen within a wider agenda of the 14-19 issues and again, in the same way as the group has been merged, the report on co-education has been merged with the wider studies of the 14-19 working group.

ORAL

**NO. 176 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state how many trainees in the Vocational Training Scheme have obtained employment in the past 3 years in Government Departments or Agency giving a breakdown by Department or Agency?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 177 to 183 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 177 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state how many trainees in the Vocational Training Scheme are currently attached to Government Departments or Agency giving a breakdown by Department or Agency and for how long have these trainees been in each Department or Agency?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 176 and 178 to 183 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 178 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state what is the formula used to arrive at the payment made to persons in the VTS?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 176, 177 and 179 to 183 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 179 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state how many inmates from our local prison have taken the offer of enrolling in the Vocational Training Scheme or any other course or scheme that the Department of Education have offered them?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 176 to 178 and 180 to 183 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 180 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government say how many of the trainees in the VTS scheme as at the end of February 2006 have obtained employment distinguishing between those who were employed by the company or entity with which they trained and those who obtained employment elsewhere?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 176 to 179 and 181 to 183 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 181 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government provide a breakdown by gender and age of the 146 trainees who enrolled in April 2005 and were still completing the three years stint in the Vocational Training Scheme?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 176 to 180, 182 and 183 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 182 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state out of the 161 new entrants to the Vocational Training Scheme that came in on January 2005 to October 2005, how many continue currently in training?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 176 to 181 and 183 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 183 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government provide the number of VTS trainees as at the end of February 2006, giving a breakdown by sex, age and date of commencement on the scheme?

**ANSWER**

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

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 183 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 176**

A total of 18 Trainees from the Vocational Training Scheme have obtained employment in the past three years in Government Departments or Agencies, the breakdown is as follows:-

Department of Education & Training	1
Philatelic Bureau	3
Elderly Care Agency	2
Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation	2
Royal Gibraltar Police	3
St John's Ambulance	2
Gibraltar Health Authority	2
Gibraltar Tourist Board	2
Sports and Leisure Authority	1

**Contd Answer to Question 183 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 177**

A total of 45 Trainees from the Vocational Training Scheme are currently undertaking training provided to them by Government Departments or Agencies. The following are details of the Departments and Agencies who kindly agreed to take on these 45 Trainees, as well as the Trainees' start date for training purposes within that Department or Agency.

<b>Department or Agency</b>	<b>No. of Trainees</b>	<b>Start Date</b>
Bayside School	2	September 2005 December 2005
Citizens Advice Bureau	1	October 2005
Consumer Affairs	1	December 2005
Department of Education & Training	1	January 2006
Department of Shipping	1	January 2006
Department of Social Security	1	November 2004
Elderly Care Agency	2	January 2005 August 2005
Employment Services	1	May 1999
Gibraltar College of FE	1	December 2000
Gibraltar Health Authority	5	November 2004, March 2005, August 2005, November 2005, February 2006
Gibraltar Electrical Authority	1	November 2005
Gibraltar Museum/John Mackintosh Hall	2	December 2005 February 2006
Gibraltar Port Authority	1	December 2005
Gibraltar Tourist Board	1	October 2005
Governor's Meadow School	1	October 2005
Income Tax Department	3	October 2003, October 2003, September 2004
Magistrates Court	1	August 2005
Notre Dame School	1	November 2003
Ombudsman	1	May 2005
Philatelic Bureau	1	April 2005
Registry of Ships	1	July 2005
Royal Gibraltar Police	1	November 2005
Social Services Department	3	September 2002 November 2005, January 2006
St Anne's School	1	January 2006
St Joseph's School	2	August 2005 September 2005
St Martin's School	1	August 2005
St Paul's School	1	April 2005
St Mary's School	1	January 2006
Technical Services Department	2	October 2005 January 2006
Varyl Begg Nursery	1	March 1999
Westside School	2	January 2003 October 2003
<b>TOTAL TRAINEES</b>	<b>45</b>	

**Contd Answer to Question 183 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 178**

Trainees enrolled in the Vocational Training Scheme are paid a monthly Trainees' Allowance commensurate with age. Trainees' Allowances payable are as follows:

<b>Gross Allowances:</b>	Age 15 and 16	£227.08
	Age 17	£254.08
	Age 18	£330.00
	Age 19	£356.41

**Answer to Question 179**

Inmates from our local prison are unable to participate in the Vocational Training Scheme because the very nature of their internment does not allow them to undergo training through work-experience placements.

The Prison Service provides some training for inmates through tuition classes delivered with the Prison itself. These courses are run on the initiative of the Superintendent of Prison, and are not funded by the Department of Education and Training.

**Answer to Question 180**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Trainees</b>
2003	31
2004	32
2995	38

The European Social Fund records only require statistics on number of Trainees who obtained employment by their Training Provider. Therefore, it is not possible to say where the other Trainees obtained employment, and after what period of time since completion of their training period.

**Answer to Question 181**

In my response to Q210/2005, I answered by stating that there were 176 Trainees enrolled on the Vocational Training Scheme. The breakdown given, as at 22 April 2005, was as follows:-

VTS - 145 still from previous Intakes completing their three year stint  
VTS5 - 17 new entrants in Intake 5  
Non ESF - 14 not under EU Funding but still subsidised by Government  
Grand Total 176 Trainees

The breakdown by gender and age of the 145 VTS Trainees is as follows:-

Male - 84  
Female - 61

**Contd Answer to Question 183 of 2006**

**Contd Answer to Question 181**

The Trainees ages, as at April 2005, was as follow:

No. of Trainees	Age
15	15
9	16
25	17
31	18
16	19
14	20
9	21
6	22
5	23
5	24
3	25
2	26
2	27
1	29
1	32
1	33

**Answer to Question 182**

Of the 161 new entrants into the Vocational Training Scheme from January 2005 to October 2005, 90 continue in training as at March 2006.

**Contd Answer to Question 183 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 183**

As at 28 February 2006 there were a grand total of 167 Trainees on the Vocational Training Scheme, these trainees were 81 females and 86 males. Their corresponding breakdown by age is as follows:

No. of Trainees	Age
11	15
23	16
21	17
27	18
16	19
14	20
14	21
4	22
9	23
6	24
3	25
3	26
1	27
1	28
5	29
2	30
1	34
1	35
1	36
2	40
1	43
1	46

**Contd Answer to Question 183 of 2006**

**Contd Answer to Question 183**

The breakdown by date of commencement of Training is as follows:

No. of Trainees	Commencement date
24	February 2006
16	January 2006
13	December 2005
13	November 2005
16	October 2005
20	September 2005
7	August 2005
3	July 2005
4	June 2005
5	May 2005
5	April 2005
1	March 2005
4	February 2005
2	January 2005
5	November 2004
4	October 2004
3	September 2004
1	August 2004
1	April 2004
3	November 2003
1	October 2003
1	August 2003
1	April 2003
2	September 2002
1	May 2002
1	April 2002
1	May 2001
1	December 2000
1	February 2000
1	October 1999
1	June 1999
1	May 1999
1	March 1999
1	October 1998
1	June 1998
1	April 1998



## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 176 TO 183 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Since the Minister has answered a number of questions together I need to look at all the answers and it is going to take time. I do not want to take the time now because I am sure Members want to go home for the evening, will Mr Speaker aid me in telling me how I should approach this, whether I should come back some other time after I have looked at it or should I pose questions?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

These are oral questions.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Exactly, I was thinking of that. They are oral questions and on the face of it supplementaries should follow the answers. I appreciate there is a lot of statistical information requested and provided. In the past whilst the Minister is in the Chamber and answering questions I have allowed Members to go back one or two questions. I do not know what the hon Member has in mind.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I did not have anything in mind as in going specifically question by question. If anything crops up, for example, something that I see that is unusual that I could come back say some time during the Session in the House say tomorrow.....

**MR SPEAKER:**

But the Minister may not be here.....

**HON S E LINARES:**

Just on that point I would not go through every question I guarantee. In fact, what I would do is to go through the whole thing and come back with questions in the next House like I have done previously.

**MR SPEAKER:**

If it is the odd question which needs to be dealt with then I will allow some latitude. Not a question of having to come back and go through the whole Supplementaries.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I do not intend to do that.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Far be it for me to reply for Mr Speaker but this is I would have thought quite feasible really for the hon Member to bring questions the next time round based on previous questions. He often does that.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I think the hon Member appreciates that, what he has asked is to be given some latitude in the sense that if a particular question arises on just the information provided, just the odd question which he feels ought to be answered now as opposed to wait for the next Session, I will allow that latitude whilst the Minister is in the Chamber.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I think that I would just like to ensure that we do not establish a new form of operation here in the House or for the future in that we find ourselves at Question Time having to come back backwards and forwards all the time during the whole Session. As long as we do not establish a new principle I think that I would like to make it known that we are not happy with that being formulated and accepted unless we establish that it is not going to be something that is going to be coming through to us in the future.

**MR SPEAKER:**

No I certainly do not understand the hon Member to expect a full range of Supplementaries at a later part of this Session. What I understood was that he will of course follow up the information provided by way of questions at the next House. What he has asked though is to be allowed latitude in terms of the odd one or two questions which he feels ought to be answered at this sitting as opposed to the next sitting whenever that may be. I believe, bearing in mind the amount of information sought and provided and the fact that we have indeterminate dates for the next sitting, one ought to allow some latitude so that the momentum is not lost until the next sitting.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

If I may reiterate what my hon Colleague is saying, the procedure in this House all the time that I have been here has been that oral questions are answered when they are asked. It is always up to Opposition Members, as I have said more than once, for detailed questions of this statistical nature for them to submit them in writing to Ministers who will provide the answers and then they can come to the House fully prepared to ask a supplementary. What they cannot do is get the best of both worlds, to ask detailed questions here when the detailed answer is given, then to ask for more time to ask supplementaries, if they need the time then they should ask the question in writing and then they can have all the time they like in order to prepare for supplementaries.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

I think in all fairness Mr Speaker has explained the situation quite clearly and explained the circumstances in which it is being allowed and therefore made a ruling. I think as Members of the House we should bow to the ruling.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Yes, I think to clarify from everyone's point of view I am not proposing to change the practice or procedures of this House by changing the whole system. I think I have indicated I will allow in this session based on a small degree of latitude, the odd question which may occur to the hon Member when he goes home and takes the material and looks at it and if he came back tomorrow, if the Minister is still available in the Chamber, and asked the odd question which cannot really wait till the next Question Session. That would be allowed as an exceptional concession, it is not intended to change the practice of the House. Having said that what I would do is commend to Opposition Members and Ministers a practice which I know has been adopted between the Hon Fabian Picardo and the Minister for Education, where information is sought on a written basis and provided. I would commend that to Members on both sides as a means of overcoming this particular issue. It has struck me in the year and a half that I have been in this Chair that there is so much information being handed across in written terms it does not really lend itself to supplementaries there and then. But again I cannot compel Opposition Members to put written questions, I cannot compel Ministers to give answers but if a modus is agreed and worked on by both sides it will overcome the problem.

ORAL

**NO. 184 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – BLEAK HOUSE/GCFE**

Can Government state how many students are enrolled in courses run by the Department of Education in Bleak House Training Institute and the Gibraltar College of Further Education giving a breakdown by course, institute, (whether of a professional or vocational nature or run on a private basis)?

**ANSWER**

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

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 184 of 2006**

**College of Further Education Courses**

COURSES OFFERED	NO. OF STUDENTS ENROLLED		
	FULL-TIME COURSES	PROFESIONAL COURSES	CONTINUING EDUCATION /ADULT EDUCATION
Business Level	33	-	-
Psychology	63	-	-
ICT Level 2	45	-	-
Construction Level 2	12	-	-
Art Level 2	7	-	-
Spanish A/S	59	-	-
PE A/S	8	-	-
Preparatory Level 1	30	-	-
Business Level 3	47	-	-
Psychology A2	33	-	-
Construction Level 3	9	-	-
ICT Level 3	94	-	-
Art Level 3	18	-	-
Spanish A2	38	-	0
AAT	-	68	-
CMI	-	23	-
ILEX	-	16	-
English GCE	-	-	11
French GCSE	-	-	5
Italian GCSE	-	-	30
Spanish GCSE	-	-	17
Sociology A/S	-	-	7
Maths GCSE	-	-	28
English (ESOL)	-	-	23
Art (Leisure)	-	-	10
Introduction to the PC	-	-	24
Microsoft Word (Intermediate)	-	-	5
Microsoft Excel (Intermediate)	-	-	12
French (Conversation)	-	-	13
Spanish for Beginners	-	-	73
Sewing (Leisure)	-	-	10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>265</b>

Key: AAT - Association and Accounting Technicians  
(offered at 3 levels: Foundation (35 students); Intermediate (18 students); Technicians (15))

CMI - Chartered Management Institute (offered at Certificate level (18 students) and Diploma level (5 students))

ILEX - Institute of Legal Executives (offered at Professional Diploma level (8 students) and Professional Higher Diploma level (8 students))

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**Contd Answer to Question 184 of 2006**

**Bleak House Courses**

<b>Course</b>	<b>No. of Students</b>
CLAIT Level 1	24
CLAIT Level 2	5
Numeracy Level 1	19
Numeracy Level 2	31
GCE English	8
Literacy Level 1	18
Literacy Level 2	6
Diploma in Business Administration	5
BTEC First Certificate in Tourism and Travel	10
ACCA	9
CAT	31

Key	ACCA	Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (courses delivered by the Gibraltar Society of Chartered and Certified Accounting Bodies. Paper 2.3 (6 students); Paper 2.4 (3 students))
	CAT	Chartered Accounting Technicians (courses delivered by GSCCAB). Papers 1&2 (22 students, the majority being Civil Servants from Income Tax and Treasury Departments; Paper 7 (6 Students); Paper 9 (3 students))

**Other Training Providing Renting Bleak House Facilities**

**(i) Campbell's College**

Running Certificate in Offshore Finance and Administration and the Diploma in Offshore Finance and Administration

**(ii) MC Squared Ltd**

Running AQA Advanced Certificate in Counselling

**(iii) EA Management Services**

Running Health and Safety Courses for the Private Sector.

**(iv) In-House Training**

Private companies using Bleak House facilities to run their own in-house training courses. Banks and Gaming companies are the main users.

**NOTE:** These are private initiatives, hence the Department has no access to numbers of enrolled students.

**NO. 185 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – BLEAK HOUSE/GCFE**

Can Government state what are the fees charged by the Department of Education in the Gibraltar College of Further Education and Bleak House Training Institute for Companies, Associations, individuals or others to run courses?

**ANSWER**

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

The Gibraltar College of Further Education does not hire out its facilities for Companies, Associations, individuals or others to run courses therein.

However, the range of facilities available at Bleak House Training Institute are available for hire by Companies wishing to deliver the courses on a commercial basis. The rate is £30 per day for usage during normal working hours. Use after hours is charged at £10 per hour.

Use of Bleak House Training Institute during normal working hours by Charitable Groups or In-House Training by Companies from Gibraltar's Private Sector carry no charge.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 185 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister just explain what he means as in the Companies in-house training?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I can give an example, a bank wants to sort of induct some or all of its employees into a particular scheme and it is not a profit-making thing, it is just an in-service course or seminar, since it is not commercially based we facilitate the premises for them to run this.

ORAL

**NO. 186 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government confirm whether the report with recommendations to Government has been concluded in relation to the Graduate Training Scheme and if so what was its outcome?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 187 of 2006.



**NO. 187 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – GRADUATE TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state whether the graduate training scheme is still in existence and if so how many graduates are currently in the scheme giving a breakdown by year in which the trainees commenced the scheme?

**ANSWER**

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

Graduates returning to Gibraltar upon completion of their studies may join the Vocational Training Scheme in order to obtain work-related experience in their specialist fields.

Training opportunities offered to Graduates upon completion of their studies is very much demand-led so it is therefore difficult to predict how many Graduates at any particular time will request this opportunity for work-related experience after their period of studies in UK. However, the Department of Education and Training is currently working together with the Employment Services in order to bring about a partnership with Private Sector Employers with a view to offering such training opportunities to returning Graduates.

As at March 2006 there were two Graduates furthering their training within the Vocational Training Scheme and these two Graduates commenced within the VTS on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 186 AND 187 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

The two Graduates that entered in March there has not been anyone prior to that then?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

One in March and one in November.

**HON S E LINARES:**

So what the Minister is saying, one started in November and the other one started in March.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Well, if he wants to put it that way. March comes before November so.....

ORAL

**NO. 188 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government provide a breakdown by gender and age of the 176 Trainees in the VTS who were enrolled in April 2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 189 and 190 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 189 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government provide a breakdown by gender and age of the 17 Trainees in intake 5 of the VTS as at April 2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 188 and 190 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 190 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government provide a breakdown by gender and age of the 14 Trainees who were not in ESF scheme in April 2005 but were paid by Government?

**ANSWER**

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

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 190 of 2006****Answer to Question 188**

The breakdown by gender and age of the 176 Trainees who were enrolled within the VTS as at April 2005 is as follows:

Males - 98  
Females - 78

Breakdown by ages is as follows:

No. of Trainees	Age
18	15
12	16
29	17
34	18
18	19
15	20
9	21
7	22
8	23
6	24
3	25
3	26
3	27
1	28
4	29
1	30
1	32
1	33
1	34
1	35
1	43
1	46

**Answer to Question 189**

Of the 17 Trainees from Intake 5 of the VTS, as at April 2005, 4 are males and 13 are females. The breakdown by age is as follows:-

No. of Trainees	Age
3	15
3	16
4	17
3	18
2	19
1	20
1	28

**Contd Answer to Question 190 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 190**

Of the 14 Trainees who were not funded by the European Social Fund, as at April 2005, 10 are male and 4 are female. Breakdown by age is as follows:-

No. of Trainees	Age
1	22
3	23
1	24
1	26
1	27
3	29
1	30
1	35
1	43
1	46

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 188 TO 190 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

How is it that we have two trainees in relation to Question No. 190 of 2006 of which I ask for a breakdown by gender and age of the 14 trainees who are not in the ESF Scheme, how we can have two trainees at the age of 43 and the age of 46 when the Vocational Training is supposed to start from the ages of 18 to 35?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

That is the European Union cut-off age, it is not necessarily our cut-off age. As I say these are funded by local training funds, the hon Member is touching upon a very sensitive area and I would not like to go too much into comments because it might, within the small ambit of Gibraltar, identify the persons concerned but I want to assure the hon Member that there are personal circumstances involved in these cases which certainly warrant, from a purely humanistic point of view, supporting these persons. If he knew the real situation I am sure he would agree with us.

**HON S E LINARES:**

In view of what the Minister said I will not proceed.



**ORAL**

**NO. 191 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EDUCATION – BTEC FIRST CERTIFICATE IN TOURISM**

How many persons have applied for a place in the ‘BTEC First Certificate in Tourism’ Course and corresponding training scheme that was advertised in December 2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 192 of 2006.

**NO. 192 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EDUCATION – BTEC FIRST CERTIFICATE IN TOURISM**

Can Government say how many places there are in the 'BTEC First Certificate in Tourism' Course that was advertised in December 2005 and how many of those places have now been filled?

**ANSWER**

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

There were a total of 10 applications received to follow the BTEC First Certificate in Travel and Tourism in response to the advertisement published in December 2005.

There were no set limits on the number of places which could be offered in the BTEC First Certificate in Travel and Tourism Course. As I have just informed the hon Member, places were allocated to all the 10 applicants who applied who wished to join the course.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 191 AND 192 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Are all the 10 applicants still pursuing that course?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, they applied and I think they entered early this year. They applied in December when the advert came out and I am not entirely sure of what the starting date has been but obviously by March this year they would still be at it.

**NO. 193 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – POST-GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION**

Can Government state how many scholarships for the course in Post-Graduate Certificate in Education have been awarded in the current academic year and the comparable figure for the previous year?

**ANSWER**

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

No scholarships to read for a Post-Graduate Certificate in Education have been awarded in either the current academic year or the preceding one.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 193 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it that there have been no applicants for these courses?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The reason is that two years ago the British Government, the Department of Education and Skills, in a bid to tackle the great teacher shortages in the United Kingdom and as a form of incentive were offering bursaries to all students following PGCE courses. These bursaries were very generous, they included full payment of their tuition fees and as well as a maintenance grant of £6,000 per year, something which they do not give to anybody else, and this in effect meant that the PGCE students, as per the European Union they had to offer this also to other European Union Students, could be receiving a UK Government Scholarship as well as our own. It was therefore decided and felt that there was no need for the Gibraltar Government to duplicate this award when available monies could be better redirected to students on other courses. I should point out that no student has been prevented from following a PGCE course, in fact we actually help them and assist them in their seeking in making the bid for the UK bursary. This policy will be subject to review if or when the UK bursaries cease, then of course we would revert to the traditional practice to support those who are deemed to merit such an award.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are the students that are financed by this UK Scholarship Scheme required to stay and work in the UK at the end?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I would prefer not to comment on that, it remains in a sort of limbo at the moment. They are certainly not forced to sign any contractual arrangement but it is something left unsaid.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But presumably, I understand the PGCE is a one year course, so in fact if this happened two years ago we must have had some Gibraltar students who were financed by the UK in the first year given that the Government have not financed anybody for two years. So have the people who did the first year come back to Gibraltar or not?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes they have all come back to Gibraltar. Those who benefited from this bursary have come back to Gibraltar and there has been no reaction.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Government say what were the numbers this year and last year?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I have not got that figure with me, I would need notice of how many Gibraltar students are now following PGCE courses. It could be anything between 10 to 15.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

What 10 to 15 in each year?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I do not want to commit myself to any figure.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I accept that but I just want to have an indication. Are we talking about half a dozen people or more than that? Presumably there is a fairly regular pattern to this.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Fairly regular pattern which is usually around 10 to 15.

ORAL

**NO. 194 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the 50 trainees presented with certificates in November 2005, showing the number from the VTS, Construction Training Scheme and Cammell Laird Training Scheme and in respect of each group give the number receiving each of the awards obtained?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 195 and 196 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 195 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state of the 50 trainees that received certificates in November 2005 whether any of them were already in employment, and if so, specify the nature of the employment in each case?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 194 and 196 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 196 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government specify the age and gender of the 50 trainees in the VTS that received certificates in November 2005?

**ANSWER**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule attached.



### **Answer to Question 196 of 2006**

### **Answer to Question 194**

A total of 47 Trainees received certificates in November 2005. The details are as follows:

	<b>VTs</b>	<b>GCTC</b>	<b>Cammell Laird</b>
Male	16	8	3
Female	20	0	0

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>VTs</b>	<b>GCTC</b>	<b>Cammell Laird</b>
Numeracy Level 1	2	6	-
Numeracy Level 2	11	1	3
Literacy Level 1	-	1	3
Literacy Level 2	1	2	-
CLAiT Level 1	23	-	-
Diploma in Business Administration	7	-	-

Note: Some trainees received more than one certificate

### **Answer to Question 195**

A total of 19 of the 47 Trainees who received certificates in November 2005 were already in employment.

Mechanical Engineering	3
Administration	6
Retail	3
Electrical	1
Banking	2
Gaming Industry	2
Catering	1
Cleaning	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19</b>

**Contd Answer to Question 196 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 196**

<b>AGE</b>	<b>MALE</b>	<b>FEMALE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
16	2	4	6
17	2	2	4
18	7	8	15
19	4	2	6
20	3	-	3
21	2	3	5
22	5	-	5
24	2	-	2
27	1	-	1

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 194 TO 196 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

There were 19 out of the 47 who were already in employment in November, is it that they were employed subsequent to having completed these courses or is it that it is possible to be in employment and doing the courses?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

No it is not possible to be in employment and following these courses. These courses are offered to trainees as such not employees, not those in employment. The reason for that is that in the period between having passed these exams, which are GCE's and OCR examinations in literacy, numeracy et cetera and the actual presentation of certificates which comes later, remember they sit these exams in around May/June, then the results come around August and the presentation, the actual certification arrives here in November which was the time when we had the certificates ready to be presented, in between of course they find for themselves employment. That is why they were all employed in these listed trades before November 2005.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

When the Minister says they are not in employment, therefore the fact that somebody is already in employment does not mean that he can undertake a numeracy or literacy or any of these other things? I can understand that if they are in the Construction Training Centre or in the Cammell Laird it is a full time thing but these other things are not available to young people who may be in employment, they have to be paid by the Government in order to be able to benefit from this?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

There are other avenues for young people in employment to follow GCSE's and other courses through the College of Further Education and in some cases the Government will support, fund some of these courses but not these courses which take place in Bleak House and they are intended to be underpinning numeracy, literacy, information technology courses for trainees who are engaged in apprenticeships in whatever industrial trade. Nevertheless, it is felt that they also need some academic underpinning and that is offered to them in Bleak House whilst in training not whilst in employment.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Am I right in thinking that in terms of the courses and the qualifications what we are talking about is 47 individuals but they may have been doing more than one thing, because I note that the Cammell Laird one shows that the three in Cammell Laird appears in more than one of the tables and I assume that they are likely to be the three who found employment in mechanical engineering at the same time, given that that is the only connection there seems to be between the training and the actual

sector of industry providing the employment. Is that an accurate interpretation of the figures he has provided?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

What is accurate is the fact that many of these individuals actually obtained certificates in different subjects, hon Members will notice that we are talking about 47, actually the question refers to the figure of 50. The hon Member must have gathered that from the press release we spoke about approximately 50, that is the reason for that, we were not too sure at that stage whether all of them would have been receiving certificates so it was said approximately 50, but the actual figure of those receiving certificates was 47 and he will notice that if we add all the certificates presented it comes to 60. The reason being, as suggested, that some of them actually obtained more than one certificate.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The people who are taken on in the Vocational Training Scheme are therefore what, placed with an employer by the Department or is it that they themselves look for somebody to give them experience whilst they are doing these courses, is that the case?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, a bit of both actually, in some cases individual young people actually make contact with a particular employer and that is then ratified so to speak through the Department of Education establishing an arrangement with that particular employer with a structured course which requires someone in the firm to be a sort of mentor. I have explained the system before how the training programme works but in answer directly to the question it can be either a direct placement from the Department of Education when they come to the Department seeking this type of training or a personal contact of the student with an employer who is deemed by the Department to be able to offer this training.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In answer to Question No. 188 of 2006 yesterday when a breakdown was given of the 176 trainees that were enrolled within the VTS in April 2005, these 47 would have been part of the 176 is that correct?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, I should think so.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

What we are talking about is that once they receive the certificate what, they come off the VTS Scheme or what happens to them?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Let me clarify something, these certificates are academic certificates which I described as underpinning the industrial training. The 176 are engaged in a number of placements and trainings but not all of them seek these underpinning academic courses in Bleak House which are also open, by the way, to trainees in the GCTC and Cammell Laird. They are engaged in indentured apprenticeships but nevertheless they still require this academic background and the Department offers it to them.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the 176 trainees which were on the VTS presumably includes the VTS but does not include the Construction, Training and the Cammell Laird, is that correct?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

That is right.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

My question is, if part of the Scheme is not a requirement that they undertake any of these courses, it is a voluntary thing, is there anything else that they have to do in the VTS Scheme comparable to the NVQ's in construction or in the mechanical trades?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

No, the placements in VTS Scheme is a different style of training altogether, it is more on-hand placement in different areas of employment, it is intended more in terms of work experience in a place of work whether it is in an office in terms of business and secretarial work or in other areas more industrial than that but there is no indentured structured apprenticeship which is in the GCTC actually verified by the CITB and the City and Guilds, and in the Cammell Laird these are validated by EMTA engineering and marine trades. Those are what we used to call in the old days indentured apprenticeships, they are sort of set and structured in industrial trades but the VTS is a different style of training altogether.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So when does the trainee in the VTS reach the point where he is no longer being trained? How does one arrive, is it a question of time, experience or what, how do they move from being under training to being trained and able to work?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Well it is an open-ended system altogether. It is a question of time as the hon Member said. It is a scheme intended to develop skills through direct experience with the skills required in different areas of employment. It is open-ended, it is negotiable with the Department. The European Union Funding can cover a period of

three years, it is capped at three years but some trainees actually leave well before that, they find themselves a job, they feel the skills they have developed in some cases the training provider, a particular firm, actually takes them on in some cases after three or four months of having taken the young person on and they find they are very suitable and quite skilful to do whatever job is required in the firm. So it is very open-ended in terms of timing and the particular style of training.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, in answer to Question No. 189 of 2006 the Minister said that there were 17 trainees in Intake 5, I take it these are people who commenced the training in that year? That is to say, am I correct in thinking that this information means that the 176 trainees that were given in answer to Question No. 188 of 2006 are all the trainees currently under training, for however long they have been, and that the 17 are the ones who started training for the first time in April 2005, is that the information?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

That is right, we had 146 already registered so to speak and then 17 were the new intake in April.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I note that one of the new intake is a 28 year old, it is difficult to understand how somebody, presumably we are talking about somebody who has not worked because if we are giving him work experience at the age of 28 for the first time in the new intake, I thought this was really intended for school leavers who did not go into higher education.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

There is an element which we discussed yesterday, an element of support for young people with special needs.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it the case that the number under training at any given time, is the pattern static in the sense that the numbers entering and the numbers leaving are almost the same or is it in fact the case that the 176 under training is an indication that there are more people coming in than people leaving the Scheme?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I think it is a pretty regular pattern I should think but I have not got figures in front of me to be able to confirm that. From my contact with the training providers in the Department I think there is a general pattern. It depends very much, it is related to the number of young people who finish their GCSE's and those who enter into the apprenticeships, so there is a regular pattern, there must be.

**NO. 197 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**LEISURE CENTRE – KING’S BASTION**

Are Government now in a position to state what facilities will be made available in King’s Bastion Leisure Centre?

**ANSWER**

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

The position remains the same as explained in supplementaries to Question No. 622 of 2005. The Government will make a statement as soon as the final design scheme is signed off.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 197 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

So is it the case then that at present the Government do not know anything about what is going into the Leisure Centre, is that correct?

**HON F VINET:**

If that were the case the position would not be the same as explained in supplementaries to Question No. 622 of 2005. In reply to that Question I explained to the House that there was a manifesto commitment which we fully expected to deliver, that manifesto commitment actually listed the range of activities that will be available at the Leisure Centre and the position remains the same.

**HON S E LINARES:**

So in actual fact what the Minister is saying is that the facilities that are going to be in place in the King’s Bastion Leisure Centre are the ones in the manifesto plus others, because presumably it is not going to be those only, is that the case?

**HON F VINET:**

Those are certainly the main substantive activities, there may be other ancillary activities and facilities available. But as I say, the full extent of those will be made public with a statement that will follow as soon as the design scheme is signed off.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Will the Minister then when he makes his announcement will he announce all the facilities that will be in place in the Leisure Centre?

**HON F VINET:**

Yes.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is it not only courteous or is it not a norm that Ministers before going out public, since he is going to go out publicly soon, he must know what all the facilities are and therefore if he knows I cannot see why he cannot actually mention them here. Can he mention the ones he is going to announce?

**HON F VINET:**

No the Government will make a statement when they are ready to do so.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Will that statement be made in this House or will that be a statement made as a press release?

**HON F VINET:**

As a press release.



**NO. 198 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**YOUTH SERVICE - EXCHANGES**

Can Government state what youth exchange preceded the one done to Bracknell and when did it occur?

**ANSWER**

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

The Youth Exchange project that preceded the current one to Bracknell took place in 2001. There have been a number of other youth projects involving groups travelling away from Gibraltar as well as others visiting Gibraltar, although not necessarily on an exchange basis.

**NO. 199 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**YOUTH SERVICE – PART-TIME LEADERS**

Can Government state what the job description of part-time youth leaders is and what times they are expected to work?

**ANSWER**

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

There is not and never has been a job description to the post.

Part-time youth leaders are expected to work on a session basis each consisting of a minimum of three hours. These sessions could take place either during weekday evenings or at weekends depending on the particular needs of the Youth Service.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 199 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Are these the youth leaders that have gone through the course done through the Youth Service?

**HON F VINET:**

Yes, all part-time youth workers must have completed a locally-recognised and validated course in part-time youth work.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Does the Minister not think that it would be advisable to have a job description?

**HON F VINET:**

I do not know whether it is advisable or otherwise, what I do know is that it is quite normal for part-time supply workers not to have a specific job description. Their role is basically to support the full-time staff.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Are these part-time workers supply workers? Does that mean that they are called in whenever needed or are they on the pay roll as a part-timer regularly?

**HON F VINET:**

As I have explained in the main reply, they are called in depending on the particular needs of the Youth Service as and when they are needed.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Since the Minister has mentioned that they are on a supply basis is there a rate at which they get paid?

**HON F VINET:**

I do not have that information before me but I will happily write to the hon Member and provide him with the information.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I just take the Minister up on one of the things? He said that part-time workers do not have a job description surely what he must mean is that they simply have the same job description as those who they are supply workers for rather than part-time workers for?

**HON F VINET:**

In order to clarify, I did not say they do not have job descriptions I said it is not necessary for them to have a specific job description because their role is to support the full-time staff.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

That must mean that they have the job description of the full-time member of staff that they cover. It is not possible under our law for somebody not to have a job description, the job description is co-extensive with the individual that they are covering or is it that the Government policy is that part-time supply workers do not have job descriptions because that would be, I think, seismic?

**HON F VINET:**

No, I think logic would dictate that indeed if those supply workers are there to support full-time staff, their job description in effect mirrors that of the full-time staff.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What I meant to say is that they do not have a specific job description that differs from the full-time staff.

**NO. 200 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**YOUTH SERVICE – REFURBISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

Can Government state how much has been spent on refurbishment and maintenance respectively in youth clubs in 2001/2002, 2003/2004, 2004, 2005 to date giving a breakdown by youth club?

**ANSWER**

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

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule attached.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 200/2006**

**YOUTH CLUBS – BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE**

Year	Line Wall (£)	Laguna (£)	Plater (£)	Dolphins (£)
<b>2001/2002</b>	17,732.75	28,500.44	21,279.13	15,282.80
<b>2002/2003</b>	15,980.79	32,458.31	42,064.83	450.00
<b>2003/2004</b>	18,491.59	1,417.00	1,596.00	528.50
<b>2004/2005</b>	29,530.59	11,354.03	14,759.46	25,679.86
<b>2005/2006</b>	8,809.74	12,359.08	18,111.36	2,992.00

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 200 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

The schedule that the Minister has passed on to me, does this mean that this is expenditure purely on maintenance or is it maintenance and refurbishment? Which figure is maintenance and refurbishment?

**HON F VINET:**

I actually realised that point last night when I was going over the answers. They have not been divided into refurbishment and maintenance costs and I sought an explanation for this. I am told that it is not readily available in a two-tier format because very often the line between what constitutes refurbishment and maintenance is a very thin one. So it may include, for example, major repairs such as work to roofs, as well as minor maintenance such as broken pipes, electrical faults and so on.

ORAL

**NO. 201 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**ARTS ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Can Government state how many times the Arts Advisory Council has met since this was asked in Question No. 48 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Twice.

ORAL

**NO. 202 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MUSIC CENTRE**

Can Government state how many associations are currently using the Music Centre at the old BFBS building?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 203 to 205 and 210 and 211 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 203 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MUSIC CENTRE**

Can Government state who has been assigned by the trustees to run the Music Centre?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 202, 204, 205, 210 and 211 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 204 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MUSIC CENTRE**

Can Government state how many days of the week the Music Centre is made available for groups, bands, orchestras and/or individuals for practising?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 202, 203, 205, 210 and 211 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 205 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MUSIC CENTRE**

Can Government state whether there is any Teaching Programmes within the Music Centre for people interested in music to enrol or attend?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 202 to 204, 210 and 211 of 2006.

**NO. 206 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**INCE'S HALL**

Can Government state when they will start the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the refurbishment of the Ince's Hall and how much has been allocated for this purpose?

**ANSWER**

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

No Sir, not at this time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 206 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Did the Minister not say that the refurbishment was going to be done during the summer, or he came out publicly saying that this is only the first part and now he has got a second part? That is why I have posed the question because the Minister was not quite specific in the press release as to when.

**HON F VINET:**

Yes, it is true that in the press release announcing the first phase of the refurbishment of Ince's Hall I explained that we were hoping to commence the second phase at some point in the summer of this year. The question asks when that second phase will start and I am unable to give a specific answer to that.

**HON S E LINARES:**

There is also the second part of the question, how much has been allocated for this purpose? Surely the Minister must have money allocated for his second phase whether he starts early in the summer or later in the summer, there must be some sort of budget that was put aside for this purpose.

**HON F VINET:**

No, that would depend on the outcome of the budget this year.

ORAL

**NO. 207 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**THEATRE ROYAL**

Can Government state whether the structural engineers that inspected the Old Theatre Royal as stated in answer to Question No. 46 of 2005 are civil servants or are contracted privately to do this work?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 208 and 209 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 208 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**THEATRE ROYAL**

Can Government state how many inspections have taken place by structural engineers at the Old Theatre Royal site in relation to the safety of adjacent buildings and walls that remain from what was the Theatre Royal?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 207 and 209 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 209 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**THEATRE ROYAL**

Of the amounts spent on the Theatre Royal how much was obtained from EU Funding and has any of it had to be reimbursed or off-set against claims?

**ANSWER**

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

The structural engineers are Civil Servants from the Technical Services Department.

A total of 17 inspections have taken place – five in 2003; five in 2004; six in 2005 and one to date this year.

The sum of £481,855.94 was obtained from EU funding. No amount has had to be reimbursed or off-set against other claims.

ORAL

**NO. 210 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MUSIC CENTRE**

Can Government state whether the trustees have given any financial assistance to any individual or group to teach or conduct any musical performance or lessons or promote music in any way?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 202 to 205 and 211 of 2006.



**NO. 211 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MUSIC CENTRE**

Can Government state whether the Music Centre is being used by the National Choir for rehearsals?

**ANSWER**

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

As the House was informed in answer to Question Nos. 1495 and 1496 of 2004 and again in answer to Question No. 2127 of 2004, and yet again in a supplementary answer to Question No. 628 of 2005, the Gibraltar Music Centre is a charitable trust not one appointed by Government. The Music Centre is run by its trustees and it is entirely up to them to decide how to and who will manage its business. The Government do not have the information requested and are not accountable for any of the matters raised in the hon Member's Questions.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 203 TO 205, 210 AND 211 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Do the Government not give a grant or gave a grant of £52,000 to the trustees?

**HON F VINET:**

Yes, that is a different matter altogether. The Government are certainly interested in knowing how those funds are administered as and when the funds are administered.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister state who appoints these trustees?

**HON F VINET:**

The trustees are appointed by the Trust itself, Government have no role in this whatsoever.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Was it not the Government who gave this building to the Trust for a specific purpose?

**HON F VINET:**

Yes, but that does not in any way affect the reply given to the hon Member.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Do the Government not feel that a building that was given to a Trust for a specific purpose, that the Government should be monitoring whether the Trust is actually fulfilling what the building was given to them for?

**HON F VINET:**

I have already given the reply and if the hon Member wishes I will repeat it but it will not change my reply.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is the Minister aware that the building is currently empty and in a dilapidated state and is he not concerned about this?

**HON F VINET:**

I am not aware of those facts.

**HON S E LINARES:**

How long is it that the Minister has driven by and seen the building himself? The building is in an absolute state, that building was given by this Government to the trustees for a specific purpose, the building is still lying there derelict, we still are not sure where those £52,000 as grant was given to them for and where it has gone and there are many groups out there who would like to make use of this building and do not even know who the trustees or the Trust is and who they are, is the Minister not concerned about this?

**HON F VINET:**

If the question were to be whether Government are interested in the Music Centre Trust building being used as effectively as possible for the purposes for which the Trust exists, the answer is of course yes. That is not the question being made, the questions being asked by the hon Member elicit the answer I have just given. Namely, that Government are not accountable for any other matters raised in those questions.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the Minister accept that the Government are accountable to this House if public money has been given which has been defended and voted in this House on the basis that it was a worthwhile cause to support and then if there is any doubt, I know nothing about the issue but if there is any doubt, whether the money has been used for what the House intended? The money should be used even if the Government are not in a position to explain because they have not spent the money, I would imagine they would want to be satisfied that it is achieving their intended purpose, I would have thought.

**HON F VINET:**

Yes, and that issue was in fact replied to in answer to Question No. 628 of 2005 which specifically dealt with the grant given to Trustees of the Music Centre Trust in the year 2004 to date.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The position then is that the Government have monitored the expenditure of that money and are happy with the way it has been spent, is that the case?

**HON F VINET:**

Well, the Government have not been given any information to think otherwise.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If the Government have obtained £52,000 from public funds to support what they consider to be a worthy cause and defended that here and there is any possibility that the money has not been spent as they wanted it to be spent, I would have thought they would want to satisfy themselves that there is no basis for those doubts. Are they in a position to say that they are totally satisfied that there is no basis for such doubts?

**HON F VINET:**

What I do know is the following: in 2004 I believe funds of £53,000 if my memory serves me right were given to the Trust for the refurbishment of shutters. Last year there was a cultural grant of I think it may have been £2,000 for the purchase of musical equipment. I have not received any information that those funds that have been given to the Trust have not been used effectively or indeed for the purpose for which they were given. If Opposition Members are highlighting that they have knowledge that that is the case, then certainly I would wish to seek further information from the Trust, of course.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I can assure the Minister that if he just visited the Music Centre any time of the day or night that the shutters are falling down, the building has scaffolding to hold the main entrance, the building is in an absolute state and that is why I have posed these questions, because I think the Minister is responsible because the Trust has been given this place and as I understand it a Trust is given something in trust for a reason and the reason being to be used for music. I am telling the Minister that hardly anybody uses that place, the place is falling down and I am concerned not only about the place falling down, I am concerned about people who want to use the place and cannot, I am concerned about the money that the Government have put in and has not been spent at least in what the Minister thinks it has been spent and therefore groups and associations come to us and tell us that they want to use the place and are not able to use the place because they do not even know who has the key. So could the Minister please investigate this because it is a matter for concern for people who want to use it and that is why I have posed this set of questions. The idea of posing this set of questions is that the Minister actually goes and finds out, because all the questions are to do with what I presume the Trust is supposed to have been there for – teaching programmes, allowing people to practise there, the National Choir to have a place for rehearsals, for young people to be able to go there and feel that they can have a place where they can play music – that is what I presume the Trust is there for. So it is the Minister's responsibility to make sure that the Trust actually fulfils its role. Therefore, the Minister should not only go there and have a look at the place but also ask the trustees what is happening (1) with the money; and (2) with the place. Does the Minister not agree with this?

**HON F VINET:**

I agree to a very limited extent. Am I concerned? Do I share the hon Member's concerns, if it is the case, that the Trust is not employing its facilities to the best of its abilities? Yes of course I share that concern. I also say, by the way, the fact that the building is not in a particularly good state does not necessarily mean to say that the funds that have been awarded to the Trust have not been used for the purpose for which they were awarded. I do not comment either way whether they have been or have not been but it does not necessarily follow that that is the case. What I do not agree with the Opposition Member is that the Government have a responsibility for the facilities which the Trust deliver, being delivered or otherwise. The thrust of my original answer is that Government are not accountable for any of the matters raised in the Questions and I fully stand by that answer.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Will the Minister look into the whole affair and the whole matter, will he guarantee this House that he will look into the whole matter with the Music Centre?

**HON F VINET:**

I have no problem whatsoever in looking into the matter notwithstanding the fact that Government are not accountable for those matters.

ORAL

**NO. 212 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBTELECOM – NUMBER OF CALLS**

Can Government provide the number of telephone calls in 2004, giving a breakdown by National Traffic, International and Operator Assisted calls?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 213 of 2006.

**NO. 213 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS**

Can Government provide the number of Internet connections in 2004, giving a breakdown into Residential and Business?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Gibraltar Regulatory Authority, as the hon Member will be aware, publishes Gibraltar telecommunications statistics in its annual report. The 2004/2005 report laid in the House on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2005, states that as at the end of March 2005 there were a total of 7,326 internet accounts in Gibraltar consisting of 4,481 dial up and 2,845 ADSL accounts. In fact, I have been asked to point out that the number of ADSL accounts should read 2,477 giving a total of 6,958 Internet accounts. A breakdown of these accounts between Business and Residential users is not available as users are not necessarily classified in this way.

With regard to the number of telephone calls, the GRA annual report breaks down voice communications by minutes for the year 2004/2005. According to Gibtelecom data the number of fixed line telephone calls in Gibraltar made in 2004 totalled 42.2 million. This is broken down as follows:

Local	-	35.2 million
International	-	7.0 million
Operator Assisted	-	102 calls

ORAL

**NO. 214 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 December 2005 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 215 to 223 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 215 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 December 2005 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 214 and 216 to 223 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 216 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 December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 214, 215 and 217 to 223 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 217 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED**

Can Government state the number of customers invoiced in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of December 2005 to date and for the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 214 to 216 and 218 to 223 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 218 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED**

Can Government state the number of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity invoiced to customers in the months of December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 214 to 217 and 219 to 223 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 219 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 December 2005, January and February 2006 and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 214 to 218 and 220 to 223 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 220 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – REVENUE COLLECTED**

Can Government state the amount collected from consumers in respect of electricity in the months of October and November 2005 and in the equivalent months in 2004?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 214 to 219 and 221 to 223 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 221 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – STANDING CHARGES**

Can Government state the total value invoiced to Domestic Customers in respect of Electricity Standing Charges in the months of December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 214 to 220, 222 and 223 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 222 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT**

Can Government state the total value invoiced to Domestic Customers in respect of Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) in the months of December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 214 to 221 and 223 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 223 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – REVENUE COLLECTED**

Can Government state what were the amounts collected and the amounts billed in respect of electricity in the months of December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule attached.



**Answer to Question 223/2006****Answer to Question 214**

Purchases from OESCO Ltd.

	December 2005	January 2006	February 2006
Units (kWh)	7,437,550	5,594,960	6,809,690
Value	£870,360.51	£653,741.87	£768,713.91

**Answer to Question 215**

Purchases from the MOD

	December 2005	January 2006	February 2006
Units (kWh)	238,996	707,173	not invoiced
Value	£24,561.42	£73,131.84	not invoiced

**Answer to Question 216**

Amounts billed (invoiced) to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers - December to February - 2005 and 2006

	December	January	February
Fin.Yr. 04/05	£424,923	£553,820	£481,711
Fin.Yr. 05/06	£549,878	£666,774	£529,886

**Answer to Question 217**

Number of Consumers billed (invoiced) under Tariff 3 Domestic - December to February - 2005 and 2006

	December	January	February
Fin.Yr. 04/05	12,617	12,621	12,609
Fin.Yr. 05/06	12,612	12,633	12,628

**Answer to Question 218**

Units billed (invoiced) to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers - December to February - 2005 and 2006

	December	January	February
Fin.Yr. 04/05	4,291,274	5,677,477	4,899,792
Fin.Yr. 05/06	4,676,799	5,788,729	4,315,774

**Answer to Question 219**

Amounts collected - December to February - 2005 and 2006

	December	January	February
Fin.Yr. 04/05	£913,579.25	£1,007,039.07	£941,817.74
Fin.Yr. 05/06	£1,261,154.38	£1,209,058.18	£1,300,168.47

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**Contd Answer to Question 223/2006****Answer to Question 220**

Amounts collected - October and November - 2004 and 2005

	October	November
<b>2004</b>	£987,208.04	£888,230.44
<b>2005</b>	£1,309,897.88	£1,344,969.33

**Answer to Question 221**

Standing Charges billed (invoiced) to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	December	January	February
<b>Fin.Yr. 04/05</b>	£25,418	£25,268	£25,552
<b>Fin.Yr. 05/06</b>	£51,332	£49,690	£50,302

**Answer to Question 222**

FCA billed (invoiced) to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	December	January	February
<b>Fin.Yr. 04/05</b>	£120,573	£159,516	£137,672
<b>Fin.Yr. 05/06</b>	£152,463	£188,717	£160,217

**Answer to Question 223**

Amounts collected and billed - December to February - 2004/05 and 2005/06

Fin.Yr. 04/05	December	January	February
<b>Collected</b>	£913,579.25	£1,007,039.07	£941,817.74
<b>Billed</b>	£1,017,478.00	£1,122,582.00	£1,050,726.00

Fin.Yr. 05/06	December	January	February
<b>Collected</b>	£1,261,154.38	£1,209,058.18	£1,300,168.47
<b>Billed</b>	£1,296,215.70	£1,425,811.81	£1,270,421.32

ORAL

**NO. 224 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 December 2005 to date, 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 no power cuts affecting whole districts for the period December 2005 up to and including 14<sup>th</sup> March 2006 and to the best of my knowledge there have been none from 14<sup>th</sup> March to date.

ORAL

**NO. 225 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 December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 226 to 231 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 226 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 December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 225 and 227 to 231 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 227 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 December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 225, 226 and 228 to 231 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 228 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 December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 225 to 227 and 229 to 231 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 229 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED**

Can Government state the number of customers that were invoiced for Domestic Secondary Units of water in the months of December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 225 to 228, 230 and 231 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 230 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – STANDING CHARGES**

Can Government state the values in respect of Water Standing Charges invoiced to Domestic Customers in the months of December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 225 to 229 and 231 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 231 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – REVENUE COLLECTED**

Can Government state what were the amounts collected and the amounts billed in respect of water in the months of December 2005 to date and in the equivalent months in the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 231/2006****Answer to Question 225**

	December 04	January 05	February 05
Potable water Billed by Units Domestic (Primary)	366,541	387,945	373,286
	December 05	January 06	February 06
Potable water Billed by Units Domestic (Primary)	377,011	377,434	357,267

**Answer to Question 226**

	December 04	January 05	February 05
Potable water Billed (Primary Units) by value	£65,977	£69,830	£67,191
	December 05	January 06	February 06
Potable water Billed (Primary Units) by value	£79,172	£79,261	£75,026

**Answer to Question 227**

	December 04	January 05	February 05
Potable water Billed by units Domestic (Secondary Units)	174,875	260,832	181,255
	December 05	January 06	February 06
Potable water Billed by units Domestic (Secondary Units)	190,599	240,280	145,188

**Answer to Question 228**

	December 04	January 05	February 05
Potable water Billed by Value Domestic (Secondary)	£78,693	£117,374	£81,564
	December 05	January 06	February 06
Potable water Billed by Value Domestic (Secondary)	£99,111	£124,945	£75,497

**Answer to Question 229**

	December 04	January 05	February 05
No. of Consumers of Domestic Secondary Units	4,929	6,005	5,105
	December 05	January 06	February 06
No. of Consumers of Domestic Secondary Units	5,366	5,763	4,677

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**Contd. Answer to Question 231/2006**

**Answer to Question 230**

	<b>December 04</b>	<b>January 05</b>	<b>February 05</b>
<b>Standing Charges (Domestic)</b>	<b>£17,736</b>	<b>£17,616</b>	<b>£17,563</b>
	<b>December 05</b>	<b>January 06</b>	<b>February 06</b>
<b>Standing Charges (Domestic)</b>	<b>£35,053</b>	<b>£34,716</b>	<b>£35,346</b>

**Answer to Question 231**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Amount Billed</b>	<b>Amount Collected</b>
<b>December 04</b>	<b>£296,938</b>	<b>£328,438</b>
<b>January 05</b>	<b>£356,029</b>	<b>£328,124</b>
<b>February 05</b>	<b>£273,592</b>	<b>£259,114</b>

<b>Period</b>	<b>Amount Billed</b>	<b>Amount Collected</b>
<b>December 05</b>	<b>£345,029</b>	<b>£336,885</b>
<b>January 06</b>	<b>£363,602</b>	<b>£374,018</b>
<b>February 06</b>	<b>£322,146</b>	<b>£346,018</b>

ORAL

**NO. 232 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE**

How often and on what dates has the Heritage Action Committee met since 23 November 2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 233 of 2006.

**NO. 233 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE**

Can Government say, of the 12 members of the Heritage Action Committee, how many are:

- (a) Government Ministers and officials;
- (b) persons indirectly in the pay of the Government (e.g. contract holders);
- (c) members of the Gibraltar Heritage Trust who do not fall into category (a) or (b) above?

**ANSWER**

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

The Heritage Action Committee has met twice, on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2005 and on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006. A meeting was scheduled for today but has now been rescheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

As for Question No. 233 of 2006 the answers are:

- (a) 5;
- (b) 4; and
- (c) 3.

**NO. 234 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE – HEAD 102, SUBHEAD 11**

Further to the answer to Question No. 1242 of 2005 in relation to Heritage projects, can Government provide a breakdown of the following payments that were made indicating what they were for:

- |              |   |                    |
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| (a) £2825    | - | Carlos             |
| (b) £2447.50 | - | Eudald Guillament? |

**ANSWER**

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

The famous mysterious gentleman by the name of Carlos we talked about last time. (a) That sum was for photographic equipment; and (b) The sum of £2,447.50 was for fees in connection with the conservation and restoration of cave art in St Michael's and Gorham's Caves.

**ORAL**

**NO. 235 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR HERITAGE TRUST**

Can Government say whether they have received any representations from the Gibraltar Heritage Trust or from any other entity for the addition of any structures to the list of those that are already listed, and if so when were these representations received and what were the structures?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 236 of 2006.



**NO. 236 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GIBRALTAR HERITAGE TRUST**

Can Government state at what stage is their consideration of the draft Heritage Ordinance?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Recently the Heritage Trust has requested from me the listing of the Victualling Yard. I have confirmed that the Government see no problem with doing so, provided that it does not affect the feasibility of the Nelson's View affordable housing scheme.

Recently also, the Heritage Trust has made a public statement suggesting that other listings have been requested in the context of past discussions for a possible new Heritage Ordinance. Government have not so far been able to trace any record of that request but the search in old files continues. As soon as we are able to establish the true facts we will respond both to the Heritage Trust and to hon Members. Government will make announcements about any new Ordinance which they may wish to bring forward when they decide whether to bring such an Ordinance and if so, what it should contain. No such decisions have yet been made.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 235 AND 236 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Given the answer, my understanding is that there has been a Heritage Ordinance which was prepared when the Hon Keith Azopardi was Minister for Heritage. In previous questions in this House we were told that that Ordinance was being considered by the new Minister for Heritage and that they needed more time. Therefore my question is, is it the policy of the Government to proceed with the draft Ordinance which is already in existence from before or is it the policy of the Government to overhaul the Ordinance and produce a new one?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I could not answer that question because the position was, as the hon Member quite rightly says, that when the Hon Keith Azopardi in a previous GSD Administration was Minister for Heritage, he did engage with the Heritage Trust in discussions for possible amendments to the Heritage Trust Ordinance and I think they got to the

fourth or fifth draft, there were some drafts produced at a departmental level, the legislation never got out of the department in the sense that it has never been more widely considered by Ministers. I personally have had a look at it and my own view is that there are things in it which I do not think Ministers are likely to approve but that is a matter that can only be established when it comes to Ministers. So, will the Ordinance when it emerges take the form of an amended Ordinance or of a whole new Ordinance depends really on the extent of the changes. I think the more changes that there are the more desirable it is to end up with a new Ordinance so that people do not have to keep on always reading an old Ordinance against an amendment. I have to say that whilst the Government certainly remain open to the possibility of bringing legislation forward on Heritage Trust issues, this is not a legislative priority for the Government and it gets dealt with on that basis. That I think is the fairest and fullest explanation that I can give the Opposition Member. It is not that the Government are obliged to bring legislation and indeed Opposition Members, or at least their partners in Opposition when they were in Government appeared to think that the Heritage Trust Ordinance as it presently stands is perfectly suitable, or otherwise they would have amended it themselves. So certainly there is no particular compulsion, well there is no compulsion at all, but there is certainly no need which they share, or which they shared when they were in Government, to amend this legislation. If improvements to the legislation are proposed and which are nevertheless consistent with the fact that heritage, as with all other areas, are the executive responsibility of the Government and the statutory responsibility of this House then provided that amendments are consistent with that fact then the Government would of course be quite happy to consider legislative proposals.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

If I am not mistaken I think my partners in this House were the ones who introduced the Heritage Ordinance for the first time in the history of Gibraltar, for the first time ever. Be that as it may, given the controversy over the Rosia Tanks and the issues which arose as a result of that, and hearing what the Chief Minister has said in relation to the fact that to produce a new Heritage Ordinance is not a legislative priority for the Government, are the Government open to adding on the list of listed monuments in the existing Ordinance?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh yes of course we are. I have invited the Heritage Trust to put their views to me and in fact they have written to me very recently, I am not sure if the letter was addressed to me or to my hon Colleague but it is certainly copied to me so it has come across my desk, and they say that they are going to write in suggesting the list that they think should be listed and the Government will have no difficulty whatsoever adding to the existing list under the existing Ordinance, providing those sites with the protection afforded by the existing Ordinance which is considerable protection, but of course we will review the list on its merits. In other words, it is for this House to decide what goes on that list and nobody else. Obviously the Government will have due regard to the advice given to them by the Heritage Trust and anybody else but by the Heritage Trust in particular. It does not mean that the advice will necessarily be followed but unless the Government have a good reason for believing that something that they recommend should not be listed, unless the Government feel that there is a good reason for not doing so it is much more likely that we will follow their advice than that we will not.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is there any policy connection in the Government's scale of priorities if the position in which the draft Heritage Ordinance is and the Government's scale of legislative priorities and the decision to change the manner in which Gibraltar's application for World Heritage Status was originally put forward?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No there is no connection and there is a common misconception on this question of World Heritage Bid. No bid for the World Heritage Trust has been withdrawn for the simple reason that that has never been submitted. It is not a question of withdrawing things, there was a debate and a discussion within Gibraltar between the Government, the Minister at the time and the Heritage Trust, they conceived of this Fortress Gibraltar concept which involved not listing individual monuments, which is what happens in most places, but listing in effect the whole of Gibraltar. When that came across my desk several years ago, long before the Heritage Trust and the hon Member will have seen that I published a letter recently which showed that I was saying these things to MPs long before the Rosia Development arose, when it came across my table I asked, 'well what is the effect of the whole of Gibraltar being listed? What is the effect on the sovereignty, if I could call it that, of future Governments of Gibraltar ability to make decisions for the development of Gibraltar? Will it have any such consequences?'. I have to say that the answers that I have been given, far from satisfying me on that have in my mind justified the wisdom of my having raised the question in the first place. Particularly when given that it will be a UK listed monument it will become an international obligation of the United Kingdom, so that the United Kingdom will in future get a say in how Gibraltar can be developed because otherwise the United Kingdom will be under the spirit of its obligations to UNESCO in the context of the listing of the whole of Gibraltar. Now, when one lists individual monuments or individual sites one has to put up a management plan for that site, but that management plan is limited to that particular site. When one puts up the whole of Gibraltar as a heritage site the management plan is for the whole of Gibraltar, because one cannot do anything that affects the sites in their context. Well look, I do not want future Governments of Gibraltar to have less freedom of deciding what is in Gibraltar's best social and economic interests than I have had, and I think the interaction between the importance of our heritage and the importance of our socio-economic development are judgements that should always be left in the hands of the elected Government of Gibraltar that the people of Gibraltar can hire and fire, and not through the guise of committing to international obligations of the United Kingdom, because this is not Gibraltar being listed in its own right, this is Gibraltar being listed as part of the UK's list. It becomes a UK listed item so every time a future Government of Gibraltar wants to build something here or there they are exposed, and this is what I have asked to be relieved of this concern I have not yet been relieved of this concern, whether any future Government of Gibraltar would be exposed to be told by a Government in the United Kingdom, 'no, no you cannot build that there because I have given a commitment to UNESCO under the management plan of the UK listed heritage site and I (UK) think it will put me in breach of my international obligations with UNESCO'. I really do not think that that is a step that Gibraltar should take unless it is absolutely certain of the consequences, there is no risk of what I have just explained occurring and that we do it with open eyes, but I do not think anybody is going to thank the Government of any particular day if they take this millstone, almost constitutional millstone, around their necks and then subsequently it transpiring that they walked into that with their eyes half shut not even understanding what the possible implications might be.

So the position of the Government is that until we are entirely satisfied that these implications would not be incurred, then we are not willing to allow the bid for the whole of Gibraltar to go forward. Not that we have withdrawn it, it has never been put in because the UK have not yet given us a slot. Now the UNESCO has changed its rules and each country can only now nominate one site per year. So the UK say that the queue is now longer so it is not a question of having withdrawn a bid – no bid has ever been submitted because the slots have not been available. It was indicated to us that 2006 would be the soonest that Gibraltar might be able to get the exclusive UK berth, but of course we will not take that opportunity unless the concerns that I have just explained are properly satisfied. In the meantime, the Government are of course perfectly content to proceed with any candidature by individual sites and to put up management plans to protect that site. Insofar as things which affect the whole of Gibraltar, and one cannot do this here because it casts a shadow of that monument here, in other words developments in the whole of Gibraltar except I suppose the most peripheral bits of Gibraltar, suddenly become relevant to the management because the site that has been listed is the whole of Gibraltar. So the management plan needs to relate to the whole of Gibraltar, and that is what the Government do not wish to incur in until we are absolutely certain that that is not the consequence. If I can just finish repeating where I started, far from being satisfied on that front the answers that we have given have really confirmed to us the need for caution in this area.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Following on from the answer, the Chief Minister at the beginning of his contribution said that no bid had been withdrawn because none had been submitted. I suppose he means that no bid had been submitted by the UK to UNESCO but there was a bid or a candidature for a bid submitted by Gibraltar to the UK and that is the particular bid that we are discussing, is that the case?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No I do not think so, in fact I am almost certain that it is not the case. There were certainly talks with the United Kingdom about whether Gibraltar could occupy one of its berths. At the time berths in the plural because the United Kingdom could send more than one candidate per year. Then the UNESCO rules changed in the middle of that discussion to only one berth, one slot, one site per country, so at that point Gibraltar was in much more direct competition for that slot with other UK sites. The document that was prepared was not a bid, it was an indication of the bid. In other words, it was a paper prepared for Keith Azopardi for him to take to a UNESCO conference in Korea, I think it was in the year 2000/2001, and that was not the tabling of the bid. The tabling of the bid would require many more documents to be prepared to that which was just like a brochure so to speak of the concept of Fortress Gibraltar. But it certainly was not the bid document and no bid document has been submitted, indeed no bid document has been prepared. An essential part of the bid document is our management plans.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Just to clarify the point, no bid document has been prepared for UNESCO but was a bid document prepared to bid amongst the UK sites for one of the slots?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not think so, I will confirm this to him but I do not think this is how it works. Certainly one writes in and asks but I think this is mainly done by correspondence, it is a sort of informal arrangement, but I can have that specific question checked for him if he is particularly interested in it and I can have it confirmed to him what was the specific form of the, well what would be the specific form because of course it has not happened, the UK have not yet given us its slot. So I think the discussion was left at consideration of what might be the date available for Gibraltar and then Gibraltar would prepare for that date and send in the applications for that date. So I think the matter really has gone no further than an agreement in principle by the UK to include the Gibraltar application, followed by diary management issues about when was the earliest date that Gibraltar might be considered rather than any work having been done leading to the formalities of occupying that slot. I am almost certain that that is the position but I will have it checked and confirmed.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

If the Chief Minister could clarify that position I think it would be useful given public statements that have been made indicating that it seems to be a bid of a more formal nature for one of the slots. So I would be grateful for that clarification.

ORAL

**NO. 237 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GOVERNMENT ATTENDANCES AT CONFERENCES**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's participation in the "Jornada de Historia Maritima Hispano-Marroqui" conference held on 24 November in Madrid?

**ANSWER**

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

There was no cost to Government.

**NO. 238 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**GIBRALTAR SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY**

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

**ANSWER**

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

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule attached.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 238/2006**

**PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SPORTS AUTHORITY**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>Nationality</b>
1	Chief Executive Officer	Male	British
1	Finance & Administration Manager	Male	British
1	Facilities & Resources Manager	Male	British
1	Sports Development & Training Officer	Female	British
1	Asst Sports Development & Training Officer	Male	British
1	Office Manager	Female	British
2	Administrative / Clerk	Female	British
1	Secretarial / Typist	Female	British
2	Supervisory Groundsman	Male	1 British, 1 Moroccan
2	Groundsman	Male	British
3	Duty Managers	Male	British
5	Sports Assistants	Male	British
1	Sports Assistant	Female	British
1	Cleaner	Female	British

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 238 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

In relation to the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority can the Minister state whether the Youth Service is under the umbrella of this Authority?

**HON F VINET:**

The Chief Executive Officer has overall responsibility for youth affairs.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is the Chief Executive considered to be a Civil Servant or is he now detached from the Civil Service?

**HON F VINET:**

No, he is an employee of the Sports and Leisure Authority.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Who then pays, where does the payroll from the people in the Youth Service come from, from the Authority?

**HON F VINET:**

No, from Government funds as is made clear in the Government Estimates.

**HON S E LINARES:**

But the Minister has just stated that the Chief Executive is the one who has overall responsibility, does that mean that his department are the ones who prepare the pay packets and all the wages for the Youth Service, or do they go to another department to get paid or are they paid directly?

**HON F VINET:**

No, wages are paid by the Treasury.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Does that come from the Youth Service vote in the Consolidated Fund?



**HON F VINET:**

I have to check that preliminary question which steers quite far away from the original question, I would have to check.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Well, I think it is relevant because it is to do with employment, the question has asked about how many people were employed. When the Minister has stated the persons employed by the Authority does that include the people in the Youth Service?

**HON F VINET:**

No, the question asked how many people are employed by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority, the answer I have given in written form sets out the list of those employees which does not include any employees of the Youth Service. Therefore, where the funds for the wages of the employees of the Youth Service comes from is completely irrelevant and does not affect in any way the answer given.

**HON S E LINARES:**

But he has just stated the person who is in charge of the Youth Service is actually from the Authority, so given that as it is he is from the Authority how can one have a non-Civil Service person looking out and after Civil Servants? Ultimately the people in the Youth Service are Civil Servants.

**HON F VINET:**

I do not understand why the hon Member has difficulty in understanding and accepting the position which is very clearly stated, that is that the Chief Executive Officer of the Sports and Leisure Authority has overall responsibility for youth affairs.

**HON C BELTRAN:**

There is a historical evolution of that situation, the youth used to come under Sports Department. As the Sports and Leisure Department became an Authority the Chief Executive has retained overall responsibility for that area. There is a Senior Youth Officer or Principal Youth Officer who is the Civil Servant directly responsible for the day to day working of the Youth Service. It is just that the overall responsibility comes under the ambit of the person who used to do that before but is now part of the Sports Authority. It is a historical evolution rather than anything.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

My question solicited information as at the end of February 2005 and February 2006, as I have only got one set of figures am I to assume that there has been no increase from February 2005 to February 2006?

**HON F VINET:**

I would be inclined to believe that is the case. I will certainly enquire as to whether the details are exactly the same as at the two dates but I would be inclined to believe that is the case.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

These employees of the Sports Authority that are no longer in the Civil Service, are any of these that were former Civil Servants still on the Civil Service pension scheme or are they now on the new Government No. 3 Pension Fund or whatever it is called?

**HON F VINET:**

As part of the Sports and Leisure Authority agreement those former employees of the Civil Service retained their pension rights when they moved across into the Sports and Leisure Authority.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

What I am asking is in respect of the service in the Authority as opposed to the service in the Civil Service before they moved, obviously nobody would have moved if they had lost all their years of service in the Government but what I am asking is, is it that there is a situation that they have got reserved, as it were, rights in the Government Civil Service pension scheme which they will be able to access when they retire and they start in the Authority accumulating a pension under the Authority's contributions to the No. 3 Pension Scheme, or is it that their salaries in the Authority will be used to calculate their Civil Service pension? They are two different things.

**HON F VINET:**

The second possibility.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

This is different from the other Authorities that there have been or is it the same pattern?

**HON F VINET:**

The honest reply is that I do not know although from recollection I believe the negotiations relating to each particular Authority ended up with different conditions applicable to each Authority, so I would be inclined to answer that they are the same but not within a degree of absolute certainty.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I take it that the answer really is that it is more likely that they are the same than otherwise, is it?

**HON F VINET:**

No, it is more likely that they are not the same.

**NO. 239 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SENIOR CITIZENS – SWIMMING POOL**

Can Government say who is the Controlling Officer in respect of the expenditure being undertaken in the provision of the Senior Citizens Swimming Pool?

**ANSWER**

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

As the hon Member will have seen in the Government Estimates of Expenditure for 2005/2006 it is clearly stated the Principal Secretary, Youth and Sport is the Controlling Officer in respect of the expenditure being undertaken in the provision of the swimming pool for the disabled, elderly and teaching.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 239 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The Principal Secretary, Youth and Sport is in fact a Civil Servant and not in the Authority, is that correct?

**HON F VINET:**

Perhaps the reason why I did not offer as full a reply as I could have done to the previous question was so as not to minimise the glory of answering the Leader of the Opposition in this particular question. The CEO of the Sports and Leisure Authority is carrying out the functions of the Principal Secretary Youth and Sports. This is enabled in the Sports and Leisure Authority collective agreement reached between Government and the Staff Associations.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So is he a Civil Servant or is he not a Civil Servant?

**HON F VINET:**

He is not a Civil Servant.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So we have got then a Controlling Officer in the Improvement and Development Fund who is not a Civil Servant for the first time.

**HON C BELTRAN:**

If I can just offer him as previous Sports Minister, this started in my time, simply that again it is evolutionary. Simply the project began when we had a Principal Sports and Youth Officer and he knows exactly the intricacies of this particular project and he has carried those responsibilities until completion of the project, so it is a kind of dual role. Technically of course the man is no longer a Civil Servant but he is again overseeing the project perhaps in a more temporary way than overseeing the Youth Service.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think revolution is probably more accurate than evolution because in fact, I can assure the Minister that if he had been involved in the negotiations in London on the Constitution he would know how sensitive the UK is about Civil Servants and non Civil Servants and what their role is in the Constitution in the Public Finance and Audit Ordinance. So in fact, has any thought been given to this question of having somebody as a controlling officer in the Estimates of Expenditure who might have been a Civil Servant when he started, but if somebody has got responsibilities and duties under the law because he is a Civil Servant, then the fact that he knows the ropes surely does not mean that when he ceases to be a Civil Servant he can continue behaving as if he still was one. Unless a way is found of having a hybrid person that is half Civil Servant and half not.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I fully understand what the Leader of the Opposition is trying to say and I think we would need to clarify the matter. I believe that the point that he has made is a valid one and I can only speak for my own areas of responsibilities when I have GDC Heads of Department as such who are then subject to a controlling officer being a Civil Servant of maybe similar or even inferior position but for the sake of having a Civil Servant in post as a controlling officer, so in practice what my hon Colleague has said earlier on may be actually correct in practice. But in essence I think there may be a controlling officer who is actually a Civil Servant in post and he would need to seek clarification on that.

ORAL

**NO. 240 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED**

Can Government state the cost of renovating/refurbishing in the United Kingdom two of the four double-decker buses inherited by the Gibraltar Bus Company from its previous owner and when it is proposed that these double-decker buses commence providing service?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 241 and 242 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 241 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED**

Can Government state the number of paying passengers transported and revenue collected by the Gibraltar Bus Company during the period September 2004 to March 2005, providing a breakdown by month?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 240 and 242 of 2006.

**NO. 242 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 December 2005 to date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The cost to date of renovating/refurbishing in the United Kingdom two of the four double-decker buses inherited by the Gibraltar Bus Company from its previous owner is £116,686.32.

It is envisaged that these should commence providing a service as from the end of April.

Originally I was going to read out the statistical information required but I have asked that a copy be handed over because I realised that it is quite an extensive list with a lot of detail and it would take us a long time and probably they would not be able to be recorded accurately anyway. So that is being provided now.

**Revenue – September 2004 to March 2005**

Sept 04	£73,998	Jan 05	£53,738
Oct 04	£58,639	Feb 05	£56,939
Nov 04	£61,290	March 05	£67,690
Dec 04	£64,519		

**Passengers – September 2004 to March 2005**

Sept 04	118,841	Jan 05	85,827
Oct 04	92,861	Feb 05	90,422
Nov 04	98,501	March 05	106,487
Dec 04	103,120		



**Passengers**

Dec 05	110,842
Jan 06	95,979
Feb 06	100,280

**Revenue**

Dec 05	£69,464
Jan 06	£60,212
Feb 06	£62,798

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 240 TO 242 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I also make the point that in relation to this answer that part of it is really not an answer to come in tabulated form and which is not read out to all that are here present in the House and listening, to hear. For example, part of the answer is the cost to date of renovating/refurbishing in the United Kingdom two of the four double-decker buses inherited by the Gibraltar Bus Company from its previous owner is £116,686.32.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes I have read that out, that is the part of the Question that I have read. It is only when I have got to the tabulation at the bottom that I decided to hand over the information.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

We all make mistakes, I am sorry I accept it and I apologise unreservedly.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The apology is well accepted.

**NO. 243 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**TRAFFIC FLOW**

Can the Government state the date on which they expect the new traffic flow signals and parking restrictions in the area of Calpe will be brought into effect?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Government are not currently considering traffic flow and parking restrictions in the area of Calpe. Once the new road linking Moorish Castle to Willis' Road is constructed, then there will be a new one-way traffic system that will decongest traffic flow in that part of the Upper Town.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 243 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In fact, new traffic flow signals have been erected in the area of Calpe behind Anderson House and MacFarlane House. In fact some tow-away signs have been erected which have not yet been implemented. When do the Government expect those traffic flow signals to come into effect?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am told by my Colleague that this is a Ministry for Housing matter in that they are taking decisions in respect of trying to improve traffic flow in the area of the Housing estate and it is not really a central decision as far as traffic is concerned.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is there any indication of when those are going to come into effect or not?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

There is no date yet.

**NO. 244 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo

**SENIOR CITIZENS – DRIVING LICENCE**

Can Government state the number of stages that a senior citizen over the age of 70, who needs to renew his driving licence, has to go through in order to get MOT Form 19 – Regulation 87 completed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Any person over the age of 70 who wishes to renew his licence may either download the form from the Government's website or alternatively he may collect a copy from the offices of the Department of Transport at Eastern Beach Road. This form should then be submitted to any medical practitioner who is registered in Gibraltar who will then complete the form in accordance with the provisions of the Traffic (Licensing and Registration) Regulations.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 244 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I have, over the last couple of weeks, had meetings with a number of senior citizens who have come to me complaining that the process is that they have to go to the Primary Care Centre where they have a medical test, but that ultimately the form is signed off by a private practitioner. Is this not the case?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes it is the case but I draw the hon Member's attention to the answer that my Colleague has given. The form can be submitted to any medical practitioner registered in Gibraltar. Now, it is the choice of that person over 70 to go to the Primary Care Centre or to go to a private practitioner. The Government in their effort to provide a free medical test, because in the past practitioners at the Primary Care Centre had been charging elderly persons for this test and the Government legislated last year for these tests to be provided free of charge, have put in interim arrangements. I say interim because on the back of the medical practitioners in the Primary Care Centre being required to provide the service free of charge, the medical

practitioners on advice of their Union, the BMA, have advised the Government that they are not qualified to certify fitness to drive – which is what the legislation requires. Now the Government do not necessarily accept this but there is a whole process of negotiation going on on the GP side with reference to their conditions of service and everything else to the work that they do, between inter-department between the Health Authority and the Department of Transport on the whole question of these driving licences in order to bring it into line with EU regulations and this is current and on-going, this consultation in between departments and the Legislation Support Unit on the EU requirements. That is in the melting pot at the moment, because it was in the melting pot there have been some concerns about elderly citizens who did not want to go to a private practitioner because they did not want to pay but at the same time there was, shall I say, 'resistance' from the GPs at the Primary Care Centre to provide the service. So, what has now been done and is now in place because going back to the original question there are three stages, apart from anything else the Department of Transport does, there are now three stages required by EU regulations for an elderly person. That is, stage one – a certificate of medical fitness, not fitness to drive but medical fitness; stage two – an eye test and obviously a fitness of eyesight. That sounds easy but under the new regulations it is not simply a question of standing in front of a chart and reading off letters, those of the population who are fortunate enough not to require eyesight correction or to require standard eyesight correction may get away with reading the eye chart, but those who require more complicated eyesight correction may need to be referred by the Eye Department from the routine test onto the Ophthalmologist because the original test is done by the Orthoptist in the Eye Department and may need referral to the Ophthalmologist to the Consultant in case of more specialist tests. Special concern in the field of vision and the ability to see out of the side of their eye, with an elderly person with glaucoma or cataract afflictions sometimes is prevalent and sometimes can restrict the test. So sometimes individual applicants can get delayed more than other individual applicants. To come back to what I was saying, there are three stages first the medical fitness, secondly the eyesight fitness and then once the person fulfils and meets the requirements of those two then there is the certification of fitness to drive. Now what the Government have done in the interim period whilst the legislation is sorted out, whilst the inter-Departmental requirements are sorted out, is to contract the services of a private physician, a private GP, to sign off the fitness to drive. Once all the other requirements are sorted out then new procedures will be put into place. At the moment, from a medical side, that is the procedure medical fitness, eyesight fitness and then certification fitness to drive.

#### **HON L A RANDALL:**

I am happy that the Minister has replied in the way that he has because I am sure he has the interests of the over 70s at heart, and that is basically the premise of my question because when they have come to see me they have come distressed. Distressed by the fact that now they realise that their driving licence is going to expire say within a period of two weeks and it takes them well in excess of six weeks to finalise the process, because to get an appointment to see the Ophthalmologist or whatever in the hospital to get the eye test this is not done quickly, and if they turn to the private sector for want of a better word, they are charged. Would the Government not consider refunding those pensioners that turn to the private sector for the eye test, for the £20 which they are charged which is the minimal and nominal amount for the eye test? Most of them, well all of them are old age pensioners and most of them are in the lower income group.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

My heart is indeed with the old age pensioners and that is why I have been very much on top of this issue to try to bring it to a solution. The Government considered a scheme for providing the service through opticians but considered the, when I say the Government I mean the GHA. The Government considered contracting the eyesight test through opticians in the private sector but considered the fees that the opticians wanted to charge the GHA to be excessive. This is for the interim period and therefore have not agreed, although they have agreed with the GP the private sector GP at reasonable fees they have thought what the opticians wanted to charge was not reasonable. Having said that, arrangements are now in place in the Health Authority to do away, I gather there is a two week waiting list at the moment, but arrangements are now in place to do away with that two weeks, we have allocated 18 appointments per week for elderly persons who need the eye test. So within a matter of two to three weeks anybody who has been waiting up to now will receive their eye test and will be dealt with.

I take this opportunity to advise any elderly person who is listening who is coming up to the age of 70 that there is no reason why they have to wait for their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday to initiate the process. This can be done when one is 65, that is exaggerating it is ridiculous because one's medical condition will deteriorate but in the question of the last three months before their 70<sup>th</sup> birthday the person can make his various medical appointments and get the certification that he needs. Now that the eyesight tests are in place and 18 allocations are there per week there should be no hold up for the eyesight test. Those who are unlucky enough to require further eyesight checks, which may in fact disqualify them but in the interests of road safety it has to be done, those then would need to be referred to the Ophthalmologist or Consultant Ophthalmologist and that would add a little bit of wait to the process, but that would be exceptional and only in the exceptional cases rather than the majority. But I think that the arrangements that are now in place are adequate and are good as interim arrangements and we will see what we will put in eventually as full-time arrangements.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Seeing that new arrangements are being put in would it not be fair to entertain claims from those that have incurred the £20 which the Minister considers excessive because that is what I have been given to understand is being charged for the eye test by opticians in the private sector? Would they not give favourable consideration for a claim for a refund of the £20 spent in getting the private eye test?

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

It is GHA policy in all fields not to refund private sector fees unless the patient or the applicant has the previous agreement of the GHA to undertake that expense. The hon Member will realise that if this policy were changed or if exceptions were made to this policy it would open up a Pandora's box of claims, and I do not think the precedent would be a good one for this Government or for any other Government.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I take note of what the Minister has just said and obviously in the future if anybody else comes to me and points out that there is an inordinate delay in getting an eye test, I will give him a telephone call and ask him if the person concerned can go to private practice and GHA will undertake to refund him for the fee.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

As I have said, the arrangements in place now should eliminate the problem of waiting time.

ORAL

**NO. 245 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TRANSPORT – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

Can Government explain the increase in new registrations of commercial motor vehicles from 318 in 2003 to 1193 in 2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 246 and 247 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 246 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TRANSPORT – PRIVATE/COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

What was the number of new registrations of:

- (a) Private; and
- (b) Commercial

motor vehicles in 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 245 and 247 of 2006.



**NO. 247 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TRANSPORT – PRIVATE/COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**

What was the number of:

- (a) Private; and
- (b) Commercial

motor vehicles with current Road Tax licences on the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

This increase can be attributed to a major rise in the number of vehicles that have been registered as self-drive. In 2003 out of 318 commercial vehicles registered 164 were self-drive. In comparison for 2004, out of the total of 1,193 commercial vehicles registered 1,037 were registered as self-drive. Therefore there is an increase of vehicles registration as self-drive of 873.

During 2005 a total of 1,134 vehicles were registered as private and 557 were registered as commercial.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 there was a total of 14,731 private motor vehicles and 2,106 commercial motor vehicles that had a current road tax.

ORAL

**NO. 248 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**TRADEWINDS DEVELOPMENT**

Can Government state why the development beside St Anne's School has been allowed to put the crane so near it?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 249 of 2006.

**NO. 249 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**NELSON'S VIEW – ROSIA TANKS**

Exactly what steps were taken by the Health & Safety Inspectorate to ensure that any asbestos in the area of the Rosia Tanks demolished in respect of the Nelson's View development was removed in keeping with all relevant legislation and best practice requirements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

It is up to contractors to decide the number of cranes to erect and where to erect them as long as they are erected within the construction site boundary. Operational reasons will obviously determine this.

The Control of Asbestos at Work Regulations requires that prior to demolition works a survey must be carried out to establish the presence of asbestos bearing materials, the type of asbestos and its location(s).

A competent company undertook a full access sampling and identification survey and prepared a report.

In keeping with the relevant legislation and best practice, a method statement and a Risk Assessment for the removal of the asbestos-containing materials was carried out by the contractor and adhered to.

The Health & Safety Inspectorate ensured that the established procedure for the asbestos removal was followed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 248 AND 249 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

So there was asbestos on the site?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What is the competent company that carried out the survey or is it that the company is called 'competent company limited'?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not know what the competent company was, but I understand having asked the question, it is a company that has the relevant experience and know-how in being able to undertake and assess and analyse the materials and coming up with the relevant results.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I just ask, is that company contracted by the Government or by the developer?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is the responsibility of the developer.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

If I write to him can the Minister endeavour to find out the name of the company from the developer?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, absolutely.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

When the Hon Mr Linares was answering questions in respect of the Rotterdam and the asbestos there, he will recall that I got very detailed breakdown of exactly what it was that the Health & Safety Inspectorate had required should be done in respect of the, I think not removal but the movement of the asbestos from one part of that ship to the other. Can I ask the Minister if I write to him to give me a similarly detailed breakdown of exactly what it was that was done on site?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, I am sure that would be possible but let me say that the word 'asbestos' is quite a wide one because I mean at the time of all the concerns I actually did want to be kept informed as to what was proceeding and there are different levels of dangerous asbestos, less dangerous asbestos and I understand that what was actually available on site was a low-risk asbestos that in fact they tell me that in the UK and America they no longer need to be treated in any special way. However, our legislation actually does stipulate, it has not been updated, that a certain procedure has to be followed and that procedure was followed.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does the Minister know the type of asbestos or is that something he would also wish to...?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, I am afraid the only thing I know is that it is a low risk but there is a technical word for it. I am not sure whether it is something called 'white asbestos', I think it was white but I would need to check this because I know the principles of it but not the actual technical data.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is that something he will also tell me if I write to him?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, absolutely. I suggest the hon Member write to me with all the specific questions that are required and I am sure that the Health & Safety Inspectorate will be able to assist me in formulating a reply.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Obliged.

**HON S E LINARES:**

In relation to St Anne's School and the crane that the developers put beside the Minister stated that it needs to be within its boundaries, does the boundary actually go up into the sky, because one can put a crane inside a boundary on the base but the crane juts out quite a number of metres out and therefore it might encroach the boundaries as in the air space? Is the Minister satisfied that that is being done?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am not the one who determines whether it is safe or not safe for any operation to take place with cranes. There are technical people within the Government who actually supervise these and they have reassured me that they are fully satisfied with what procedures have been in place in this particular case and in others. If they are not they would obviously take necessary action to do this but my understanding, and this is a very layman's understanding of the issue, is that the crane must be situated within the boundaries of the site and obviously that is erected upwards, there is a vertical axis at the top of the crane and that is able to manoeuvre outside the site so long as the loadings, in other words whatever is being moved around and the actual weight that one sees at one end of the vertical axis of the crane, are within the site boundary boards and I think that is the procedure that is adopted as a means of ensuring that safety requirements are maintained at all times. But if there is any specific concerns I am quite happy to give him further information on that but as one

can well imagine it is not only the concern of the parents in St Anne's School but personally I would be concerned for the safety of children or for adults in the area and I remember raising the issue with the Inspectorate and they reassured me that there was no concern in respect to this particular site. I mean, we had other problems prior to that in Ocean Village just a bit further south of that when we had very high winds in fact and the residents of Marina Court were extremely concerned about the proximity of the crane to the building et cetera, and I remember taking a personal interest in that myself because I had a number of people from Marina Court ringing me up personally to ensure that that was the case, and they reassured me again that the practice that was being followed then was within the relevant safety margins that are set for these operations and thank God nothing happened on that occasion and I am sure that nothing will happen on this occasion either. But obviously, I think the Health & Safety Inspectorate do take a very serious view of issues like this.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Just to say that as we all know there has been a public sort of concern by the parents, I did not put this question because of that, I had it before that but nonetheless there is concern and there is concern specifically now that we heard that in Spain only recently in the Malaga area there have been two cranes collapsing, of which one collapsed in a school playground with some fatalities. Therefore that is, I think, why the parents are even more concerned because they might have heard this news in Spain and therefore they see that their children are below or near the crane and therefore the high winds, over-weighting of the cranes could well make the crane collapse. Can the Minister state whether the cranes are under EU Regulation or Directives or under British Standards? The thing is I do not know which one we are under and therefore if we are under the EU standard it means that the cranes, and I am sure that we are because of the cranes coming from Spain, and therefore the cranes in Spain have collapsed, a few of them not all of them obviously there are millions of them around, and therefore I think that is the concern. So can the Minister check to see whether it is EU standard or British Standard?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, I will check on the issue that he raises.

ORAL

**NO. 250 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**EMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS (OFFENCES) ORDINANCE**

What has been the outcome of the two prosecutions commenced under the Employment Regulations (Offences) Ordinance and referred to in answer to Written Question No 35 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 251 of 2006.

**NO. 251 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**EMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS (OFFENCES) ORDINANCE**

Are the two fixed penalty notices referred to in answer to Written Question No 34 of 2005 the same two prosecutions referred to in Written Question No 35 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The two prosecutions that commenced under the Employment Regulations (Offences) Ordinance referred to in answer to Written Question No. 35 of 2005 proceeded and the court returned a guilty verdict in both cases.

In respect of Question No. 251 of 2006 I can confirm that the two fixed penalty notices referred to in answer to Written Question No. 34 of 2005 are the same as the two prosecutions referred to in Written Question No. 35 of 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 250 AND 251 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I just thank the Minister for that answer and highlight that this is the first time that we have the opportunity of referring to the Hansard of Written Questions which has been very usefully prepared by the House and appears in the Questions & Answers Volumes for 13<sup>th</sup> October 2005 section and contains all the answers that the Minister provides in answer to the questions that he and I have established in writing, and which I think is very useful for Members of the House and members of the public who might also want to consult those answers.

**MR SPEAKER:**

It is certainly a practice I would commend to all Members on both sides of the House.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

It is right to say that the practice was established at the time of the previous Minister for Employment, Mr Linares and has been continued by his successor in title.



**NO. 252 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government confirm what further progress has now been made in respect of the removal of the remaining amounts of the grit mountain at Cammell Laird, how much, if any, remains and the cost of removal to date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

I confirm that the removal of all the spent grit mountain has now been completed.

The Government have received an invoice totalling £360,000 which was the contracted amount which is currently being processed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 252 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Given the original reason given by the Government for deciding to fund the cost of the removal itself, namely that Cammell Laird was not able the Government having looked at their accounts was not able to bear this cost, are the Government now of the view that it is proper for the public purse to fund this removal given that Cammell Laird's accounts at Companies House show a profit of over £250,000?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, this was the subject of discussions on a number of issues in which the Government eventually, as part of a package of measures, decided that they would fund this particular item. The Government, as I think must have been explained previously in the House, were concerned about the amount of grit that was being accumulated there with very little solution to getting rid of it unless there was a willingness to pay a price for it. There were other options which may have been slightly more economical to get rid of which were not options which were viable or possible. So therefore the Government decided that they would actually agree to fund this particular aspect. Let me say that the Government have made it very clear to Cammell Laird that this will not be funded again and we do have a written undertaking from them that they have already made provision to continue disposing of this grit now in the form that this has now happened. Additionally, they have made

provisions to have a storage area for the grit in order not to have it exposed to the elements. So therefore that is the position that stands to date.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am sure that the Minister would agree with me that it was not acceptable to have that grit mountain. It was in fact also illegal to have a mountain containing the type of grit that there was there to have been permitted to accumulate by the operator Cammell Laird, and that in fact it is the operator's obligation under law to have it removed and that the Government have acted more than just fairly in assisting Cammell Laird in that particular way, and in a way which I think is good for the whole of the community because it was bad for all of us that it was there. But what package of measures have the Government considered with Cammell Laird having now seen that it has got a profit of £250,000 that might have persuaded the Government to fund this particular cost?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am not too sure about the accounts the hon Member is referring to. I do not know whether I should be asking a question but in reply to his supplementary but the accounts that we have seen do not reflect that sort of rosy picture for Cammell Laird. It may be that we saw previous accounts which have now been updated as a result of the restructure or whether it was as a result of the fact that we have seen later versions of the accounts which have still not been filed with Companies House, but the situation was not what I would call 'a rosy one' for us not to intervene.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I appreciate that. I am quite happy to refer the Minister to the accounts that I have seen which are the ones obviously which are the public ones, the audited accounts, which are at Companies House audited and publicly accessible in respect of the company. I have a print out of them, I can let the Minister have them. It may be that he is referring to obviously more recent accounts which have not yet been filed and which do not reflect that type of profit. But perhaps he can tell us which accounts it was that the Government saw or which year it was that the Government were referred to.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I cannot recollect the exact year they referred to but they were fairly recent and we did reflect management accounts which were almost up to date.

ORAL

**NO. 253 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CORMORANT CAMBER BOAT OWNER'S CLUB**

Have Government now been supplied with information by the Cormorant Camber Boat Owner's Club as to how many boats occupy berths in the marina that they manage?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

I confirm that the Government have now received information supplied by the Cormorant Camber Boat Owner's Club, which lists the boats that currently occupy berths in the marina that they manage.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 253 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Minister say to the House how many boats now occupy berths in the marina?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, there is a total of 276 as shown on the list.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is that the total capacity of the marina?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am told that it almost to full capacity. I have a meeting arranged with the Committee or the Management Committee in the next few weeks and I intend to raise that issue because I believe that there are still spaces available, even though that is not reflected on the list they have sent me.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

When we raised the issue originally the question I really want to find out is how many of those boats had moved there from Western Beach. Does the Minister have that information with him?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, I actually had that list given to officials, I only received that list maybe a week ago and I am having my own people analyse that based on the information that they had in respect of those that had berthing at Western Beach and Watergardens. They do not seem to be able to provide me with that information and so we are doing those internally ourselves.

**NO. 254 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**LATHBURY BARRACKS – RETRENCHMENT BLOCK**

Can Government explain why the provision in the I&D Fund for the conversion of the Retrenchment Block at Lathbury Barracks into 18 industrial/commercial units was not spent in the financial year 2003/2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The financial provision in the I&D Fund for the conversion of the Retrenchment Block at Lathbury Barracks into 18 industrial/commercial units was not spent in the financial year 2003/2004 as the Government did not obtain a satisfactory design proposal for the facility and so decided not to proceed with this project.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 254 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So it was not then a question of finance, it was that the design proposal was not satisfactory. What did they do then, did they seek an amendment to the design proposal or what?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

This decision was actually taken by my predecessor, it was before my time. However, from the information available the Department says that the decision to proceed was abandoned as a result of the fact that the design proposals that were put forward for the actual block and how that materialised into the feasibility of actually being able to have 18 industrial/commercial units was not a good one, so they decided that they would abandon the idea of actually developing it into a sort of commercial/industrial park.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But was it not the decision to originally put that project in the I&D Fund driven by the fact that there was a perceived demand for these units?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, I am sure there was a demand, there is a demand today. However, the decision not to proceed was based on the fact that they felt that the design of the building did not lend itself to the requirements needed for an industrial park in the area. It is not just a building but loading, unloading, accessibility et cetera, and the decision was taken by my predecessor presumably on those grounds.

ORAL

**NO. 255 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – HEAD 104**

Can Government say whether DHV, which was paid £19,575 on 22 February 2005, is a local entity?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 256 and 257 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 256 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – HEAD 104**

Can Government say whether the work for which DHV was paid £19,575 on 22 February 2005 went out to tender and if so when?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 255 and 257 of 2006.



**NO. 257 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – HEAD 104**

For what purpose was the payment made of £19,575 on 22 February 2005 to DHV in connection with the Western Beach Reclamation, as shown in answer to Question No 1282 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

For some time now the Government have been studying the possibility of reclaiming land north of the runway by Western Beach.

On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2004 the Government put out to selective tender the specialist Design/Engineering consultancy work for the proposed project. By 7<sup>th</sup> October 2005 three fully compliant proposals were received and the Government appointed DHV Environment and Transport (DHV) as the consultant engineers.

DHV is not a local entity. They are a Dutch firm undertaking specialist work for the Government.

The payment of £19,575 paid to DHV on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005 was 50 per cent disbursement relating to concept design work in connection with the proposed reclamation.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 255 TO 257 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The Minister said that they had gone out to selective tender, what does he mean by that?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

It means that a number of companies are contacted who actually specialise in the particular works and they are invited to tender based on the brief that is submitted for them to quote on.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Government said, as I understood it, that the £19,500 was 50 per cent of the fees charged by this company?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

What I have said is that the £19,575 is 50 per cent disbursement relating to the concept design work. One may have put out a tender say it may be worth £100,000, but then what one does is allocate the works by stages, it is phased out, so that at any time the project is unfeasible one can always pull out and not have the commitment to the whole of the works. In actual fact what happened is, I am not talking this particular case because these are technical matters that are dealt with by technical people, but what would actually happen is that a brief would be given out for a specific amount of work and maybe phased into two or three stages. The consultant would quote for the three stages but then would quote sub by phases and one would actually approach them, select a particular contractor, appoint them but then would only be committed to the first phase, because if the first phase shows a particular result one may decide not to want to continue because it may not be feasible to continue and we do not want to be committed to the whole phasing of phase two and phase three. So one phases it and commits oneself by phases in order to ensure that one is only exposed to the phase that is currently being worked on at that particular moment, even though one has a contract price for the whole of the work involved. I hope I have explained myself.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, a very detailed explanation but what I am trying to establish is exactly what it is that that meant for the amount of money that they have been paid.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well in this particular case it is 50 per cent of the disbursement in relation to the concept design work. If it is £19,575 it must have been about £39,000 for the concept design work phase to which we pay 50 per cent up front and then at the end of that they will come up with the concept design proposal. If we feel that we can proceed to stage two then we will proceed. If we do not then we have the option of saying 'ok that is it' and we have only spent the £39,000 in contrast to what the whole of the tender works concerned, which were for just over £104,000, that would be the total phasing.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the total including the actual physical reclamation of the area would be £104,000?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, these are just consultant engineers tasked to undertake a specific amount of investigative work. This is not the whole scheme or anything, if it was it would be very good value for money. No, not at all.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see, so then the stage that it is at is still that the design part of it has not yet been finished and therefore the decision has not yet been taken?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, what it says here is that on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2005 these people were paid 50 per cent up front for the phase one which must have been £39,000 which is part of a contract which includes various phases, I do not know how many, but the total of what these people have been contracted for is for £104,702.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Given that this was a year ago is the phase one now over?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, that phase has already finished.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So they have been paid the second half of that money.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

They will have been paid, the question was specific on what was the purpose of that particular payment, yes but I am not sure actually but I am sure that they must have been paid by now on the other 50 per cent. In fact, I think that the project has progressed well beyond this now.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see. So in fact it means that the decision that was taken at the end of the first phase has been that what has been put forward was considered acceptable and that they are proceeding now to the subsequent stages.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely. In fact I would venture to say that they have completed the total phasing by now because we are at a very advanced stage in respect of this particular project in terms of investigative work and all the preliminaries that need to happen before something like a reclamation of that magnitude to take place.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are the Government at a stage where they are able to say how big the reclamation will be?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

We are looking at various options but it looks as if the total reclamation will be approximately 90,000 square metres, which is fairly sized but that has not yet been concluded because I can say that in the overall project scheme we are now on phase three. We have gone through phase one, phase two and now phase three but this is not in relation to any of the phasing that I have mentioned in respect of this particular project, as the overall project so we are very near the end of the last phase before we actually start seeing physical work happening, which would be phase four.

**NO. 258 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**COALING ISLAND**

Can Government list the entities that are renting properties from the Government in Coaling Island, giving the area in square metres and the rent that is being paid in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Occupiers of premises at Coaling Island are as follows:-

30/1 Queensway – Occupied by permission to use by St John's Association for Gibraltar. This consists of 500 square metres built up and 322 square metres open area. No payment of rent in respect of this.

30/1A – Occupied by City Fire Brigade as a store. This is 29 square metres with no payment of rent.

30/3 - Cormorant Camber Boat Owners Club – This consists of 405 square metres paying a licence fee of £10.00 per month.

30/5 – Occupied by Gibraltar Health Authority as a rehabilitation centre. This is 155 square metres built up and 200 square metres open land with no payment of rent.

30/7 – Occupied by Gibraltar Community Care. This has 178 square metres of built up and 155 square metres of open area with no payment of rent.

30/11 – Occupied by permission of the Gibraltar Amateur Radio Society with no payment of fee.

30/15 – Bassadone Management Ltd. Held by licence for 949 square metres of built up and 964 square metres of open yard and paying a fee of £2,500 per month.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 258 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

In the area of Coaling Island the Minister has listed all the entities that actually run within the Coaling Island, is there not a big sort of warehouse where boats come out

and it is run by a private boat company that brings yachts out and refurbishes them there?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes I have mentioned that, Bassadone Management Limited, which is the last one that I have mentioned which held a licence for 949 square metres of built up area and 964 square metres of open yard and paying a fee of £2,500 per month.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is Bassadone Management Limited hiring out the place to another entity?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No and that is really a provisional arrangement, it is not long-term, they basically have a monthly tenancy there. Remember that the Bassadone Management Limited are the interested parties who have an important part in the Western Beach reclamation and they intend to carry out some form of ship or yacht repairing or maintenance programme and they asked the Government whether whilst the whole issue of Western Beach came to fruition, whether they would be able to carry out that function there in order not to lose their market presence. So the Government felt that in the interests of yachting generally we would be helping them by giving them that site on a temporary basis until they are able to relocate to Western Beach, which is what their plans are.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Why is it then that the signs when one goes there are 'Old Sheppards Capurro Marina' who seems to be running the place? That is why I asked whether it is a sublet.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, that might be the case I have not seen the signs myself but my understanding is that Bassadone Group of Companies bought out Sheppards Marina and Sheppards Marina is now part of their group. So I presume Sheppards is the trading name which they have kept because of the reputation and know-how and goodwill in the general yachting world but it is actually a Bassadone Company, and they negotiated that with us at the time of the negotiations in respect of Western Beach.

**ORAL**

**NO. 259 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EUROPA BUSINESS CENTRE**

Can Government say how many tenders were received for the allocation of Unit F20 at the Europa Business Centre?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There were three tenders received for the allocation of Unit F20 Europa Business Centre.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 259 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Minister say whether the tender has now been allocated, and if so to whom and in what amount?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, the tender has not been awarded as yet.

**NO. 260 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EUROPA POINT**

What negotiation have Government undertaken in respect of the land in the area of Europa Point and to which developer have they sold or are selling the land?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

To date there have been no negotiations in respect of the land in the area of Europa Point.

Development proposals are regularly submitted to the Government for consideration, however, the Government have not sold or are currently selling the land to a developer. The Government have earmarked this area for a public leisure project.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 260 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

When the Minister says the area is currently earmarked for a public leisure project does that mean that that may change?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not know, things are always open to possible change but I can say that the Government are currently working on a scheme in order to beautify the area and bring about an interesting, touristic and leisure area for both visitors and residents to enjoy and that is what is being worked at at the moment. Hon Members will probably have seen that the ex-Goggles Discotheque has now been demolished and in fact an arrangement has been reached with the owners of the residential and shop area next to that in order to take possession of that as well because we want to make sure that all that area is integrated into the project we are hoping that will start probably some time next year.



ORAL

**NO. 261 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – PLANNING PERMISSION**

Can Government list the applications for planning permission in respect of projects that have been granted and rejected since the last meeting of the Development and Planning Commission, 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 extensive factual and statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the Schedule. Let me just say that when this Answer was prepared a meeting of DPC had not taken place which has subsequently taken place, so it is not actually up to date as such to the minute, but there was one meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March which obviously addressed some of the applications which appear in those lists.

**Answer to Question 261**

Since the last meeting of the Development and Planning Commission, which was held on 27 February 2006, no application for planning permission has been granted or refused.

The list of pending applications to be considered at the next meeting of the Development & Planning Commission scheduled to take place on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006 and the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2006 is as follows:-

Andy Hunter	2 Sunset Close Windmill Hill Road	To relocate the access to the void area behind the property
WSRM Architects	Governor's Cottage Europa Advance Road	Proposed demolition of existing building/structures and erection of new cremation and waste incinerator
Mr Alwani Group	113 Main Street	Proposed refurbishment of premises
Estate of B Varese	42 Castle Ramp	Proposed conversion of two small one-bedroom apartments into one two-bedroom unit
M E Belilo & Partners	1 Bishop Rapallo's Ramp	Proposed internal alterations to residential unit & external conversion of roof into terrace
Derek Ghio	1 Highbury Terrace Europa Ramp	Proposed open car spaces and two garages
M E Belilo & Partners	26 Prince Edward's Road	Proposed roof top swimming pool
D Perez	30 Irish Town	Proposed change of use of shop to food & drink & internal alterations
Mrs J Delgado	21 Resolution House Laguna Estate	Proposed removal of a non loadbearing wall & proposed balcony enclosure
Maria Rocca	79 Edinburgh House	Proposed balcony enclosure
M E Belilo & Partners	1 Rosia Cottages Rosia Road	Proposed 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor extension to rear bedroom
Bentley Properties Services Ltd	Block 4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Eurotowers Europort Avenue	Proposed conversion of seven vacant car units in Block 4 into seven bedroom units
D J Mosquera	125/127 Main Street	Proposed alterations and change of use
Mohamed El-Kalel	11/4 Lynchs Lane	Paintwork repaire façade, corridor was put in place between bathroom and kitchen as required and entrance corridor/hall also built

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**Contd. Answer to Question 261**

Mr & Mrs Sutton	1A Mediterranean Terrace Library Ramp	Proposed refurbishment and extension to bathroom and new dining room
Mr J Olivera	1 William Gomez House Edinburgh House	Proposed enclosure of balcony
P&O Homes	15 Irish Town	Proposed change of use Shop (Class A1) to estate agents (Class 2A) and interior & exterior alterations & refurbishment
Taylor Woodrow	Mediterranean Rowing Club Glacis Road	Proposed electrical sub-station for tradewinds scheme
Andrew Kent & Stone	Victualling Yard Rosia Road	Proposed demolition
Land Property Services	Grand Casemates Building Casemates Square	Proposed construction of additional bin store
WSRM Architects	Devils Tower Road	Proposed demolition of shed & construction of 10 apartments & new storage shed
Irish Town-Holdings Ltd	45 Main Street	Proposed new frontage with new signage
D Mosquera	5B Cornwalls Parade	Proposed change of use from dance gymnasium to residential bedsitting apartment
C Lopez	28 Rosia Court Rosia Road	Proposed loft conversion and spiral stair
P Pilley	34 Miami Court Harbour Views	Proposed conversion of a two bedroom flat to a three bedroom
Charles Gomez	9 Withams Road	Proposed covering to existing bridge/walkway
Mr & Mrs Navarro	402 Neptune House Marina Bay	Proposed balcony enclosure
Turnbull's Enterprises Ltd	11/15 Turnbull's Lane	Proposed construction of 2 additional storeys and internal refurbishment as hotel
Robert Smith	11/1 Benzimra's Alley	Proposed partition to separate bedroom and living room
Andrew Kent & Stone	40 Cornwalls Lane	Proposed construction of one additional floor for residential use
OEM Buena Vista Developments	Buena Vista Barracks	Proposed construction of new residential development

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**Contd. Answer to Question 261**

Space Projects	Suite 943 Europort Road Europort	Proposed interior office alterations
John Perez	80 Manolo Mascarenhas Edinburgh House	Proposed enclosure of west facing balcony
Belilo & Partners	Loquat House South Pavillion Road	Proposed construction of a suspended car port
Andrew Kent & Stone	9/7 Naval Hospital Hill	Proposed steel car port structure
Andrew Kent & Stone	5 Hargraves Parade	Proposed construction of additional floor to existing building
Andrew Kent & Stone	2 & 3 Humphrey's Bungalows Engineer Road	Proposed constructin of a car port, internal alterations & extension to existing verandah
Haymills Gibraltar Ltd	Ex-Cleansing Dept Bldgs Orange Bastion	Proposed Demolition
Messrs Galliano	8/1 Bishop Rapallo's Ramp	Proposed office extension
Mr & Mrs Sheppard- Capurro	2 Engineer Road	Proposed new entrance to property
Steven Finlayson	8004 Acacia Court Sir William Jackson Grove	Proposed kitchen partition from living room
Technical Services Dept	Governor's Cottage Europa Advance Road	Proposed demolition
Deboral Bennett	5 Admirals Walk Marina Bay	Proposed interior alterations and extension
J S Langdon	8-10 Queensway Montagu Pavilion	Proposed new six storey building annex to Montagu Pavilion
Mrs M Ullger	26 Governor's Street	Proposed mixed commercial/residential building
J B Engineering Consultants	36/38 Crutchett's Ramp/ 1-4 Demaya's Ramp	Proposed extension and interior alterations
J B Engineering Consultants	13 Catalan Gardens Sir Herbert Miles Road	Proposed pool in patio area
Mr J Danino	179 Edinburgh House Queensway	Proposed balcony enclosure

**ORAL**

**NO. 262 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 5 December 2005 and on what dates?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Five meetings of the Development and Planning Commission have taken place since the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2005. The dates were as follows:-

16<sup>th</sup> December 2005  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2006  
2<sup>nd</sup> February 2006  
27<sup>th</sup> February 2006  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 263 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Can Government say whether the draft development plan has now been presented to the Development and Planning Commission?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The draft Development Plan has not been presented to the Development and Planning Commission as yet.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 263 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The Development Plan is something we have been discussing in this House for many years now, can the Minister say when it is going to be presented?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am hoping that I will be able to present this to the Development and Planning Commission in the very near future. I am hoping that that will happen within the next month.

**NO. 264 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Can Government say whether the Environmental Impact Assessment into the Eastside project is now complete and whether that into the crematorium project has been commenced?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Environmental Impact Assessment for the Eastside Project (Sovereign Bay) has not yet been completed.

I confirm that the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Crematorium Project has now commenced.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 264 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In view of the statements attributed to the Spanish Government that Gibraltar has no waters on the East Side of the Rock in relation to the discovery of HMS Sussex, can the Minister confirm that that will have no effect on this particular project?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, what I can confirm to him is that the project will continue and that comments that may have been made by the Spanish Government in respect of the waters on the East Side, I do not think will deter the Government from continuing to bring the project to fruition.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Has there been any involvement of the Spanish Government or the authorities on the other side of the border in relation to the environmental impact assessment, because at one point there were claims that they ought to be involved or consulted in some way?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No there has not been any involvement.



**ORAL**

**NO. 265 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC- PLANNING PERMISSION**

On what date, if at all, was planning permission granted to the following:

- (a) Clinical Waste Incinerator;
- (b) Crematorium;
- (c) Ocean Village Properties Ltd?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Planning permission has not been granted to the Clinical Waste Incinerator or the Crematorium projects.

Outline planning permission has been granted to Ocean Village Ltd, which I assume to what he is referring to is Phase 2, on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2005.

ORAL

**NO. 266 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**VICTUALLING YARD**

Can Government say, if the work that GJBS is carrying out at the Victualling Yard is funded by the Government, what is the cost and what head is it (or will it be) charged to?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 267 and 268 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 267 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**VICTUALLING YARD**

What is the nature of the work GJBS Ltd intend to carry out at the Victualling Yard?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question Nos. 266 and 268 of 2006.

**NO. 268 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**VICTUALLING YARD**

Can Government say what part of the Victualling Yard GJBS Ltd have applied to the DPC for permission to demolish and whether this has now been granted or not?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Yes, the works are being funded by the Government.

The Government do not expect the cost of the works to exceed £450,000.

The funds are being provided by Gibraltar Land (Holdings) Ltd.

The works being undertaken by GJBS in the Victualling Yard include the refurbishment of existing units for the relocation of the RGP (MT Section) and the Gibraltar Veterinary Clinic and Kennels. The demolition of some out buildings to the rear of the yard has been undertaken to provide parking facilities for the RGP (MT Section).

The proposed demolition at the rear of Victualling Yard entails knocking down some out buildings which do not form part of the Victualling Yard building itself.

I confirm that planning permission has been granted to carry out the demolition works.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 266 TO 268 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Given the heritage value of the Yard, are the Government satisfied, and I understand the gates to the entrance is actually listed, are the Government satisfied that the heritage aspects of it are being preserved with the works that are being carried out?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, the gate is as the hon Member says listed and the building itself is not being touched at all, in fact it could do with a lick of paint but it is not part of the

refurbishment. Both the Gibraltar Veterinary Clinic and Kennels and the RGP (MT Section) actually fall outside the buildings themselves, they are outside buildings but do not form part of the main building or the gate.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Just to clarify, does this mean now that the entrance for the Police vehicles and for the Veterinary Clinic is through that one gate which is the entrance to the Victualling Yard or is there another entrance somewhere else?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, I think the RGP (MT Section) actually have their entrance on the east side towards the rear of the yard past Rosia Dale. The vet has the entrance through the gate and the courtyard which then has access to the main Victualling Yard building.

ORAL

**NO. 269 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

Can Government confirm whether the project to construct an underground car park at Grand Parade has gone out to tender and if so on what date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 270 to 279 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 270 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

What sum will Grand Developments Ltd pay the Government in exchange for permission to construct an underground car park at Grand Parade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 269 and 271 to 279 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 271 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

What are the principal terms of the agreement between the Government and Grand Developments Ltd for the construction of a multi-storey underground car park in Grand Parade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 269, 270 and 272 to 279 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 272 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

On what date did Government agree the principal terms with Grand Developments Ltd for the construction of a multi-storey underground car park at Grand Parade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 269 to 271 and 273 to 279 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 273 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

Have the plans to construct an underground car park at Grand Parade been approved by the Development and Planning Commission and if so on what date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 269 to 272 and 274 to 279 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 274 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

Who will own the underground car park to be constructed by Grand Developments Ltd at Grand Parade and on what basis will it be operated?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 269 to 273 and 275 to 279 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 275 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

What will be the projected cost, if any, to the Government of the construction of an underground car park at Grand Parade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 269 to 274 and 276 to 279 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 276 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

Can Government say whether any use will be made of existing underground tunnels by the developers of the underground car park at Grand Parade and if so which tunnels?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 269 to 275 and 277 to 279 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 277 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

Can Government say what tunnels are currently located under Grand Parade, what period they date back to, and whether they have any heritage value?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 269 to 276, 278 and 279 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 278 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

What will be the duration of the lease of the underground car park at Grand Parade and what is the premium that will be paid to the Government for it?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 269 to 277 and 279 of 2006.

**NO. 279 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE**

Are Government aware of the results of the public consultation exercise into the Grand Parade project which was organised by the developers and if so what are they?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No, the project to construct an underground car park at Grand Parade has not gone out to tender.

The sum that Grand Developments Ltd will pay the Government in exchange for permission to construct an underground car park at Grand Parade is £300,000.

The principal terms of the agreement between the Government and Grand Developments Ltd are as follows:

1. Consideration £300,000.
2. Issue of a 150-year full repairing and insuring Lease upon completion of the development.
3. The surface level to remain under the ownership of GOG.

The date the Government agreed the principal terms with Grand Developments Ltd for the construction of a multi-storey underground car park at Grand Parade was January 2005.

An application for outline planning permission was approved by the Development and Planning Commission on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2005. However, the relevant documentation has not been issued pending the conclusion of the negotiations with Government as landlord.

The underground car park will be owned by Grand Developments Ltd on a 150-year Lease, although the surface area will remain under the ownership of the Crown and will continue to be operated as at present. The underground car park will be operated by Grand Developments Ltd under a variety of options depending on demand, namely on a monthly parking fee for unallocated parking, on a monthly fee for reserved parking, the sale of lock-up garages and the sale of parking spaces.



It is not envisaged that there will be any cost to the Government as a result of the construction of the underground car park.

It is envisaged that the underground car park will exit via Ragged Staff Tunnel onto Queensway, which is to the North of Grand Parade.

There are no tunnels currently located directly below Grand Parade that will be affected by the development of the car park.

The duration of the Lease of the underground car park at Grand Parade is 150 years and the premium is £300,000.

The developers of the proposed underground car park at Grand Parade have not yet completed the public consultation exercise. The Government have given the developers until the end of March 2006 to present the information.

However, the House may wish to note that free parking as it exists at present will continue to be provided at ground level, irrespective of whether the current proposals for an underground car park come to fruition or not.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 269 TO 279 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Surely it will be impossible to provide that whilst the construction is going on, are any arrangements made of a temporary nature to accommodate the vehicles that cannot be parked on that site?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, I have initiated a working group to come up with proposals in order to alleviate what will be, obviously, inconvenience in the area whilst the car park is being constructed. Let me say that the worst time for this will be right at the beginning when the first third of the square is under construction, but then after that subsequently what will happen is that once the first third is completed and the underground parking is actually constructed, that will be used as free parking areas until the project is complete. Subsequently, the same will follow in subsequent phases, so we are looking at disruption in the initial stages which is currently being considered and hopefully I will have some feedback with proposals for me to consider at a later date.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The Minister mentioned the exit is planned through the Ragged Staff Tunnels which exit onto Queensway, if I am thinking of the right tunnel it is the one near the roundabout, is that the tunnel?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes it is in the proximity of the area.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Does that tunnel have any heritage value or will its use as an exit deprive the Government of further extensions to that tunnel which are connected to it and which will not be able to use as a result of this development?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

My understanding is that Ragged Staff tunnels, the tunnels itself, will not be touched at all they will be used as an exit to the underground. What there are in there is chambers which could be used for storage and this is one of the issues that I am still negotiating with the developers, because I would like them to take those on. The idea of actually putting these to use through an alternative commercial entity would make it very difficult to operate. I think there must be a unified interest in that so I am actually trying to convince them to take on the chambers, obviously at a premium in order to be able to sort of join both things up together. I do not think that there is any major accessibility to other tunnels in the area, I know that there is some form of exit from the tunnel but I think not for vehicular exit because I sometimes get asked for permission by GONHS to be able to go into the tunnel and do some of their works in there and explore and do all sorts of things. But apart from that I do not think there is anything that actually connects to that tunnel in itself.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to the chambers I remember visiting these tunnels a couple of years ago and there are huge chambers there which are used for storage of ammunition or something, I cannot remember exactly what it was, but is the development of those chambers that the Minister has in mind a touristic type of development, or is it just simply storage for commercial entities who might be interested?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, the Government have looked at the possibility of converting those Ragged Staff Tunnels into commercial units but they are limited for a variety of reasons to their use and they would only be useful if they were used for storage on a long-term basis. The idea of actually having commercial entities operating from there on a daily basis would be very impractical and I do not think anybody would want to work in there on a daily basis. But the idea of having these chambers as long-term storage would be a possibility and that is the sort of thing that I am trying to see whether I can bring about. There is also restrictions from, for example, fire regulations as to what would need to be put in place in order to allow people to work in there, so they are not really chambers that can be turned into commercial units very easily, and that is why this negotiation is going on to see whether I can try and package something together which will enable and at least make some use of them which at the moment they are not.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The Minister said that the public consultation exercise which the developers are conducting is not yet complete. Is their proceeding with this project dependant on the result of the public consultation exercise?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well I assume that if all of a sudden they had a very negative response to their proposal or their survey, then obviously they would have to take a commercial decision in respect of that. I think what the survey is mainly trying to achieve is not that, I think what they are trying to establish is the split between the different demands for different types of garages. The last meeting I had with them was I think probably early in the New Year and they had had, I would say, a fair amount of positive feedback from those that had responded but I think where they ask for more time was the fact that as usual with surveys a lot of people do not bother replying, what they were trying to do was gather more quantity of replies in order to ascertain the split, but what had replied had come back in a very positive way but I do not know whether that is representative of reality or not. That is why I agreed to extend the period up till the end of March.

ORAL

**NO. 280 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – THE NEW ALOES, EUROPA ROAD**

What was the surface area of the plot at The New Aloes, Europa Road at the time the tender was awarded in December 2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 281 to 286 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 281 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – THE NEW ALOES, EUROPA ROAD**

What was the surface area of the buildings which comprised The New Aloes, Europa Road, at the time the tender was awarded in December 2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 280 and 282 to 286 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 282 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – THE NEW ALOES, EUROPA ROAD**

What is the surface area of the new single dwelling at The New Aloes for which planning permission was sought in January 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 280, 281 and 283 to 286 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 283 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – THE NEW ALOES, EUROPA ROAD**

Can Government say whether the award of The New Aloes by tender for £410,000 to Historic Buildings Conservation (Gibraltar) Ltd was on the basis that it would be refurbished and not be demolished?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 280 to 282 and 284 to 286 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 284 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC- THE NEW ALOES, EUROPA ROAD**

Can Government state the reasons why the successful tenderer of The New Aloes wants to demolish the current buildings on the site?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 280 to 283, 285 and 286 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 285 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC- THE NEW ALOES, EUROPA ROAD**

Can Government say whether the Development and Planning Commission have approved the demolition of The New Aloes, Europa Road, and the construction of one single dwelling?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 280 to 284 and 286 of 2006.

**NO. 286 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – THE NEW ALOES, EUROPA ROAD**

Can Government say whether the new single dwelling at The New Aloes for which planning permission was sought in January 2006 will comprise the same surface area as the buildings that it is intended to replace?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The surface area of the plot at The New Aloes, Europa Road at the time the tender was awarded in December 2004 was 1,595 square metres.

The surface area of the buildings, which comprised The New Aloes, Europa Road at the time the tender was awarded in December 2004 was 234.87 square metres.

The surface area of the new single dwelling at The New Aloes is 727.80 square metres.

The award of The New Aloes tender was not made subject to any particular basis of refurbishment or demolition, although it has always been known by the state of the building that most tenderers would opt for a new building.

The existing property at The New Aloes is in a dilapidated state and mostly made of timber. The proposed new building is a much higher quality building with environmentally friendly features.

To date, no application has been submitted for the demolition of The New Aloes.

The existing building is a single storey with an area of 234.87 square metres. The proposed building is 727.80 square metres over four levels.

Therefore, the proposed building shall have a larger surface area than the existing building.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 280 TO 286 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Just to make sure I understood the Minister correctly, he did say there was no condition as to whether the building would be demolished or refurbished when it came out to tender, is that correct?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

There has been no application for demolition as such?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No there has not been, there has been an outline planning application which has still not been approved.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

So really the only issue here which has given rise to confusion is that the tender was awarded to a company called 'Historic Buildings Conservation Gibraltar Ltd' and that the Historic Buildings Conservation Gibraltar Ltd is not going to conserve or restore a historic building, it is going to knock it down and replace it with a four storey mini-block, double the size of the original one.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct, but I believe that company has other interests in Gibraltar as well and they have done conservation and historic, not that I am defending their position at all, but yes, in essence what he has described is totally correct. But anybody that would have seen the building at the time of the tender would have realised that anybody who was bidding that substantial amount of money for the plot would have required the building to have been really demolished and a new building gone up, because the state apparently of the building is actually very dilapidated and made of timber as well, not everybody wants to live in a timber structure.

ORAL

**NO. 287 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – WSRM ARCHITECTS LTD**

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to WSRM Architects Ltd to construct a residential development at Devil's Tower Road and if so on what date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 288 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 288 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – WSRM ARCHITECTS LTD**

Can Government say how many representations were received by the DPC in relation to the application by WSRM Architects Ltd to construct a residential development in Devil's Tower Road?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Development and Planning Commission has not yet considered the planning application submitted by WSRM Architects.

No representations have been received by the Development and Planning Commission. However, I am not sure whether the 21 day statutory has expired or not but at the date of preparing we had not received any representation.

ORAL

**NO. 289 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – CUMBERLAND TERRACES**

Can Government confirm whether OEM already owned the site at Cumberland Road which has been earmarked for the construction of Cumberland Terraces when the tender for North Gorge and Buena Vista was submitted?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 290 to 292 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 290 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – NORTH GORGE**

Can Government say whether OEM has now submitted an application for planning permission in respect of the project at North Gorge, and if so on what date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 289, 291 and 292 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 291 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – BUENA VISTA BARRACKS**

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to OEM Buena Vista Developments Ltd for the project at Buena Vista?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 289, 290 and 292 of 2006.



**NO. 292 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – BUENA VISTA BARRACKS**

Can Government say how many representations have been received by the Development and Planning Commission in respect of the application for planning permission by OEM Buena Vista Developments Ltd for the project at Buena Vista?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No. At the time the tender offer was submitted the company had reached a conditional agreement with Steelmac Limited.

OEM has not submitted an application for planning in respect of the project at North Gorge.

Planning Permission has not been granted to OEM Buena Vista Developments Ltd for the project at Buena Vista.

To date only one representation has been received, even though I think that the 21 day consultation process I do not think has yet finished.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 289 TO 292 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

As I understood, the project at Buena Vista was for 100 luxury flats/houses of some kind or another and town houses and the development of the stone block into a hotel, when the Minister says that planning permission has not yet been granted does he mean it has been considered and rejected or that it is still in the process of being considered?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I have just said that the statutory 21 days have not yet expired so the Commission is not able to consider the application until those 21 days are over. In any case I have said that only one representation has been received to date because the 21 days has not yet expired, so the Commission have not given consideration to that application as yet.

ORAL

**NO. 293 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**DPC – GRAND MAGAZINE, ROSIA**

Can Government state the amount of money that the successful tenderer offered initially and that which he eventually paid or has to pay in respect of Grand Magazine (The Anchorage)?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 294 and 295 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 294 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**DPC – GRAND MAGAZINE, ROSIA**

Can Government state the original number of sellable square metres anticipated and the final number of sellable square metres agreed in respect of the tender for Grand Magazines (The Anchorage)?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 293 and 295 of 2006.

**NO. 295 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**DPC – GRAND MAGAZINE, ROSIA**

Can Government state what will be the cost of relocating all the various people that are presently occupying Grand Magazine (The Anchorage), such as the North Depot, the South Depot, the Buildings & Works, the RSPCA, the RGP Garage etc, and where are they going to be relocated to?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The tender offer for Grand Magazine (The Anchorage) was for a premium payment of £2,505,000 and a payment of a contribution of £300,000 for the refurbishment of Rosia Mole. This premium offer is the same that will be paid when the entirety of the site is made available to the developer.

The tender submission for Grand Magazine did not quantify the original number of sellable square metres.

The Government do not expect the cost of the relocations to exceed £1,000,000.

The relocations will be as follows:

- GJBS has been relocated to the ex-Crag Wine Factory
- The Buildings & Works Depot has been relocated to the Ragged Staff Depot
- The Gibraltar Veterinary Clinic and Kennels are being relocated to part of the Victualling Yard
- The RGP (MT Section) is being relocated to the rear of Victualling Yard.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 293 TO 295 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

If I understood the Minister correctly the premium is £2,505,000 and £300,000 for Rosia Mole, however, I seem to recall in supplementary exchanges to Question No. 1315 of 2005 it was said that the initial amount offered did not cover the cost of the refurbishment which the Minister is now saying was £1 million, can the Minister throw any light on this?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I have not got a copy of that answer that I gave but is the hon Member sure that it is not related with the wider picture? We were always looking at Buena Vista and the hostel and a number of others in this relocation so I based my answer today purely on the cost of relocation for this particular site. I can say that the information I am supplying today is correct. I would like to have a look at Question No. 1315 of 2005 to be able to offer him an explanation if indeed I said that.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it not the case that when the Government were asked why it was that they came out to tender with a particular density and then it was allocated with a higher density and more floors, that is where the sellable metres come from, what we were told was 'because the tender with less property to sell was not high enough to compensate for the relocation', does the Minister not remember saying that?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not remember that but it may be correct, but this actually happened in the time of my predecessor so I am not privy to have dealt with it myself. The only thing I can say that I can recall that at the time of the tender Grand Magazine Limited actually put forward two proposals. One was for a premium which was in the region of about £1 million and another one for £2,500,000 which had different configuration. Eventually the Government opted out for the £2.5 million option and not the lower, which may have been related to the lower density, I am just speculating on what the hon Member has just said rather than just giving a factual reply.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister confirm that in fact when the thing was put out to tender and the bids were put in the eventual allocation was on the basis of a proposal which included more building and higher building than the original tender? Presumably there was an amount put on the basis of the original tender and an amount put on the basis of a revised project with greater density.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That may well be the case. The information I have here before me was that the tender proposal was for the construction of between 80 and 100 apartments of two, three and four bedrooms on no more than three or four storeys in height, and the agreed project is for the construction of 96 apartments and town houses in the building ranging between four and nine storeys in height. I have not got information here in respect of square footage that is being referred to, it may well be that the buildings are changing configuration, they do not actually have had an effect on the actual square footage of development. Again, I am not saying one thing or the other, all I am saying is that the actual proposal in terms of quantity of apartments and the configuration of these into three and four storeys in height was subsequently agreed at a higher level and for 96 apartments instead of the original 80 to 100 apartments on a lower sort of density. Density in terms of height but not necessarily in square footage.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think the impression that was given before that whereas at one stage the height was supposed to have something to do with the aesthetic qualities it then emerged that in order to be able to realise sufficient money from the development to relocate and show a profit, the Government had agreed to allow a development that would produce for the developer, obviously, a higher income. The logic of that is a simple arithmetical exercise, we are just trying to get it confirmed.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, I cannot give that confirmation I am happy to look into it and let the hon Member have it but let me say that when this exercise was being done, and as I said this was being done by my predecessor, I remember being on the sidelines, the actual exercise of cost against premium et cetera in order to make the whole thing feasible for the Government, we were looking in terms of the need to relocate the Government hostel out of Buena Vista in order to be able to allow the site to be put out to tender and the relocation of things like the shooting range in the Gorge, and these are substantial cost implications which had to be put into the equation. I remember that my predecessor was very much analysing the whole thing in terms of Buena Vista, The Anchorage, Rosia and the area of the hostel in Devil's Tower Road as an analysis in order to complete the feasibility of these sites going out to tender and having to relocate the different entities in different sites in order to bring about this development. So I do not think it was purely targeted on The Anchorage itself, I think that the calculation was being done on a wider scale because we needed to move out certain entities like JBS for example that needed to move out; there was the vet that needed to move out, and that would have implications as to where they were going, the Government Hostel in Buena Vista and Devil's Tower Road and the idea of having one hostel unified for both entities, and I remember that exercise being done and costed out and the option of actually allowing The Anchorage development to come up with a higher density development. I can definitely look into it and provide the hon Member with the analysis.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I am somewhat disappointed with the answer the Minister has given to Question No. 294 of 2006 because in exchange of Supplementaries between the Leader of the Opposition and the Chief Minister as regards Grand Magazine, the Chief Minister said 'certainly, the net effect was a higher number of sellable square metres'. To which the Hon Mr Bossano replied, 'do the Government have readily available what was the original number anticipated and what was the final number agreed?'. The Leader of his Party replied, 'the information is of course available but I do not have it here', and that is why I posed the question because apparently the Chief Minister was of the opinion that the information was available it is just that they did not have it at hand.

ORAL

**NO. 296 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – CREMATION AND CLINICAL WASTE INCINERATOR**

How many representations were made to the Development and Planning Commission in respect of the application by Environment and Waste Management Services Ltd to demolish existing buildings and construct a cremation and clinical waste incinerator at Governor's Cottage, Europa Advance Road?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 297 to 302 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 297 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – LATHBURY BARRACKS**

How many representations were received by the DPC in relation to the application for planning permission to construct a residential nursing home at the Old Junior Ranks Mess, Lathbury Barracks?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 296 and 298 to 302 of 2006.



ORAL

NO. 298 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**DPC - EUROTOWERS**

How many representations have been received by the DPC in relation to the application by Bentley Property Services Ltd to convert voids into apartments at Eurotowers?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question Nos. 296, 297 and 299 to 302 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 299 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – CLIFFTOP HOUSE**

On what date was planning permission granted for the development known as Clifftop House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 296 to 298 and 300 to 302 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 300 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – FILOMENA HOUSE**

What project has been approved by the DPC for the Development of the property known as Filomena at Devil's Tower Road?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 296 to 299, 301 and 302 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 301 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC- ELIOTT HOTEL**

Can Government say whether the application for planning permission published on 15 December 2005 for the construction of an annexe to the Elliott Hotel has been approved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 296 to 300 and 302 of 2006.

**NO. 302 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**MID-TOWN PROJECT**

What is the number of storeys and the height in metres approved by the DPC of each component building of the Mid-Town Project?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No representations were received by the Development and Planning Commission in respect of the application by Environment and Waste Management Services to demolish existing building and construct a crematorium and clinical waste incinerator at Governor's Cottage, Europa Advance Road.

No representations were received by the Development and Planning Commission in respect of planning permission to construct a residential nursing home at the old Junior Ranks Mess, Lathbury Barracks.

No representations were received by the Development and Planning Commission in respect of the application by Bentley Property Services Ltd to convert voids into apartments at Eurotowers.

Planning permission for the development known as Clifftop House was granted by the Development and Planning Commission on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2005.

The project known as Filomena House entails the construction of 43 affordable housing units at Devil's Tower Road.

The project consists of demolition works to a two storey house and the construction of an 11 storey apartment block and basement. Adequate car parking will be provided in the ground floor and basement.

The Development and Planning Commission took the decision to approve the outline planning application subject to the building being set back at a distance to avoid a Bellasombra tree.

The Development and Planning Commission approved the new outline planning application to construct an annexe to the Elliott Hotel.

None of the different parts of the Mid-Town development projects may be determined by the number of storeys because the outline drawing does not reflect the relevant details.

The height in metres in each building as per the application is as follows:-

1. The proposed school is 17 metres high.
2. The proposed Gate House building is 48.5 metres high.
3. The height of the tower is 115 metres high.

Outline planning permission has still not been issued.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 296 TO 302 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to the project at Devil's Tower Road known as Filomena House, the Minister said they were 43 units, if I understand it correctly he said of 'affordable housing'?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Correct.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

To know that it is affordable does he have an indication of what the price range is expected to be?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, the Town Planning Department have prepared that based on the application that they have, they have a description of the project. I do not know, I presume 'affordable' means what the sort of price that is in the market and affordable at the moment and that is as much as I can give. I have not got any indication of pricing or anything but I assume it is within reach of those that want to go to Waterport Terrace and wish to obtain houses in the Nelson's View and Cumberland Buildings, I am assuming. I have not been given any consideration as to the fact that they are affordable housing or not.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

That is what I mean. Is that to say that actually they may not be affordable, it is a subjective term.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

From a planning perspective it is irrelevant whether they are affordable or not affordable but that is the description which is in the application form and I assume that is what they have put in. The Town Planner drafting the reply to this has picked them up and I know he does from exactly the wording that is put in the application.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is this to assume that if a development is described as 'affordable' it may get more favourably treated than if it were not and perhaps that was why the term was used?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely not that is irrelevant, from a planning perspective it is irrelevant and I assume that from a landlord's perspective it will not either. To be able to get some form of special consideration the Government would need to negotiate special terms. In other words, pin them down to a particular, that has not happened.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The Minister said, if I understood him correctly, it will be an 11-storey block and basement which I assume is additional to the 11 storeys. Has this project been cleared or gone through the RAF channels in relation to its proximity to the runway?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, there has not been any comeback, it does comply with the RAF requirements. The Development and Planning Commission has actually approved the development but the relevant documentations have not yet been issued.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to Question No. 301 of 2006 which is the Elliott Hotel, did the Minister say that the construction of the annexe had been approved?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes the annexe has been approved, the actual permit has not been issued yet. I just want to point out for the sake of clarity and for background information that in the past planning permissions were issued and approved or whatever and then signed off and given to people and then there were negotiations held between LPS and the prospective developer in terms of premiums if they were actually going to be expanding or whatever. Because of my own involvement in land management and my responsibility for that I do not issue permits unless the premium has been agreed. In other words, they do not hold the right to develop because I feel personally that that is an asset that can be negotiated with. Therefore, I insist that LPS should have a documented premium agreement in place and therefore sometimes when the questions are asked I say, 'outline planning has been approved' but that does not mean that the developer actually has a permit in their hands unless they agree and in most cases until they pay the premium.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Will the annexe at the Elliott Hotel, if I remember the history correctly, there was one application made for a 28-storey annexe that was turned down and then a second

application was made and that has now been approved. Can he remember how many storeys or what height in metres the annexe in that second application will be?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I believe it is exactly the same height as the current building including the pool above and I think the building just goes in line, assuming there was a floor where the pool area is so it is basically, for all intents and purposes, the same height as the existing building. Do not quote me exactly because it is not quite the same, there are differences in height from the lower. If one knows that area the Elliott's Hotel is on a particular level at ground level and Cannon Lane is lower so the number of floors is one more but the actual height of the building is more or less the same.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to the answers he gave me for the height of the Mid-Town Project, the 115 metre tower is that the original height that the developers wanted or has that been reduced in height?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is the original proposal which was accepted by DPC. However, the reason why outline planning permission has not been issued is because it is an issue with the aeronautical study that has still not been approved and there may be the need for us to negotiate with the developers the possible lowering down of the building but we are in the negotiating stages with RAF Gibraltar over the height of the building.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

I remember the last time we discussed the aeronautical study the Minister mentioned that I think it had been submitted but not to the Government, it is commissioned by the developer, if I remember correctly. Is it that the RAF have insisted that the building is too tall given its proximity to the runway or to even movements that aeroplanes might have to perform in our skies?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, that is not strictly correct. The RAF have not come back as yet with an approval or a rejection or a suggestion for a reduction in the building, but we are in negotiations with the RAF in order to establish a set of rules for developments in Gibraltar rather than having them having to assess each project on an individual basis. We feel that it would be much better for everybody, for the Development and Planning Commission and myself in order to advise developers when they come what the set of rules are and where they can develop and where they cannot develop and that is what we are trying to establish – a code of practice and a mode of rules to be able to know that we are all keeping to the same rule book and all developments will then know how far they can go and how far they cannot go and what will be a problem and what will not be a problem.



**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is it not the case then that the issue that this raises is again the question of the Development Plan, of the importance of having a plan in place so that people know what they can do, where they can build, what kind of density they can have, what land use the area is going to be put to and I think it reflects the point we have been making in this House for a while that Gibraltar needs in place a Development Plan. The existing one is already considerably out of date, I think it dates back to 1991, normally these things are done every 10 years and we are still waiting in the midst of all these developments that are happening all over Gibraltar, it is really quite unacceptable that the Plan is still not in place. Does the Minister not consider that this is one issue which if a plan were in place everybody would know what the conditions are and what the rules are which he described in relation to the RAF and to the heights of buildings, for example? Do the Government not accept that view?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The idea of having a set of rules for the development's height, height of buildings et cetera is not something that has been there in the past, it is something that I want or the Government would like to see happening now in order to establish a level playing field for everybody to know exactly what can happen and what cannot happen. The fact is that there is a Development Plan in place, I totally agree it is outdated and well overdue for renewal or for review, but in actual fact we refer to it when we have to take a decision but DPC also takes into consideration things that have changed and happened since then. So it is not, as the hon Member tries to create an impression, that the DPC just takes decisions without having any policy in place and without having any strategy and overall policy on it, that is not the case. Although there is no document in place which would have addressed a lot of those concerns there is a lot of thinking and a lot of planning, decision-making process that takes place when applications are submitted before the Development and Planning Commission.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

It is not that we are saying that the DPC has no policy and of course I would imagine that the guidelines and the 1991 Plan is still there and is still current in that respect but the point is surely that given the scale and the vast number of developments taking place all over Gibraltar, it would be helpful to developers themselves, to potential purchasers, to people who are thinking of buying in a particular area to know what kind of land use Government intend to have in that particular area, and whether it is an area that is going to be a heritage site or whether it is going to be low density or high density, that surely would reflect the height of buildings which is the issue that we are discussing now. Just to come back to one of the questions that were answered in this series together and this is Filomena House, if I understand the Minister correctly the RAF have not raised any issue in relation to the 11-storeys of Filomena House, can he just confirm that?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes I can confirm that, if it had, DPC would not allow the project to go through.

ORAL

**NO. 303 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC- SILVERLAKE LTD**

What was the reason for the extension of Development Aid Licence No. 5/2003 issued to Silverlake Ltd extending the date of completion of the project of 15 November 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 304 of 2006.

**NO. 304 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – LORD NAPIER MEWS LTD**

What was the reason for the extension of Development Aid Licence No. 8/2005 issued to Lord Napier Mews Ltd extending the date of completion of the project to 28 February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Development Aid Licence No. 5/2003 was extended until 15<sup>th</sup> November 2005 following a request from the developer who stated that they had not been able to meet the estimated completion date of the project by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 as specified in the said licence, due to unforeseen circumstances.

Development Aid Licence No. 8/2005 was extended until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006 following a request from the developer who stated that they would not be able to meet the estimated completion date of the project by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 as specified in the said licence, due to delays in construction.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 303 AND 304 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to Question No. 303 of 2006 can the Minister say what the unforeseen circumstances were that led to the delay and to the extension of the licence?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am not 100 per cent sure of the reason but I do recall that it had something to do with the fact that relevant certificates of fitness et cetera had not been issued, so therefore they could not proceed to finish the project until those certificates had been in place and that had created the unforeseen delay which led them to the request.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is there a policy to try to establish how justified the case is or are these extensions almost always granted?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Since I have been in charge of the Development Aid Committee extensions have usually not been for long periods of time, they have mainly been for periods of maybe three or six months, in which case if the project had been a major project the delay of three to six months is not really a major issue. We have not really come across any major delay, if there had been we would then ask for proper justification but there is always some slippage in the construction of major projects so therefore it is dependent on the extension that is requested. Up till now in my time, the extensions have never been anything of great concern.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

At what stage is it that the Financial and Development Secretary has to certify the amount that has been spent on the project which qualifies for the percentage of Development Aid?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

When the project is finished and the final accounts are presented and a submission is made with corresponding evidence, which is then scrutinised by the office of the Financial and Development Secretary, who then issues a certificate based on the findings of the submission. At that stage he then decides what level of expenditure is going to be admissible for development aid.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the developer actually claims development aid in respect of a certain figure and the Financial Secretary may agree to that or to a lesser amount, is that the position?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely, well in the end there is a total obviously but there is a complete analysis of a very detailed nature with supporting evidence of invoices et cetera. Some claims are put forward in a more detailed fashion others are not, but at the end of the day it is up to the office of the Financial Secretary to decide whether what has been submitted is approved or not. The majority of the submissions are actually submitted by accountancy firms and not developers themselves, because there is an element of accounting knowledge required to be able to make the relevant submission.

ORAL

**NO. 305 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – AIRPORT LANDING CHARGES**

What has been the result of the discussions between Armed Forces Minister Adam Ingram and the Minister for Tourism with regard to the decision by the Ministry of Defence to increase landing charges for commercial aircraft using Gibraltar airport?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 306 of 2006.

**NO. 306 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – AIRPORT LANDING CHARGES**

Can Government say, as at 10 March 2006, what are the landing fees charged by the Ministry of Defence to commercial airlines which have scheduled flights to and from Gibraltar airport, indicating the amount charged, the make and model of aircraft to which the charge applies, and the passenger capacity in each type of aircraft?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

In December 2005 the Government became aware that the Ministry of Defence intended to increase landing charges at Gibraltar Airport as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2006.

As a result, on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005 the Government wrote to the Right Honourable Adam Ingram, Minister of State for the Armed Forces, regarding the existing scale of landing charges levied on commercial aircraft and the impending notification that the landing charges were to be increased. The Government explained their concerns and emphasised the negative effect and detrimental impact that any increase would have on commercial airlines operating the Gibraltar route. The Government laid emphasis on the fact that the rates were already high enough when compared to other airports in the region such as Malaga, Jerez and Seville. A holding reply was received in late December.

In mid-February 2006, GB Airways and Monarch Airlines confirmed that an 8.4 per cent increase in landing charges had been included in their January 2006 invoice.

On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006, Minister Ingram wrote to the Government explaining the situation from the Ministry of Defence perspective. He said that a comprehensive review of the landing charges applicable to Gibraltar had been undertaken. He justified the reason for the increase as an attempt to narrow the gap that existed in covering the full cost to the MOD of handling commercial flights at Gibraltar. Additionally, he stated that he did not rule out other possible increases in the near future.

The Government, GB Airways and Monarch Airways are in close discussions with the Ministry of Defence to review this matter.

As at 10<sup>th</sup> March 2006 the landing fees charged by the MOD to commercial airlines which have scheduled flights to or from Gibraltar airport is as follows:

Make/model of Aircraft	MTOW (tons)	Passenger Capacity	Amount (£)
Airbus A320 (GB)	70	156*	1,228
Airbus A320 (Monarch)	71	174	1,245
Boeing 757	99	235	1,736

\* maximum when all economy seating – will be less, dependent on configuration to accommodate Club loads.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 305 AND 306 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The Minister has explained the chronology up to 27<sup>th</sup> February when he received a reply from Adam Ingram which explained that there was a comprehensive review going on and explained what up to now are the costs of the MOD, have there been any communications since on this particular subject or is this how the position stands today?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The airlines have written to the MOD in both their own capacity, explaining their situation, concerns and explaining to the MOD the repercussions that the current increase will have on their current operations and what any possible increase will have to them, because obviously when one compares the likes of Gibraltar Airport at sort of roughly £1,250 and comparing that with, for example, Malaga who are paying just under £350, one is talking of a substantial difference in operational costs especially with airlines who are offering fares of £29 return for example. Obviously the effect as well of passengers opting out to fly to Malaga rather than Gibraltar as a result of the fact that the airlines will take a commercial view as to whether operating out an extra flight from Malaga will be more worthwhile than actually operating into Gibraltar. So all these concerns have been put to the MOD by the respective airlines, the Government have made their own representations on the matter and we understand that the whole issue is now being reviewed. So we have taken a view of not reacting any further until they revert to us with what they say is currently being re-looked at and considered.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Just to clarify the position, there was one review which led to the 8 per cent increase in landing charges in February and now there is another review going on and then we do not know what has happened in terms of that review, is that the case?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, there was one review. I think that what has happened is that in December they had already taken a decision that the 8.4 per cent was going to come into place as at 1<sup>st</sup> January. When I wrote to them a long brief of all the repercussions and everything, they said 'well we are going to look at all this and we are going to go to

see whether there is anything we can help with'. Then they actually did the review and on the principle of narrowing the gap that they claim existed between the cost of operating commercial aircraft out of Gibraltar and the actual revenue that they were deriving, they decided that they were going to increase that 8.4 per cent even further. On the strength of that possibility is when the reaction came from the airlines and from the Government themselves and a decision has not been forthcoming after that.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

I understand the position, then there has already been an 8 per cent increase and on top of that the review resulted in a second increase on top of the 8 per cent. Can the Minister say what the percentage increase was in relation to the second increase?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, there has been an increase on 1<sup>st</sup> January, there has not been a second increase but I think that was very much on the cards to happen. The only thing is that there has not been a formal announcement as to what that could be. The matter is now being reviewed. I am aware of what they were thinking in terms of the possible second but I feel it would not do us any good for us to make this public. I would say that it would be better for all of us to wait and see before we react. The airlines, I can assure the hon Member, are going to be reacting very negatively if there is an increase to follow the one that has already happened because they just cannot sustain it. Unless the Government decide that they want to support the airlines indirectly and at the end of the day that would mean paying for the operations of Gibraltar Airport without actually having the benefit of controlling it, so that option is not something that the Government would prefer to consider.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

There was an intention to introduce a second increase but that second increase has not yet taken effect and discussions are taking place to prevent it from happening, is that the position?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Do the Government know what is the gap that they claim exists and do the Government know how they arrive at a figure of what it costs them to have an aircraft landing here?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, in the reply to my letter on 27<sup>th</sup> February there is an explanation where some figures are actually made available for us to consider. Unfortunately, I cannot really understand how they have come about to such results with the figures that have



been supplied to me and that is something that I will be taking up with the MOD at the right time, because in reality if it would have been clear cut as to how and why the justification in that, then I would have been able to understand, maybe not accept but at least understand, I either do not accept or understand at the moment how that conclusion has been reached.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Just one final question. In relation to the reaction of the airlines which the Minister spoke about, is the reaction one of where they can fly the same route with a larger aircraft and maybe proportionally they bear out the increased fee over more passengers? Or is it that they might be considering having less flights because it costs them more each time they land? Can the Minister give the House an indication of what the position is at present?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well the position of the airlines, and I would not want to say airlines because one of them is in far a more delicate situation than another but I would not want to identify which one, but I can say that the airlines have turned round and said to me, 'why operate out of Gibraltar when I can have that aircraft operating out of Malaga at a much more economic cost base'. That is obviously an option that I would feel very disappointed about but it is a commercial reality and I think the MOD have to understand as well is that what would happen is that the gap would actually become bigger again if there is no revenue or less revenue coming in as a result of the lowering of frequency on the route. So therefore, I think that in the same way as airlines have to take commercial decisions I also feel that the MOD will need to look at this in a more commercial manner and try and expand what is there at the moment by reducing costs and increasing frequencies which would reduce the per unit cost of operating a particular flight on any of the Gibraltar/UK routes.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Are the negotiations at present taking place between the Government and the MOD locally in Gibraltar or is it between the airlines and the MOD?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, one has to understand that the airlines are informed by the MOD here in Gibraltar about the increases and in fact they are invoiced by the MOD, they are paid directly to the MOD, so therefore their customers are strictly speaking the airlines. So the airlines are the ones that have been notified, the airlines are the ones who have expressed their concerns directly but Government have a major interest in making sure that whatever happens does not actually cause us damage in our ability to grow our communications with the UK by air.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I got the impression with the Minister's explanation that it ought to be obvious to the MOD that if there are more aircraft the gap closes and if there are less the gap

opens, so are we talking then that there are fixed costs that the MOD say would not be there which presumably would only disappear if there were no flights at all, is that the situation?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely. For example, a good number of flights that operate out of Gibraltar come in in the evening and that is outside the operational requirements for military operations, so they consider that as an expense to do with the operations of the commercial airlines. It may be, I do not know exactly the times, but I think that the MOD consider it a military requirement to operate from 9 o'clock in the morning to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for sake of argument, and obviously the aircraft that come in at 7.00 p.m. to them it means keeping staff on until the airline actually departs at say nine o'clock plus the half hour that they have got to allow for the aircraft to be away from Gibraltar, so that is an additional expense that they claim would not be incurred if there was no commercial operation coming out from the airport. Therefore, that proportion of the costs are attached to the operation of operating a commercial flight out of Gibraltar in contrast to operating their military requirements out of that.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If there are any days, I do not know whether there are or not, but if there were any days when this would not happen I have not known the RAF airport to sort of close shop at 5 o'clock and open up the next morning. There is no evidence that it has ever operated like that is there? Even when there were not flights every day.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No there is not and I can assure that this is an issue that has been on my agenda since 1996 and I have raised this with the MOD on numerous occasions at both political and official level at every opportunity, because I feel very strongly that a lot of the reasons why airlines at the end of the day do not come in to Gibraltar at the moment is because when they see the operational costs of actually working from here they turn round to the Government and say 'this is just impossible to operate but if you are willing to subsidise our operation we will come out'. But the Government have not taken the view of subsidising airlines for the sake of subsidising. In any case it would be against State Aid rules anyway but we find ourselves in a situation that even though we have raised this issue and tried to explain the fact that what we need to do is grow the market and therefore cover their costs more adequately by increased frequency, unfortunately they do not seem to understand or want to understand.

ORAL

**NO. 307 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – SENIOR MARINE SURVEYOR**

Are the advertisements for the vacancy of the post of Senior Marine Surveyor of 20 January and 26 January for the same post or for two different posts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 308 to 312 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 308 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – SENIOR MARINE SURVEYOR**

Can Government say how many persons applied for the vacancy for Senior Marine Surveyor which was advertised on 20 January and again on 26 January and how many were from Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 307 and 309 to 312 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 309 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – OPERATIONS ROOM OPERATIVE**

How many applications have been received for the posts of Port Operations Room Operative, how many of the applicants are from Gibraltar and what ages are the different applicants?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 307, 308 and 310 to 312 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 310 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT DEPARTMENT - VACANCIES**

How many vacancies at the Port Department prior to 2006 have been covered by additional overtime since the last time that a person was recruited to fill a vacant post in the present structure of the Port Department?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 307 to 309 and 311 to 312 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 311 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT DEPARTMENT – ADDITIONAL OVERTIME**

Can Government say since the last person prior to 2006 was recruited to the present structure of the Port Department what has been the cost of additional overtime in the Department each financial year to cover unfilled vacancies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 307 to 310 and 312 of 2006.

**NO. 312 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT DEPARTMENT - VACANCIES**

Prior to 2006, on what date was the last time that a person was recruited to fill a vacant post in the present structure of the Port Department and what was the post?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Both advertisements refer to the same post.

A total of 28 applications were received. One applicant was from Gibraltar. That was in respect of the Senior Marine Surveyor.

In respect of the Port Operatives a total of 69 applications have been received – 67 applicants are from Gibraltar – ages range from 17 to 42 years of age.

Nine vacancies have been covered by additional overtime since 5<sup>th</sup> May 2004, the date of the last recruitment.

The cost of the additional overtime in the department each financial year is as follows:-

2004/2005	Figures not available due to overtime not being categorised at the time. However, it has been calculated that this would equate to approximately £94,600 for the whole year.
2005/2006	£77,329 (manning level O/T) from April 2005 to December 2005. Categorising of overtime introduced in 2005.

This would average out roughly at about £8,600 per month.

The last person that was recruited was on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2004 as a Seaman/Mechanic.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 307 TO 312 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to the vacancy for the Senior Marine Surveyor post, has that post now been filled?



**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, the interviews were conducted I believe last week and I assume that the recommendations from the Selection Board would probably be already in the pipeline.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

I ask the same question in relation to the Operations Room Operative posts.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, those have not been filled, I think the closing date for that was actually quite recent.

ORAL

**NO. 313 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT DEPARTMENT - VTS**

Can Government say on what date they ordered a reliable VTS facility for the Port Department?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 314 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 314 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT DEPARTMENT - VTS**

Can Government say when the training for the Port Department staff on the use of the VTS facility is due to commence?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

A VTS facility was ordered for the Port Department and purchased in 2001. This equipment was upgraded in 2005 by the purchase of a new radar.

Training for Port Department staff on the use of the VTS facility will commence as soon as vacancies for the operation room operatives are filled.

ORAL

**NO. 315 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – MARITIME TRAFFIC**

On what date did preliminary discussions take place between officials of the Port of Gibraltar and Algeciras to consider how best maritime traffic in the Bay of Gibraltar can be de-conflicted, and who were the officials involved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 316 of 2006.

**NO. 316 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – MARINE SAFETY CODE**

Can Government say whether they are considering 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**

Preliminary discussions took place between officials of the Port of Gibraltar and Algeciras to consider how best maritime traffic in the Bay of Gibraltar could be deconflicted on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at the Finance Centre Boardroom at Europort.

The official representing the Gibraltar side was Richard Garcia who is the Co-ordinator General being Chief Executive of the Ministry for Trade, Industry and Communications.

The Maritime Administration was represented by Tony Nation the Acting Maritime Administrator, and Dylan Cocklan who is a Surveyor.

The Gibraltar Port was represented by James Ferro the Captain of the Port and Tony Davis as Chief Executive.

Then the Co-ordinator for Gibraltar in the Los Barrios Project was Stephen Ramagge.

The matter is currently under review by the Government.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 315 AND 316 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

What matter is there under review? The answer to Question No. 316 of 2006.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, what is currently under review is the discussions that took place in respect of the best maritime traffic in the Bay of Gibraltar. At that meeting there were a number of proposals and options that were being considered and there has been exchange to try, this is not a matter that I think can be sorted out in one meeting, there is

another meeting due in order to see how much progress can be achieved in this particular area. In fact, there were other issues that were discussed at that meeting as well which will need to have progress on.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Where is the answer to Question No. 316 of 2006, that was my question?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The answer to Question No. 316 of 2006 is that the matter of adopting the port maritime safety code similar to that in the UK is currently under review.

ORAL

**NO. 317 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – SHIP VISITS**

How many ships have called at Gibraltar since December 2005 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**

Answered together with Question No. 318 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 318 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – BUNKERING LICENCES**

Can Government say whether any new applications for a bunkering licence have been made since the last Question Time in this House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The extensive statistical information requested is set out in the schedule attached.



**Answer to Question No. 317**

	<b>Bunkers</b>	<b>Cargo</b>	<b>Repairs</b>
<b>Dec 2005</b>	395	0	4
<b>Jan 2006</b>	446	1	3
<b>Feb 2006</b>	581	0	10

Bunkers sold from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2005 to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006-04-05

<b>Month</b>	<b>Tons</b>
December	289,180
January	315,432
February	348,233

**Answer to Question No. 318**

No new applications for Bunkering Licences have been received since the last Question Time in this House.

ORAL

NO. 319 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB - UNIFORMS**

How many tenders were received for the supply of uniforms for the Gibraltar Tourist Board before the closing date of 10 March?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question Nos. 320 and 321 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 320 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TENDER FOR CLEANING**

How many tenders were received for the cleaning of the Coach Park Terminus, the Cruise Terminal and the Ferry Terminal and who was the successful tenderer, in what amount and was this the lowest tender?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 319 and 321 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 321 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TENDER FOR ATMs**

How many tenders were received for the provision of ATMs at the Cruise Terminal, the Coach Terminus and the Air Terminal?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Two tenders were received for the uniforms of the Gibraltar Tourist Board.

Five tenders were received for the cleaning of the Coach Park Terminus, the Cruise Terminal and the Ferry Terminal.

To date the tender has not been awarded because the offers are still under consideration by the Tender Board.

There were five tenders received for the provision of ATMs at the Cruise Terminal, the Coach Terminus and the Air Terminal. Again, that has not yet been awarded either.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 319 TO 321 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Has the one for the uniforms been awarded?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, not at all.

ORAL

**NO. 322 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MADRID OFFICE**

In what circumstances and on what date did the post of Office Administrator at the Gibraltar Office in Madrid last become vacant?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 323 of 2006.

**NO. 323 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MADRID OFFICE**

How many persons have applied for the post of Office Administrator for the Gibraltar Office in Madrid which was advertised with a closing date of 27 February, how many were from Gibraltar and has anyone been selected for the post?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Miss Gillaine De los Santos's contract expired at the end of September 2005. Miss De los Santos applied for an extension of six months to her contract which was granted. The six month period ends at the end of March 2006 and Miss De los Santos has decided not to extend her contract further.

Four applications have been received. Three are from Gibraltar and one is from Spain. The selection process has not yet been concluded.

ORAL

**NO. 324 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – SEATRADE, MIAMI**

What was the cost with a breakdown of Gibraltar's participation in Seatrade in Miami this year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 325 to 330 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 325 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB - UKGTA**

What was the cost with a breakdown of the UKGTA meeting that took place in Gibraltar on 3 February?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 324 and 326 to 330 of 2006.



ORAL

NO. 326 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB - FITUR**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of the dinner held in Madrid for Spanish travel journalists during FITUR this year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question Nos. 324, 325 and 327 to 330 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 327 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB - FITUR**

How many persons made up the Gibraltar delegation at FITUR this year and what offices do they hold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question Nos. 324 to 326 and 328 to 330 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 328 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB - FITUR**

What arrangement was made with the Mancomunidad de Municipios del Campo de Gibraltar regarding Gibraltar's representation at FITUR this year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 324 to 327 and 329 to 330 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 329 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB - FITUR**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's representation at FITUR in Madrid from 25-29 January?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question Nos. 324 to 328 and 330 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 330 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB - FITUR**

Can Government say how and by whom Gibraltar was represented at FITUR which took place in Madrid from 25-29 January?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

The extensive factual and statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule.

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION 330**

#### **Answer to Question No. 324**

The cost of participating in Seatrade Miami during week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 cannot be provided as most of the exact expenses are still not known. However, it is estimated that the total cost will be about £22,000.

#### **Answer to Question No. 325**

The cost with a breakdown of the UKGTA meeting that took place in Gibraltar on 3<sup>rd</sup> February was as follows:

	£
Taxes for air fares	125.40
Taxi & entertainment	246.05
Photocopier & other expenses in London	<u>126.90</u>
Total	<u>£498.35</u>

#### **Answer to Question No. 326**

The cost with a breakdown of the dinner held in Madrid for Spanish travel journalists during FITUR this year was as follows:

Corporate Gifts Dinner	£ 330.00
Dinner Melia Princesa Madrid	£1,480.77
Courier Costs Gifts	<u>£ 50.50</u>
	£1,861.27

#### **Answer to Question No. 327**

The following persons made up the Gibraltar delegation at FITUR this year:

Nicky Guerrero – Sales & Marketing Manager  
Dylan Ferrar – Sales & Marketing Co-Ordinator  
Marie Gloria Macedo – Sales & Marketing Officer

Peter Kirkby – Marketing Executive – Madrid Office  
Gillaine de los Santos – Office Administrator  
Madrid (on Saturday and Sunday only)

Minister with responsibility for Tourism and the Chief Executive of the GTB.

#### **Answer to Question No. 328**

No arrangements were made with the Mancomunidad de Municipios del Campo de Gibraltar regarding Gibraltar's representation at FITUR this year.

#### **Answer to Question No. 329**

The cost of attending FITUR was as follows:

Travel	£ 999.13
Stand	£14,340.54
Subsistence	£ 2,672.53
Hotel	£ 1,491.96

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**CONTD. ANSWER TO QUESTION 330**

**Contd. Answer to Question 329**

Mileage	£	198.99
Photographer	£	500.00
Insurance	£	30.00
General Expenses	£	412.97
Courier	£	<u>94.00</u>
Total		£20,640.19

**Answer to Question No. 330**

Gibraltar was represented at FITUR during 25-29 January by the following entities:

- Calypso Tours
- The Cable Car
- Dolphin World
- Gibraltar Taxi Association
- The Elliott Hotel
- Blands Travel
- Parodytur
- La Barcina/La Mamela/Paradiso Group of Restaurants
- Emile Youth Hostel
- Globe Travel
- Rock & Fortress/Let's Go Walking Tours

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 324 TO 330 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to Question No. 326 of 2006 which is the dinner for Spanish travel journalists in Madrid, there is a figure here of £1,480 but can the Minister say how many journalists were invited to that dinner?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I have not got that figure, has that figure not already been given to the hon Member? I am not sure but I think there were roughly around 30, I think the figure of 32 is the figure that I remember.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In answer to Question No. 328 of 2006, which is the one to do with the Mancomunidad and FITUR do I take it then that these reports of a joint stand or whatever has actually never materialised, there has never been a joint stand, is that the case this year as well?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, I have always made clear that Gibraltar would continue to have its own stand irrespective of any cooperation that may have existed in doing any joint promotion or adopt any joint strategy, we would continue to do our own stand as well. This year we were not contacted to participate in their stand and therefore we went ahead and did our own thing as we would have done anyway.



ORAL

**NO. 331 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – UPPER ROCK**

Can Government say, since the increase of admission fees to the Upper Rock, how much money obtained as a result of the increase has been spent in upper rock improvements giving a breakdown of the money spent and what it was spent on?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 332 to 336 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 332 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GTB – UPPER ROCK**

Can Government state what is the level of arrears due as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 and as 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 by concessionaires in respect of admission fees to the Upper Rock Nature Reserve?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 331 and 333 to 336 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 333 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 December 2005 inclusive:

- (a) by charging coaches that use the coach park;
- (b) in admission fees to the Upper Rock;
- (c) in admission fees to the Gibraltar Museum?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 331, 332 and 334 to 336 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 334 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – SECOND WORLD WAR TUNNEL EXHIBITS**

When do Government expect to put out to tender the operation of the Second World War Tunnel Exhibit at Hay's Level?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 331 to 333 and 335 to 336 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 335 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – CRUISE CALLS**

Can Government say how many different ships account for the cruise calls that were recorded in 2004 and in 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 331 to 334 and 336 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 336 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TOURISM WEBSITE**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £21,294.89 spent on the Tourism website as at 30 November 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The extensive factual and statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the Schedule.

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION 336**

#### **Answer to Question 331**

The amount spent as at 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 was £103,578. Works include:

- (a) Electrical System at St Michael's Cave
- (b) Medieval Castle
- (c) Line Painting
- (d) Paths
- (e) Charles' V Wall
- (f) Sewer Surveys

#### **Answer to Question 332**

The level of arrears due as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2005 in respect of admission fees to the Upper Rock Nature Reserve was as follows:

31 <sup>st</sup> December 2004	£385,693.00
31 <sup>st</sup> December 2005	£360,605.50

#### **Answer to Question No. 333**

The following revenue has been raised on a monthly basis from December 2005:

##### **Upper Rock Admission Fees**

Dec 05	£ 99,135.69
Jan 06	£ 90,038.64
Feb 06	£110,978.86

##### **Coach Park**

Dec 05	£3,900
Jan 06	£3,210
Feb 06	£4,390

##### **Gibraltar Museum**

Nov 05	£ 983.18
Dec 05	£2,289.25
Jan 06	£ 625.92
Feb 06	£1,079.52

Oct 05                      £1,917.82

#### **Answer to Question No. 334**

The present operator has a licence agreement till April 2007. Government intends to put this to tender at that time.

#### **Answer to Question No. 335**

In 2004, 61 different ships accounted for the cruise calls.

In 2005, 62 different ships accounted for the cruise calls.

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**CONT ANSWER TO QUESTION 336**

**Answer to Question No. 336**

The £21,294.89 spent on the Tourism Website was made up as follows:-

Monthly Maintenance & Hosting March 05 to October 05 - £464.13 p.m.	£3,713.04
New Website – Technical Services	£9,106.25
New Website – Designer	£8,250.00
2 Domain Names	£ 210.45
Refreshments – Website Meeting	<u>£ 15.15</u>
	£21,294.89



ORAL

**NO. 337 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB - MARKETING**

Can Government say, with a breakdown, how much of the estimated £750,000 tourism marketing budget for 2005/2006 had been spent as at:

- (a) 31 December 2005;
- (b) 28 February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 338 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 338 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – HEAD 104**

On what repairs was the sum of £3272.49 spent on 29 July 2004 as given in answer to Question No. 1282 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The extensive factual and statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the Schedule.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 338****Answer to Question No. 337/2006**

Marketing Expenditure  
as at 31/12/05

	<b>Total</b>
Literature	35,044.36
Activity (Trade)	16,115.65
Activity (Media)	5,139.36
Promotional Material	2,555.39
Advertising	292,539.54
Trade/Consumer Fairs	19,749.81
Events	45,613.41
Other	21,294.89
Recurrent Expenditure	85,058.01
Contingencies	28,241.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>551,351.42</b>

Marketing Expenditure  
as at 28/02/06

	<b>Total</b>
Literature	62,073.52
Activity (Trade)	23,413.32
Activity (Media)	8,023.86
Promotional Material	2,715.39
Advertising	343,493.96
Trade/Consumer Fairs	46,593.27
Events	45,605.41
Other	26,682.15
Recurrent Expenditure	105,960.50
Contingencies	28,535.33
<b>Totals</b>	<b>693,096.71</b>

**Answer to Question No. 338**

Installation of beach showers and foot baths	£2,757.22
Repairs at Little Bay	£ 68.00
Repairs at Eastern Bay	£ 188.00
Manufacture of wooden steps for Sandy Bay	
Umbrella Store	<u>£ 259.27</u>
	£3,272.49

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 337 AND 338 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to the marketing budget the table the Minister has handed me shows that £693,000 had been spent as at 20<sup>th</sup> February. There is an entry there that says recurrent expenditure £105,960 what does that refer to? What recurrent expenditure because that would not be wages or anything of that sort since it comes under marketing?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well recurrent expenditure is actually expenditure that we have a commitment for every year in things like for example, our public relations contract in the UK, our public relations contract in Madrid, Spain, subscriptions to different associations that Gibraltar belongs to, the expenses of the UK GTA meetings and so forth. In other words, they are expenditure which we need to incur in order for us to be able to apply and adopt marketing strategies. They are the vehicles which we use and which we have contracts for throughout the year.

**ORAL**

**NO. 339 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – HEAD 104**

What is the “Gaviota Show” that Master Service were paid £3706.50 for under the heading “Cleaning Western Beach and Gaviota Show” supplied in answer to Question No. 1282 of 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

There was a typing error in the handout to Question No. 1282 of 2005. The correct wording should have been Gaviota Showers but somebody decided to shorten it to Show and when I actually got the question my blood pressure rose as I thought somebody had actually spent money on some form of show on the beach or something but it was proved that it was just a typographical error which I hope the hon Member will understand.

ORAL

**NO. 340 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GTB – ROSIA BAY**

Can Government state whether, and if so when, they propose to carry out remedial works at Rosia Bay, which is used outside the official bathing season as playgrounds and whose surface is partly in an advanced stage of dilapidation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 341 and 342 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 341 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GTB – BEACH FACILITIES**

Can Government state whether they propose to have changing room and toilet facilities available at all our beaches for the Easter Holidays?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 340 and 342 of 2006.

**NO. 342 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GTB – BEACH FACILITIES**

Can Government confirm that full facilities will be available at all beaches for the official bathing season?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Government intend to carry out improvement and beautification works at Rosia Bay. It is envisaged that this project will be undertaken during 2006/2007. The House may recall that in this morning's question that part of the premium of £300,000 was towards that, so Government are now putting together a project for the area in order to try and convert this into a leisure/bathing facility.

Toilet facilities and changing rooms will be available at all beaches during the Easter Holidays. Shower facilities will be available at some beaches.

The usual facilities will be available at all beaches for the Official Bathing Season.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 340 TO 342 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I would encourage the Minister to consider for the works in Rosia Bay to start in early 2006 rather than in 2007 because the surface as it is at the moment constitutes a danger to the children playing there.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, I fully understand what the hon Member says but I can only start the project once the project has been finalised and agreed to, and as soon as that happens that is when we intend to proceed.



ORAL

**NO. 343 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – FLIGHTS FROM GIBRALTAR**

How many flights from Gibraltar to the following airports were delayed by more than an hour on a monthly basis since January 2005 inclusive:

- (a) London Gatwick;
- (b) London Heathrow;
- (c) London Luton;
- (d) Manchester?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 344 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 344 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 December 2005 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The extensive factual and statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule.

**Schedule to Question 344****Answer to Question 343**

January to December 2005

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
LGW	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
LHR	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
LTN	0	0	4	0	2	4	3	0	2	1	1	1
MAN	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

January to March (14<sup>th</sup>) 2006

	Jan	Feb	Mar
LGW	0	0	1
LHR	0	0	0
LTN	1	2	2
MAN	0	0	0

**Answer to Question 344****December 2005****Flights timetabled**

London Gatwick	30
London Heathrow	28
London Luton	22
Manchester	13

**Flights Cancellations**

0  
0  
0  
0

**January 2006****Flights timetabled**

London Gatwick	31
London Heathrow	31
London Luton	23
Manchester	14

**Flights Cancellations**

0  
0  
0  
0

**February 2006****Flights timetabled**

London Gatwick	28
London Heathrow	28
London Luton	22
Manchester	13

**Flights Cancellations**

0  
0  
0  
0

**NO. 345 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB - AIRLINES**

Can Government say whether they are having discussions with any new airlines interested in flying to and from Gibraltar, other than the three that they were in discussion with at the last Question Time in this House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The Government are not in discussions with any new airlines interested in flying to and from Gibraltar other than the three that they were in discussion with at the last Question Time in this House.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 345 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Government say whether discussions proceed with the three airlines today that they were with at the last Question Time in this House?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, I would not call them 'discussion' but at least 'contact'. They have openings where decisions are taken and so between openings there is no point in really having any form of contact but obviously we are in regular contact to be able to try and convince them to look at Gibraltar positively.

ORAL

**NO. 346 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 September 2005 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 extensive factual and statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule.

**SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 346**

(a)

Place of Interview  
Number of Interviews 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
Sept 05	1,632	10	8	5.0	2	5.8	-	-
Oct 05	1,409	28	26	4.4	2	4.0	-	-
Nov 05	1,458	11	11	5.9	-	-	-	-
Dec 05	1,243	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 06	1,299	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feb 06*	229	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(b)

Place of Interview  
Interviews Not Stayed at Hotel

	Total Interviews Not Stayed at Hotel	Airport	Port	Frontier	Waterport	Marina	Coach Park
Sept 05	1,622	33	21	1,568	-	-	-
Oct 05	1,381	18	37	1,242	-	11	73
Nov 05	1,447	25	36	1,235	-	-	151
Dec 05	1,243	-	-	1,243	-	-	-
Jan 06	1,299	-	-	1,259	-	-	40
Feb 06*	229	-	-	229	-	-	-

\*The information in respect of February 2006 has only been partly inputted.

**NO. 347 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**

I have been away on two occasions from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at FITUR in Madrid and from 29<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> February 2006 in Lisbon to attend the Microsoft Government Leaders Conference.

ORAL

**NO. 348 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TRANSPORT – MOTOR VEHICLES IMPORTED**

What was the value and number of private motor vehicles imported by:

- (a) individuals;
- (b) licensed dealers;

on a monthly basis since November 2005 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 349 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 349 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TRANSPORT – GOODS VEHICLES IMPORTED**

What was the value and number of goods vehicles imported by:

- (a) individuals;
- (b) licensed dealers;

on a monthly basis since November 2005 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The extensive factual and statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule.

**SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 349****Answer to Question 348**

The number and value of private motor vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since November 2005 was as follows:

	<b><u>Private Motor Vehicles Imported by Individuals</u></b>		<b><u>Private Motor Vehicles Imported by Licensed Dealers</u></b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Value (£ Thousands)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Value (£ Millions)</b>
Nov 05	21	46	547	6.8
Dec 05	17	86	333	4.3
Jan 06	20	64	435	6.5

**Answer to Question 349**

The number and value of goods vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since November 2005 was as follows:

	<b><u>Goods Vehicles Imported by Individuals</u></b>		<b><u>Goods Vehicles Imported by Licensed Dealers</u></b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Value (£ Thousands)</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Value (£ Thousands)</b>
Nov 05	2	7	3	11
Dec 05	-	-	1	1
Jan 06	4	6	2	8

ORAL

**NO. 350 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – CITY BEAUTIFICATION BOARD**

What is the composition and function of the City Beautification Board and when did it meet in 2005 and 2006 to date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 351 to 353 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 351 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**COMMERCE AND TRADE ADVISORY BOARD**

What is the composition and function of the Commerce and Trade Advisory Board and when did it meet in 2005 and 2006 to date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 350, 352 and 353 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 352 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**LABOUR ADVISORY BOARD**

What is the composition and function of the Labour Advisory Board and when did it meet in 2005 and 2006 to date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 350, 351 and 353 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 353 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TOURISM ADVISORY BOARD**

How often and on what dates have the following met:

- (a) the Tourism Advisory Council since 15 December 2005;
- (b) the Port Advisory Council since 8 December 2005;
- (c) the Business Advisory Council since 24 November 2005;
- (d) the E-Business Advisory Council since 15 December 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The extensive factual and statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule.

### **SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 353**

#### **Answer to Question No 350**

The City Beautification Board was set up to co-ordinate the beautification works being carried out along Main Street and other areas within the City walls. The function of the Board was to co-ordinate the works with traders represented by the Chamber of Commerce and the Federation of Small Businesses. It was disbanded after the last election in November 2003. Consequently, it never met in 2005 or 2006.

#### **Answer to Question No 351**

The Commerce and Trade Advisory Board does not exist and subsequently did not meet in 2005 and 2006.

#### **Answer to Question No 352**

The composition of the Labour Advisory Board and its functions are as follows:

The Hon Minister for Employment

Mr Ernest Gracia	Director of Employment
Mr Elio Chevasco	General Manager – Ministry of Employment
Mr Charlie Sisarello	Transport & General Workers Union
Mr Edwin Reyes	Gibraltar Trades Council
Mr Andrew Pons	Prospect
Mrs Marilou Guerrero	Federation of Small Businesses
Mr Edward Macquisten	Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce
Mr George Olivera	Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce

The objective of the Labour Advisory Board is to promote a better climate for industrial relations, and to perform an advisory role in seeking broad consensus in employment and training policies, by a process of consultation between the Government, employers representatives and labour representatives.

The Labour Advisory Board serves the following specific purposes:

- (a) A forum for the provision by the Government of information relating to its labour policies.
- (b) The promotion of a better knowledge of the activities of the Ministry of Employment.
- (c) The promotion of a better knowledge of the Employment Ordinance and Regulations.
- (d) Constitute a forum for a consultation process prior to the implementation of any further Employment legislation, whenever this is possible.
- (e) The study and review of the situation of the employed, unemployed and under employed persons, taking into account local laws, regulations and practice concerning conditions of work and working life and terms of employment, draw

### **CONTD. SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 353**

#### **Contd. Answer to Question 352**

attention to defects and abuses in such conditions and terms and submit proposals on means to overcome them.

- (f) To make technical advice available to employers and workers and their respective organisations on their request.
- (g) The Ministry of Employment will assist in the improvement of labour relations by providing or strengthening advisory services to undertaking, employers organisations and workers' organisations requesting such services, in accordance with programmes established on the basis of consultations with such organisations.
- (h) The Ministry of Employment will endeavour to provide in agreement with the employers and workers' organisations concerned, conciliation, mediation and arbitration facilities, appropriate to local conditions and laws, in case of collective disputes.
- (i) To provide a forum to enable employers and workers organisations to advise the Government on employment services, employment promotion and creation programmes, vocational guidance and vocational training programmes and unemployment benefit schemes.
- (j) The Labour Advisory Board will assist in promoting the establishment of, methods and procedures for ensuring consultations of employers' and workers' organisation, or – where appropriate – employers' and workers' representations, on employment policies, and promotion of their co-operation in the implementation of such policies.
- (k) The Labour Advisory Board will review and advise Government on manpower planning, where this is possible, and the provision of technical information and advice. Equally the advice in the integration of manpower plans with economic plans.
- (l) To monitor the working of the Job Centre.

The Board has met on 7 April 2005 and 9 January 2006.

#### **Answer to Question No 353**

The respective Advisory Councils have met as follows:

- (a) Tourism Advisory Council – since the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2005 the Council met once on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006.
- (b) Port Advisory Council – since the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2005 the Council met once on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

### **CONTD. SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 353**

#### **Contd. Answer to Question 353**

- (c) Business and Commerce Advisory Council – since the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005 the Council has not met.
- (d) E-Business Advisory Council – since the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2005, the Council has not met.



**NO. 354 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EU OBJECTIVE II PROGRAMME**

Can Government explain in respect of what expenditure there was a Recovery Order No. FED213368 amounting to £429,583 in the financial year 2003/2004, which had to be off-set against claims made under the EU Objective II Programme 2000/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The sum of £429,583 had to be reimbursed to the EU Commission. This amount represented the difference between the advance payments and the subsequent claims made under the Objective II 1997-1999 Programme.

As requested by the Programme Manager on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2003, the amount of euros 621,390.44 was recovered by the EU Commission on DOCUP Gibraltar Objective II 1997-1999 and was deducted from the two outstanding payment claims, that is, Claim 3 – euros 420,069.69 and claim 4 – euros 378,361.00 of the Objective II 2000-2006 Programme, Gibraltar only received the balance.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 354 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I know all that already from reading it in the Auditor's Report. What I want to know is that there must have been a reason why we receive the money first and then they ask to have it back, a project that was started and not completed or was it that a claim was made late, there must be some explanation?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, obviously this goes back some time, well before my time. The explanations that I have been given by officials is that when one sets up one of these Objective Programmes, one is given in advance 7 per cent of the value of the fund and therefore subsequently to that one puts in claims for a variety of projects, be it Government or private sector projects, and towards the end of the programme then there is an adjustment depending on whether there has been an under-expenditure or whether there has been claims that have not been accepted, or part-claims that have not been accepted because a lot of the claims that go to the EU are not actually

paid for in full. In respect of this 1997-1999 Programme, there was this outstanding amount of £429,583 which we should have been reimbursed because the targets were not met and subsequently, rather than actually repay the Commission, as the net programme was already on-going and we had claims No. 3 and No. 4 that had to be settled by the Commission to us, one thing was off-set against the other but the short of it is that the sum of £429,583 was as a result of the fact that we needed to reimburse the Commission as certain payments had not reached the target.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I appreciate that this is some time after the event and the Minister was not then the Minister responsible but this is when it has come out in public, this is the 2003/2004 audited accounts and therefore it was not possible to ask any question about this because there was no way of knowing that this was happening. Obviously the question seeks an explanation in respect of what expenditure there was a recovery order and the explanation given really takes me no further than what I already know from reading the Auditor's Report. It would seem to me that if we have actually had to forego £429,000 of EU money which probably means that we have had to spend some of our money doing things that we would otherwise not have to do so, it is a matter which the House is entitled to want to know what went wrong and where because after all it is costing us money. I am afraid I understand the problem the Minister has got but at the end of the day it was not the same Government that was in office in those years and therefore it is not as if they cannot get hold of the papers that belonged to a previous administration. So I would appreciate if we could identify it, I have not come across this business before, I accept that we did not give the money back but only because they agreed that money we should be getting we would not get and they retained it, which is as good or as bad as giving it back to them.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

What I have been informed by officials is that there is not a particular project as such that did not meet its criteria or there was not a particular project which was not authorised by the Commission, so they cannot pin point the shortage as a result of a particular project. That is just for the sake of clarification purposes, but it was obviously part of the whole programme which consisted of something like, I was told, 90 different projects. There is an element of the fact that 7 per cent of the programme is given to the EU Secretariat locally as an advance payment, so therefore one always has a 7 per cent value to one's credit all through the programme. The explanation is probably as a result of the fact that there was probably under-expenditure, in other words not enough projects were submitted during that programme to meet the total amount of the programme, and possibly there was some shortfall as well as a result of possible claims that were put through which were not accepted. I am told that there was not any particular claim that was not accepted, they cannot be pin pointed to one particular claim, but I was shown evidence of a number of claims where maybe there was a shortfall of 17,000 euros, 80,000 euros and therefore that eventually adds up throughout the course of the programme, which obviously is a 1997-1999 Programme but it actually spreads out to the year 2001. Therefore it is a five year programme and that is the explanation that I have been given by officials. If the hon Member wants me to go further I will try and go further for him and offer him as much information as I can on this particular issue. In fact, I actually read the question to do with the Theatre Royal and I thought when I read one and then I read the other 'ah, that must be what Mr Bossano must

be thinking', and I specifically asked a question and I want to clarify for his own piece of mind that it did not even fall within that programme so there was no evidence of that. I hope that that at least clears the hon Member's mind as far as that particular project is concerned.

ORAL

**NO. 355 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**AQUACONTROL PROJECT**

Can Government list their partners in the Aquacontrol project under the ERDF and say what financial or other contribution they are expected to make?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 356 and 357 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 356 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**ADMITRON II PROJECT**

Can Government say what financial contribution they are expected to make in connection with their participation in the Admitron II project and list the other participants in the scheme?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 355 and 357 of 2006.

**NO. 357 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EU FUNDING**

Can Government list the parties that have applied for:

- (a) EU funding; or
- (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 extensive factual and statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the Schedule.

## **SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 357**

### **Answer to Question 355**

Government partners in the Aquacontrol Interreg IIIB Sudoe project are:-

- (1) Diputacion Provincial de Castellon;
- (2) Consell Insular de Menorca;
- (3) Diputacion provincial de Malaga;
- (4) Syndicat Mixte Departemental de l'Eau et de l'Assainissement de l'Arige; (France)
- (5) Camara Municipal de Moura (Portugal);
- (6) AquaGib Ltd

Total project eligible cost is €98,000. All financial contributions will be made by AquaGib Ltd.  
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### **Answer to Question 356**

The total eligible expenditure for the Admitron II project is €180,000 of which Government can claim back 50% (€90,000) from the Interreg IIIB Sudoe Programme.

The participants in this project are:

- (1) Diputación Provincial de Jaen
- (2) Consell Insular de Menorca
- (3) Government of Gibraltar
- (4) Centre de Recherche Commun Armines LG12P
- (5) Instituto Pedro Nunes
- (6) Centro de Iniciativas Empresariales Beira Aguieira

### **Answer to Question No. 357**

#### **ESF PROJECTS**

Project No.	Name	Sponsor	Status	ESF	GOG	Private Sector	Purpose of Project
43	Focus 5506	Employment Service	Pending	£40,140 (45%)	£49,060 (55%)	-	Employment support measure for registered long-term unemployed persons, ex-offenders or those recovering from an addiction.

#### **ERDF PROJECTS**

Project No.	Sponsor	Status	ERDF	GOG	Purpose of Grant
95	Pizzaghetti Ltd	Active	£16,409.56 (15%)	£16,409.56 (15%)	Renovation works, furniture & decorations, plant & equipment, rent & rates.
96	Technical Services Department	Active	£238,101.50 (50%)	£238,101.50 (50%)	Project execution
97	Technical Services Department	Active	£567,304.50 (50%)	£567,304.50 (50%)	Pre-contract works, project management fees, project execution
98	Fotografix Designs	Active	£5000.00 (14.62%)	£5000.00 (14.62%)	Lenses & equipment, freight & duty, studio lighting, rent subsidy, shop signage, IT equipment
99	Technical Services Department	Active	£727,500.00 (50%)	£727,500.00 (50%)	Pre-contract works, project management fees, project execution

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**Contd. Schedule to Question 357**

<b>100</b>	<b>P&amp;O Homes</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>£4,599.76 (15%)</b>	<b>£4,599.76 (15%)</b>	<b>Building works, furniture, advertising, Air conditioning.</b>
<b>101</b>	<b>Party Inflatables &amp; Amusements Ltd</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>£7,485.97 (15%)</b>	<b>£7,485.97 (15%)</b>	<b>Equipment, freight &amp; import duty, advertising &amp; promotion, signage</b>
<b>102</b>	<b>Parcos Investments Ltd</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>£4,758.90 (15%)</b>	<b>£4,758.90 (15%)</b>	<b>Building works, fixture &amp; fittings</b>



**NO. 358 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GFSB**

Can the Minister for Commercial Affairs explain why the Federation of Small Businesses were not given £12,000, as he promised, to pursue the ISO 9001-2000 certification courses programme for 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

It is Government's intention to once again contribute towards the cost of training leading towards ISO accreditation for up to 16 GFSB member companies wishing to complete the programme. This information has already been communicated to the Chairperson of the GFSB by letter recently.

Unfortunately the necessary financial provision was not made during the financial year 2005/2006 to meet this expenditure.

However, I confirm that the Department of Education and Training has included a bid for funds in the estimates for the financial year 2006/2007.

ORAL

**NO. 359 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 since the last Question-Time in this House, showing the dates when the conferences in question were held, the cost and the departments that were most directly involved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

There were none that related to Ministries for which I am responsible. Such information is not centrally held about all Government Departments.

**NO. 360 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IMPORTS - COMPUTERS**

What was the value and number of computer components imported into Gibraltar since November 2005 inclusive on a monthly basis?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since November 2005 was as follows:

	Value of Computers (£ thousands)
November 2005	433
December 2005	327
January 2006	570

It is not possible to provide figures on the number of computer components imported as such records are not compiled by the Customs Department.

ORAL

NO. 361 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**IMPORTS**

Can Government provide a figure for the value of imports and exports, excluding petroleum products, for the month of January, February and March in each year from 1996?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

The information requested is shown on the attached table.

**Answer to Question 361**

**IMPORTS**

**£ million**

	<b><u>January</u></b>	<b><u>February</u></b>	<b><u>March</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>1996</b>	21.6	22.8	22.9	67.3
<b>1997</b>	20.8	14.6	17.1	52.5
<b>1998</b>	14.3	15.3	23.3	52.9
<b>1999</b>	23.5	9.8	22.9	56.2
<b>2000</b>	38.4	32.5	23.4	94.3
<b>2001</b>	31.4	23.0	22.3	76.7
<b>2002</b>	18.8	18.7	19.8	57.3
<b>2003</b>	21.5	20.6	24.9	67.0
<b>2004</b>	24.2	22.4	27.5	74.1
<b>2005</b>	20.8	18.9	32.5	72.2

**EXPORTS**

**£ million**

	<b><u>January</u></b>	<b><u>February</u></b>	<b><u>March</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
<b>1996</b>	8.5	4.4	3.1	16.0
<b>1997</b>	7.6	3.5	3.5	14.6
<b>1998</b>	2.7	3.2	5.1	11.0
<b>1999</b>	6.9	3.3	6.2	16.4
<b>2000</b>	4.8	11.0	4.6	20.4
<b>2001</b>	8.4	4.8	5.3	18.5
<b>2002</b>	5.6	7.1	5.5	18.2
<b>2003</b>	6.0	7.1	6.7	19.8
<b>2004</b>	8.4	7.9	8.8	25.1
<b>2005</b>	6.1	7.7	15.9	29.7

**NO. 362 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX**

Can Government confirm whether all of the 836 employers that made completed returns in October 2002 and 2003 also made completed returns in October 2004, 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**

Of the 836 employers who made completed returns for the October 2002 and for the October 2003 Employment Surveys, 758 completed returns in respect of the October 2004 Employment Survey. The breakdown by industry is as follows:

	Number of Employers
Shipbuilding	7
Other Manufacture	18
Electricity and Water Supply	4
Construction	46
Wholesale and Retail Trade	264
Hotels and Restaurants	71
Transport and Communication	54
Financial Intermediation	83
Real Estate and Business Activities	114
Public Administration and Defence	3
Education	10
Health and Social Work	18
Other Services	66
GRAND TOTAL	758

ORAL

**NO. 363 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT**

Can Government provide the comparable breakdown for October 2004 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 2004 having also done so for October 2002 and 2003?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information requested is shown on the table attached.

**Answer to Question 363**

**Full-Time Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, Private Sector, October 2004**

<u>INDUSTRY</u>	<u>ALL</u>		<u>GIBRALTARIAN</u>		<u>UK BRITISH</u>		<u>MOROCCAN</u>		<u>SPANISH</u>		<u>OTHER EU</u>		<u>OTHER</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	253	12	98	8	32	0	18	1	82	3	13	0	10	0
Other Manuf.	74	35	36	25	5	4	13	1	16	4	3	1	1	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	108	14	92	14	4	0	7	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
Construction	972	51	377	34	187	9	81	2	298	5	18	0	11	1
Whsle/Retail Tr.	1,280	660	659	364	120	86	143	8	294	178	23	15	41	9
Hotels/Restrnmts.	359	267	63	37	50	45	99	36	107	125	23	21	17	3
Trans/Comm.	340	143	225	107	46	14	23	1	41	16	5	4	0	1
Fin. Intermed.	363	509	205	358	78	84	2	1	25	33	36	21	17	12
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	472	478	280	319	97	82	13	7	54	60	23	8	5	2
Public Admin.	95	70	90	69	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Education	1	29	1	19	0	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Health/Social Wk.	22	61	11	24	3	11	0	0	7	26	0	0	1	0
Other Services	526	238	242	99	170	68	25	4	37	40	30	7	22	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,865</b>	<b>2,567</b>	<b>2,379</b>	<b>1,477</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>48</b>

ORAL



**NO. 364 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT**

Can Government state how many employers to date have made completed returns and how many have made Nil returns in response to the questionnaires distributed for the October 2005 Employment Survey and whether the survey is now closed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

In respect of the October 2005 Employment Survey, a total of 1,406 questionnaires have been returned. A total of 1,080 completed returns and 326 nil returns have been submitted. The survey is now closed.

**NO. 365 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT**

Can Government provide the breakdown by industry in respect of the 1,061 employers who made completed returns in respect of the October 2004 Employment Survey?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The figures requested are as follows:

	Number of Employers
Shipbuilding	7
Other Manufacture	27
Electricity and Water Supply	3
Construction	64
Wholesale and Retail Trade	333
Hotels and Restaurants	108
Transport and Communication	79
Financial Intermediation	130
Real Estate and Business Activities	165
Public Administration and Defence	4
Education	12
Health and Social Work	25
Other Services	104
GRAND TOTAL	1,061

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 365 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can I just check one figure which perhaps does not look accurate? This is in the category Electricity and Water Supply the figure I have got down is 3 and the figure that I had in the previous list of 758 was 4, is the 4 wrong? I would have expected it to be one that does not actually change.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Those are the figures that I have been given.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Have I written the '4' down correctly?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes correct, in Question No. 362 it is 4 and then it is 3 in Question No. 365.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Given that the 758 are part of the 1,061 it must follow that the column that he has just given me ought to be higher in every category than the previous one, because the total is higher and it is the same date.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I understand the point that the hon Member is making, however, I have added up the 1,061 and they add up correctly. I do not know whether the 758 add up now, I can check. The reply to Question No. 362 also adds up correctly.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am sure the Minister will agree that it cannot be correct that there were four employers in 2002/2003 who were also in 2004 and yet the total number of employers in that industry is only three. If the three is right the four must be wrong but it is peculiar that the totals should still be correct in both cases, I must say.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely, I can undertake to re-check that and let him have the correct figures. I do not think it is a major issue but I think it is something that ought to be accurate and therefore I will have that checked and I will write him a note confirming the issue.

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**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

In the Question and Answer Session yesterday the Leader of the Opposition and myself were discussing an issue in respect of a possible error in the statistics in Question No. 362 of 2006, the answer had stipulated a figure of four when previously the answer to Question No. 365 of 2006 had actually stipulated three. I have had the matter looked into by the Statistics Office and in fact it was an error, the figure should read three in both cases so I hope that clarifies the matter.

ORAL

**NO. 366 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**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**

Answered together with Question No. 367 of 2006.

**NO. 367 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**ROSIA COURT**

Can Government say if house No. 10 Rosia Court has been sold?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No, control of the Management Company has not yet passed to the new owners of the properties, precisely because Unit No. 10 has not yet been sold.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 366 AND 367 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

What happens then if Unit No. 10 is not sold for any length of time in the future? Will it stay in limbo, will this Management Company stay in limbo?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, the Government do not envisage that Unit No. 10 will remain unsold, there is much demand for these things as I think the hon Member knows and the reason why it has been unsold is that the person who originally won it withdrew and the Government have not yet decided how to dispose of it. In other words, whether to limit any re-draw to the people who were in the original draw or to dispose of it on some different basis. When we have made that decision it will be re-marketed and I imagine it will be sold immediately. I do not imagine that this will take very much longer.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Will House No. 10 be sold at the original price offered?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, why is the hon Member interested?

**HON L A RANDALL:**

No, my daughter has already acquired one but can the Chief Minister confirm then that the prospective purchaser will not have to pay Stamp Duty on the price of the house whilst the others have?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, there is a question on the Order Paper specifically about that question and I think there are Rules of the House without pre-empting it.

**ORAL**

**NO. 368 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes, there have been some and I am happy to give the hon Member the usual information that he requests in respect of them.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 368**

		SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
Dec 05	Monies Received		£3,056.00		£64,135.29		£67,191.29
Jan 06	Monies Received		£22,933.14			£33,095.20	£56,028.34
Feb 06	Monies Received	£107,645.52	£40,900.74	£31,480.11		£65,548.35	£245,574.72
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£107,645.52</b>	<b>£66,889.88</b>	<b>£31,480.11</b>	<b>£64,135.29</b>	<b>£98,643.55</b>	<b>£368,794.35</b>



**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 368 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Government say what has been the uplift in these cases over the original?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No I cannot but I have not been informed that there has been any variation from the last time.

**ORAL**

**NO. 369 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES**

Have Government now decided what the allocation criteria for the Waterport Terraces Housing scheme will be?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 370 to 373 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 370 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES**

Can Government state, how many of the 142 applicants for Waterport Terraces who are from the Housing waiting list proper are from Gibraltar belongers living in Spain?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 369 and 371 to 373 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 371 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES**

Can Government state, how many of the 104 applicants for Waterport Terraces who are from the pre-list for Housing are from Gibraltar belongers living in Spain?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 369,370, 372 and 373 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 372 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES**

Can Government say how many "duplicate applications" were received by the Government for the Waterport Terraces development?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 369 to 371 and 373 of 2006.

**NO. 373 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES**

Can Government say how many formal applications were finally submitted for the Waterport Terraces scheme and how it is that only 595 were either guaranteed a flat or took part in the draw for the balance?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The allocation criteria at Waterport Terraces are those stated publicly in the Conditions of Sale and other documents published. The effect of the application of those criteria was explained by the Government in a press statement issued on 27<sup>th</sup> February, a copy of which I now hand to the hon Member in case he has not seen it.

One applicant who was on the Housing Waiting List is a Gibraltar believer living in Spain. None of the applicants on the pre-list fall into this category.

A total of 1,112 application forms were received, of which on analysis, 15 were found to be duplicated applications. That is to say, I should explain what duplicated applications means. It does not mean photocopied or sent in twice, it means two different application forms submitted in respect of the same effective purchasers, making a total of 1,097 applications.

Not all applications went into the draw for a variety of reasons. Amongst others, prior to the allocation process, a number of applicants were disqualified on the basis that they did not meet the eligibility criteria. The remaining applicants were then subjected to assessment by merit under the published preference and priority criteria.



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**Waterport Terraces**

The Government has now completed its analysis and assessment of the applications from prospective purchasers of the 396 properties at Waterport Terraces, in the context of the published preference criteria and the size of apartments applied for by the applicants.

1. First priority will be given to 87 applicants who are surrendering a total of 88 Government rental flats. This decision has been made because it doubles the number of families whose housing needs are met, since, in addition to enabling 87 to purchase their desired home, the housing department will receive 88 extra flats for allocation to people on the housing waiting list, who may not be able to afford to purchase a home. All of these applicants are guaranteed a property at Waterport Terraces. Those who applied only for specific properties, will be allocated one of their chosen properties. Those who applied to buy any property of a particular size, while also being guaranteed a property will participate in a draw to decide which specific property, they may purchase.
2. For similar reason 8 applicants, who are existing property owners but who have applied to upgrade to a larger property at Waterport Terraces because their existing property is too small for their family needs, and whose needs have been adjudged to be genuine, will also be guaranteed a property at Waterport Terraces. Not all applicants for upgrading have been accepted on this basis. As already announced, such purchasers will be required to sell their existing flats to Government at the same price per square metre as applies at Waterport Terraces for the cheapest property of the same number of bedrooms, so that there is no possibility of profit. Government will then sell off those released, existing properties to new buyers at the same price.

3. There are 34 four bedroom maisonettes, for which co-ownership terms are not available. Three of them will be allocated to applicants who are surrendering a Government flat. The remaining 31 maisonettes will be contested in a draw by 43 qualifying applicants.
4. There are 32 four bedroom flats. 21 of these will be sold to 21 applicants who are surrendering a Government property and are therefore being guaranteed a property at Waterport Terraces. The remaining 11 flats will be contested in a draw by 41 other applicants.
5. There are 272 three bedroom flats within three price ranges. One is being allocated to a bidder with a severe social/medical need. Ten will be allocated to ten applicants who are surrendering a Government property and are thus guaranteed a property. 53 flats will be contested in a draw by 53 applicants who bid to buy 100%. 74 Co-ownership applicants (including 9 surrendering a Government property will contest 74 properties in a draw. 29 other applicants who are either surrendering a government flat or upgrading will participate in a draw to contest 29 flats. The remaining 105 flats will be contested in a draw by 224 co-ownership applicants.
6. There are 58 two bedroom flats.  
  
22 will be sold to 22 applicants who are surrendering a government flat. The remaining 36 flats will be contested in a draw by 73 qualifying applicants
7. The above process will require a number of separate draws conducted chronologically over a number of weeks. Applicants who are participating in these draws will be written to individually, giving date, venue and other details of the draw. Draws will be conducted in the presence of all participants in that draw who wish to attend and in the presence of a notary public. The first draw is scheduled for Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2006.
8. The following is an analysis of the above information.
  - 54 flats are being directly allocated to applicants surrendering a Government property or upgrading from an existing property.
  - 159 flats are being contested in draws in which the participants (some of whom are surrendering a Government property) are guaranteed a flat.
  - 183 flats are being contested in draws in which participants are not guaranteed a flat.
  - Out of 396 properties:  
  
At least 108 are being purchased on 100% terms;



At least 252 are being purchased on co-ownership terms.

36 will depend on the outcome of draws as to whether they are 100% or co-ownership.

9. Purchasers who are not successful at Waterport Terraces will be given priority at Nelsons View, Cumberland View and North Gorge projects, the allocation process of which will commence next month. Purchasers who are allocated a property at Waterport Terraces will not be eligible to apply at these other developments.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 369 TO 373 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

About 502 applicants have been left out on account of the system enforced to determine who will be either considered as a serious applicant and who will enter into negotiations to purchase or form part of the draw. I know that the Chief Minister or the Minister for Housing, I am not sure, are on record as saying that those 500 or whoever is left out this time round will be given priority in the next Government Scheme. Now, I am not happy and I would like the Chief Minister to explain in more detail why is it that not more people were included in the draw, which in a sense is not a good enough system because it is a clear indication of the Government's failure in addressing the housing problem?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, much more likely than being an indication of that it may be an indication of the fact that the Government published priority criteria, which I do not recall Opposition Members criticising, and then have applied them. There is no point saying we are going to give priority to people who are badly housed, or who are under-housed or who are waiting to get married, or who have got young children and are still living with their parents, and then not giving them in a process a degree of priority over people who are still in their second year at university and would rather like the idea of having a flat ready for when they come back. Well look, they can have flats too because the Government are having built over 1,000 of them and therefore there will be more for everybody, but in this first round the Government made it clear that there were certain preference criteria. For example, one of the preference criteria was that people should not have been co-owners before. Well look, there were applicants who had clearly owned before, had sold and were now coming round for a second bite at the cherry. Well I do not suppose the Opposition Member seriously believes that they should have been given the same chance of getting one of these than somebody who is still waiting patiently for their first home. So there were many, many applications, going into the hundreds, of young people, unmarried, with no intention of getting married, living at home with their parents who simply said, 'well I live at home with my parents, I have got my own bedroom but I would like to live in my own pad'. Well fine, eventually we will get round to accommodating them too but they are not the first priority. There were applications from youngsters who were still studying at university in the United Kingdom and who just thought that this was a good opportunity. Now, I would have thought the hon Member is not so keen to sort of tarnish everything that the Government do, even in accordance with published criteria that he did not criticise, that he honestly believes that the Government should have given all applicants to Waterport Terrace the same degree of chance regardless of the social need for housing that they are presently suffering. That cannot be the hon Member's position but I have no hesitation in saying to him that if it is the hon Member's position, the Government reject it as inappropriate and irresponsible, but I say I do not think it is the hon Member's position implicit as it might sound from the question that he has asked me. For example, we gave priority, I suppose he would approve of this too when he thinks about it, we gave priority to people who were otherwise qualified but who were surrendering and offering to give up their Government flat because we solve their problem and also give the Housing Minister another flat to allocate to another family who maybe cannot afford to buy. So by the time one applies all the published criteria the people that went into the draws to compete against each other were the people who all had the same degree of

compliance, or who all complied with the published criteria. That must be the right way to do it because to have put everybody into the pot would have been a lottery and not a response to peoples' housing needs. Now have they been left out? Left out means that they have got two or three more weeks to wait before they can be given priority in applying for houses in the other part of the Government's affordable housing schemes, the Nelson's View, the Cumberland View and the North Gorge development. Between them they will dispose almost of all of these applications, even of the least socially meritorious.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Has the draw actually taken place?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is not one draw, as it says in the statement that I know obviously now he has not seen before I was just speculating, because all of that is carefully explained in the Government statement. It was a pretty long and comprehensive statement, very fully covered in the press, I am surprised that the hon Member has not seen it but yes, it explains that the draws had to be staggered because some people applied for flats of different sizes. So there had to be the draw of one size of flat so that if there were losers they could then go into the draw for another size of flat. I think the last of the draws takes place today but draws have been taking place over the last fortnight or so, I believe, but I think today's is actually the last draw. People draw for which flat because those people already know, their names have already been drawn, the 140 or 130 odd all the way down, so rather than the Hall now filling up with everybody and the losers waiting 8 hours to know that they are losers, all those names have now been drawn out in the presence of a Notary Public and in the presence of the people themselves but then they go back with appointment times in the order in which they have been drawn out to go and choose the particular flat that they want. I think the draws have gone very well and I would like to take this opportunity publicly to commend the officials and the employees of GRP Investments that have so fairly and ably conducted these draws, and indeed of the Housing Department.

**ORAL**

**NO. 374 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HOUSING – 50/50 SALES**

Can Government state what resale restrictions currently apply in co-ownership estates in respect of homes which are:

- (a) 100 per cent owned; and
- (b) Part owned by the occupant?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The restrictions that apply are in most cases the ones that have always been in place. However, an accurate answer to the question requires a detailed exposition of the position under the legal documentation relating to each Estate. This cannot reasonably be done in the period of time since notice of the question was received. I will however, write as soon as possible to the hon Member setting out the position and any policy changes that may have resulted in any deviations in practice from those positions.

**NO. 375 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – TEACHERS PENSIONS**

Can Government state whether they have implemented the policy of recognising all the period of service in the computation of the teachers pension therefore disregarding any break in service and whether it will be given retrospectively to those who have missed out?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The position remains as provided in my answer to Question No. 1333 of 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 375 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

There are two parts to this question this time, and it is whether it will be given retrospectively, can the Chief Minister state either way?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

That is precisely one of the issues, amongst many others, that are under consideration and which the Government will announce when they make their announcement. Of course even his question about retrospection, he should understand, has many different sub-sets because what does he mean by retrospection? People that are still in employment, people that are no longer in employment, people that retired as of when, widows of ex-Civil Servants that may have themselves died, so the issue of retrospection itself breaks down into many sub-questions, all of which are being given due consideration.

**ORAL**

**NO. 376 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**POST OF COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS**

How many applications have been received for the post of Collector of Customs and when do Government expect to announce who is to become the holder of that post?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Three applications have been received.

The Government will be in a position to announce the outcome of the selection process when the Public Service Commission has made a recommendation and this accepted or not, as the case might be, by HE the Governor. I understand that the Board will meet after Easter.

ORAL

**NO. 377 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**GHA – AVIAN FLU**

Who delivered the avian flu leaflets for Government and how much did it cost?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Thirty-seven Government employees, at a total cost of £3,700, were involved in the delivery of the Avian Flu Leaflets, and I think that is huge value for money.

ORAL

**NO. 378 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVANTS**

Can Government state whether any of the posts vacant in Government departments following Question No. 1409 of 2005 have since been filled 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**

Eight posts have been filled. The other information requested is set out in the schedule that I hand the hon Member.



**ANSWER TO QUESTION 378**

<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>GRADE</u></b>	<b><u>NO OF VACANT POSTS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE FILLED</u></b>	<b><u>RECRUITMENT</u></b>
EDUCATION	TECHNICAL – DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY	1	24-Jan-06	INTERNAL
HOUSING	HPTO	1	3-Jan-06	INTERNAL
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	MESSENGER	1	24-Jan 06	INTERNAL
	ASST MANAGERESS	1	6-Mar-06	INTERNAL
	ST BERNADETTE'S			
	CLEANER	2	20-Feb-06	INTERNAL
			20-Feb-06	INTERNAL
TRADE & INDUSTRY	EO	1	12-Dec-05	INTERNAL
SECRETARIAT	AO	1	3-Jan-06	INTERNAL

ORAL

**NO. 379 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. 1410 of 2005, and if so, show the grade and department?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

A number of posts have become so vacant and the information which he requests is set out in the schedule that I now hand to him.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 379**

<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>GRADE</u></b>	<b><u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u></b>
EDUCATION	TEACHER	1
	AA	1
	CLASSROOM AIDE	3
	CLEANER	3
BUILDINGS AND WORKS	WORKS SUPERVISOR	1
	CARPENTER	1
	MASON	1
	CRAFTSMAN MATE SPECIAL	1
	LABOURER	1
TECHNICAL SERVICES	MT DRIVER	1
	CRAFTSMAN MATE SPECIAL	1
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	AO	1
POSTAL SERVICES	SOS (EX-SORTER)	1
	SOG	1
POLICE	POLICE CONSTABLES	4
PROCUREMENT	EO	1
HUMAN RESOURCES	HEO	1
TREASURY	HEO	2
CUSTOMS	COLLECTOR OF CUSTOMS	1
GIBRALTAR HEALTH AUTHORITY	HEO	1
	MESSENGER	1

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 279 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the vacancies in the Postal Services, are these grades that following the changes that were introduced were personal-to-holder or would they be grades that will continue to exist and will be filled by promotion?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not retain the details of that agreement which was some years ago but I understand that these are the new permanent grades, this is the new nomenclature. There is a tradition whereby the sorters cover the postmen, whether that has been preserved I do not know but I think de facto it happens that way, whether by agreement or just by force of habit I do not know.

**NO. 380 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**POST OF CHIEF FIRE OFFICER**

Can Government state to what grade in UK is the salary of the Chief Fire Officer analogued?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The salary of the Chief Fire Officer is pegged at 20 per cent above the salary of the Senior Divisional Officer grade in the UK Fire Service.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 380 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is there a grade in the UK called Chief Fire Officer or not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not know whether it is called Chief Fire Officer, I think it is, but even if it is not called Chief Fire Officer there is certainly a grade of a name which corresponds to the man in charge of a Fire Service. This post in Gibraltar was affected by something which also affected the Commissioner of Police. Historically they were analogued to a particular small force, I think in the case of the Police it was the Galloway & Dumfries or something to that effect. The UK then changed its system whereby the pay was graded by reference to the amount of the population serviced by the area for which one was responsible, by the force for which one was responsible. The smallest unit was 400,000 of population or something like that, Gibraltar's population being much smaller and so for that reason at that time I think there was, I am not sure of the Fire Service but certainly it was true of the Commissioner of Police, there was an inspection done and the percentage discount that in accordance with the UK pay system should be suffered by the local incumbent by virtue of the fact that the UK's system had gone population related, our population was much, much lower than the smallest UK size unit. I think there was an outside inspection of some sort that decided what percentage of the Commissioner of Police's salary and in this case this agreement was entered into with the incumbent Commissioner of Police. It is not the extent of his package but the question asks for what his basic salary is pegged at.

**NO. 381 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**FIRE SERVICE**

Can Government confirm that the dispute with the Fire Fighters on the Agreement to provide manning for the third ambulance was settled on the basis of the final offer by the Government as published in Press Release 108/2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Well the question is too widely drawn, the basis of the statement, the essential element of the Government's statement which refers is that there could not be any further enhancement on the percentage of pension and it was settled within that parameter. In other words, there was a redistribution which resulted in enhanced pay but no enhancement in pension percentage. So there is a variation of the cash allowance but not of the pension, the pension has not been increased beyond what was then on offer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 381 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Was the cost of the settlement higher than what was spelt out in that press release?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The press release does not spell out a cost. Obviously there is a difference between a present cost and a future cost, when one is talking between pensions and cash to the extent that one enhances cash one is increasing one's present costs. If that enhancement of cash element is instead of or in reduction of a pension enhancement then one is increasing one's present costs but reducing one's future costs and that is the nature of the exercise that took place.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The point I am trying to establish was whether in fact what we were talking about was a situation where there were possible variables in the components of the package but the total value of the package is unchanged, or whether in fact the final package was better than the original package?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

My understanding is that a number of variable packages were available, all within the same. My understanding of the position was that it was settled within the cost of that package except, I seem to recall that in the negotiations the offer was extended to a number of individuals who might not have been intended to benefit at the original time, so the cost might have increased in that sense in that I think it was eventually extended to people dealing with safety and mechanics, people who do not physically man the ambulance. But that might not have been the position at the time that the offer was made so there would almost certainly be an increase in cost to the Government as a result of more people benefiting from the deal rather than from the deal itself having crossed the lines of that statement. That is my recollection, I am almost certain it is correct but I would have to have that specific issue checked. If he is interested in knowing that to the penny, in other words, is there any cost, then I can get that checked but I believe that that is so. The Government's statement on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2006 said that the TGWU have accepted a new variation of the standing offer for combined payment of a pension enhancement of salary and an annual pensionable allowance. So that suggests that it was. I will have it confirmed to the hon Member but I am almost certain that is true.

**NO. 382 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – CLASSROOM AIDES**

What is Government's policy in offering permanent employment to workers on the Supply List for Classroom Aides when a permanent vacancy occurs?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

When a permanent vacancy for a post of Classroom Aide arises, applications to fill the post in question are invited via the Bulletin of Circulars. Supply Classroom Aides are eligible to apply.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 382 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So it is not the case then that the length of time on the list leads to people being offered a vacancy when it happens?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I would expect and assume that that is a factor to which the Selection Board gives due consideration, given to suggest that the person knows the job, is experienced and is already shown to be suitable for it and does the job satisfactorily. I do not think it follows automatically and I can think of one good reason why it should not follow automatically. That is that it is not difficult to get onto a supply list. If getting onto a supply list, which does not involve an open contest, a transparent contest, then gives one an advantage into getting into the permanent and pensionable service and that were a standard system, then one could see how the people who exercise the power, whoever they might be to put people onto the supply list, are in effect making themselves personally choosing the future permanent and pensionable employees because once they choose one for a supply list, if that is going to give one an advantage for when a permanent vacancy arises they are in effect choosing the category of people that will benefit. So I think for that reason it is not formally done in that way, I would have thought that certainly if I was sitting on a selection board and a long-serving supply worker applies, I mean there would have to be a jolly good reason in my mind as a member of the Board why such a person should not be in a way thanked for having done the job, presumably satisfactorily. Now if they have not been satisfactory that is another matter, but if they have done the work



satisfactorily I would have thought it is a pretty compelling advantage in the Board, but I do not think it is enough to dislocate, to dislodge the Board's system. I think that is the essence of the question, whether it gives an automatic right of progression.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am surprised because the Chief Minister is talking about the Board as if here we were talking about a position in the Civil Service, which requires..... I think that to my knowledge that grade of employee is normally selected by the management whether the vacancy is a permanent one or a supply one.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well the management in the sense that it is a Departmental Board that makes the recommendations, not the full PSC Board a Departmental Selection Board, but not management of the Department necessarily.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I mean, the PSC never used to select industrial workers, is it that they now do?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No they do not select, it is a Departmental Board.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I know but the Chief Minister is saying it is not the full PSC as if it was, there are many areas in the Civil Service where the full PSC is not involved and a Departmental management as it were sub-group of the PSC is involved in non-industrial, permanent and pensionable appointments.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is a question of seniority not of nature of the person.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it the practice that on the industrial side it is the management that selects the people, whether they are going to be supplying or whether they become permanent or not?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well it depends what is meant by management.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Those running the show.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well it depends whether he means Departmental management or Civil Service management. Departmental Selection Boards are not boards comprised by the management of the Department where the vacancy arises, they are boards composed of management drawn from the Civil Service. So management in the sense that everybody at a management level in the Civil Service is management may find themselves on one of these boards, but if by management he means management of the Department, my understanding is that that is how it does not work. The PSC's involvement is not by virtue of the nature of the job but rather by the grade. I think the PSC gets engaged from HEO and HPTO upwards and below that it is done by Departmental Board. That is the way it is done but of course all appointments under the Crown are ultimately signed off by the Governor, so everyone is just offering advice.

**HON S E LINARES:**

The answer to this question actually surprises me a great deal. For the simple reason that, as I understand it and as the Minister for Education has stated in this House, Supply Classroom Aides go through induction, go through courses, courses are being run to qualify them to make them eligible to become Classroom Aides whether on a supply list or on a permanent and pensionable basis. So now the Chief Minister comes here and says that the supply people have to satisfy the management. Well if they have not satisfied the management once they are in a supply list, what are they doing in the supply list in the first place?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am surprised that the hon Member should be surprised by my answer because nothing of what I have said contradicts anything of what he has said which addresses a completely different question.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Would the Chief Minister kindly shed further light on some comments he made way back in 2004 concerning a new formula which would help people like Classroom Aides on a supply basis to at least get sickness benefit and holiday entitlement, if not made permanent and pensionable?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes indeed, that is something that we are presently working on and indeed it is something that EU directives are in the pipeline about. There are two issues here, there is the issue of making those long-serving supply workers who are in effect doing permanent jobs, making them permanent and pensionable and quite a lot of those have been done, and then in respect of the remainder, the ones who are

genuinely classified and correctly classified as supply workers, those should have appropriate terms and conditions of employment. Both those things are being worked on and I agree with the sentiment of the question that a supply worker, particularly a supply worker for an extended period of time, should not be engaged on terms which are some people would argue abusive. All right, one gets a bit more pay but one gets no holidays and no sick cover and things of that sort. Historically, the slightly higher rate of pay was thought to compensate for those missing conditions but most people would now tend to the view that that is no longer a proper way of doing it. Indeed I believe that there are directives in the pipeline about it in the EU about not being allowed to offer workers higher pay instead of certain other conditions.

**NO. 383 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**GHA – AVIAN FLU**

Will Government issue guidelines to schools to take preventive measures in respect of Avian Flu?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

At present neither the issue of guidelines to schools, nor the taking by schools of preventative measures in respect of Avian Flu is required or appropriate. The general guidance to the public which was publicised by the Government through a leaflet, delivered as they now know by Civil Servants at the cost of £3,700, to all households in Gibraltar remains valid and contains useful information for everyone, including school children, teachers and others employed in our education system.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 383 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

The Chief Minister has just said 'to all households in Gibraltar'. I would like to point out that there are many residents of the area where I live who have not received a leaflet and I should be obliged if I could be informed where it is that I can obtain such a leaflet?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I hope the hon Member is not feeling so paranoid that the Government have carefully arranged for him not to receive an Avian Flu leaflet in the hope that he might contract avian flu. That said, I understand that the leaflets are available at No. 6 Convent Place but it will give me huge personal satisfaction to send him a copy personally.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Thank you very much.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The Chief Minister will be aware that in the United Kingdom schools are being given specific guidance and that the Government are in particular looking at what matters of hygiene, in relation to children and the washing of hands et cetera, are to be emphasised if not put in place and a reference to this has been carried by the serious English press. Will he not reconsider having such guidance provided by the Department of Education also to schools in Gibraltar?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will be happy to consider it when those experts and technical people whose job it is to advise Ministers on such matters, offer that advice to the Ministers. At the moment no such advice has been forthcoming. In the United Kingdom there is a different set of factors at play. Namely, that the United Kingdom has poultry farming and therefore there are circumstances, well the United Kingdom is much more exposed to avian flu affecting its chicken farms and poultry farms than we are in Gibraltar. We are managing very different levels of risk and those very different levels of risk call for a different approach to the publication and taking of preventative measures, and indicate different steps at different times. That is the approach that we are taking in Gibraltar. Most people, I see from the press, people who step off aeroplanes and tell us that we are taking unnecessary steps and we are doing everything far too quickly unnecessarily and that we are panicking. I suppose this would be an exception then.

ORAL

**NO. 384 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBTELECOM – NUMBERING AND ROAMING COMPLAINTS**

Can Government provide an update on the Numbering and Roaming complaints, which were initially raised with the European Commission in 1996?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

As previously stated on a number of occasions, the EU Commission declined to take action on the Numbering and Roaming Complaints and Gibtelecom accordingly filed legal actions before the Court of First Instance challenging the Commission's refusal to act. The cases are currently pending before the Court of First Instance.

ORAL

NO. 385 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

**GIBTELECOM**

Can Government provide an update on the status of the sale of Gibtelecom shares?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government had the opportunity to meet five prospective purchasers of Verizon's shareholding in Gibraltar at the end of January and in early February. We understand that Verizon are in discussions with the bidders to identify a preferred purchaser, and in doing so they are now able to take account of the Government's view.

**NO. 386 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SENIOR FIRE OFFICERS**

Can Government state whether they have now looked at and/or come to a policy decision in respect of the claim from retired Senior Fire Officers regarding backdated pay and conditions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The answer to the question remains as I gave the hon Member in answer to Question No. 1376 of 2005, and that is that the Government have not yet taken a policy decision.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 386 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Are the Government likely to take very much longer in taking this decision?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I cannot say, it raises quite difficult issues.



ORAL

**NO. 387 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**BUILDING CONTRACTORS**

Can Government state how much was paid to building contractors in the financial year ended March 2005, giving a breakdown of the amounts paid to each contractor and in respect of which project?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information requested, I am told, is not readily available to the Government in the form that it has been requested. I will write to the hon Member with details of the expenditure requested when the information has been compiled.

ORAL

**NO. 388 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**HOUSING – SIR WILLIAM JACKSON GROVE**

Can Government state when they propose to proceed with the sale to the tenants of the available parking spaces at Sir William Jackson Grove (Gib V)?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Government have not yet made that decision but I would expect it to be some time during the course of this year. There are not very many there.

**ORAL**

**NO. 389 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COURT PLEADINGS**

Has a date for an oral hearing 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, we are still awaiting the fixing of a date by the Court.

ORAL

**NO. 390 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**LEGAL ADVICE - FEES**

Can Government give a breakdown of the amounts paid so far in this financial year to each law firm (or Barrister) in respect of civil legal assistance and criminal legal aid, giving a breakdown by firm and showing what are legal fees and what are disbursements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 390**

	Legal Assistance		Legal Aid	
	Disbursements	Fees	Disbursements	Fees
A Haynes				£ 150.00
A MacDonald	£ 717.00	£ 6,254.40		£ 7,459.50
Attias & Levy	£ 1,449.00	£ 1,213.60	£ 37.50	£ 5,399.00
C A Gomez & Co	£ 82,603.25	£ 14,401.19		£ 2,670.00
C Salter	£ 1,567.00	£ 5,866.67		
Central Clinic			£ 210.00	
G Wilson	£ 300.00			
Gold Law Firm	£ 3,222.80	£ 9,775.80	£ 5.00	£ 815.00
Hassans	£ 12,611.60	£ 61,837.80	£ 4.00	£ 10,311.20
Howard Cohen	£ 200.00			
Ian Watts				£ 4,472.00
Isola & Isola	£ 3,981.00	£ 32,505.88		£ 6,767.63
J Leighton Williams	£ 43,000.00			
J Lucas	£ 650.00			
Janis Evans	£ 8,356.75	£ 78,643.81		
M Bishop	£ 4,441.60			
M Henderson	£ 3,300.00			
Marrache & Co	£ 1,781.34	£ 5,285.20	£ 10.10	£ 4,709.00
Mary Callaghan (Phillips)	£ 1,600.00			
MM Consultancy	£ 360.00			
Mr C W Lees	£ 250.00			
Phillips & Co	£ 23,534.70	£ 230,600.67	£ 20.00	£ 1,132.00
Quest Services	£ 250.00			
Radcliffes LeBrasseur	£ 2,766.65			
Ray Pilley	£ 1,879.50	£ 17,704.00		£ 400.00
S J Bullock & Co	£ 2,624.00	£ 21,122.67		£ 3,080.00
S R Bossino	£ 2,412.00	£ 17,373.60		£ 18,488.00
Safety Services	£ 210.00			
Simon Levene	£ 500.00			
Triay & Triay	£ 3,290.15	£ 43,949.36	£ 3.30	£ 1,148.00
Triay Stagnetto Neish	£ 2,030.37			£ 1,735.00
Verrall Solicitors				£ 2,472.00
	<b>£ 209,888.71</b>	<b>£ 546,534.65</b>	<b>£ 289.90</b>	<b>£ 71,208.33</b>

**NO. 391 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES ORDINANCE**

Will the Government confirm whether they intend to effect an amendment to the Companies Ordinance to enable the shareholders of a company to sanction that a company should be able to provide financial assistance in the purchase of its own shares, commonly known as “Whitewash” provisions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

This possibility remains under consideration at the request of the law firm of which the hon Member is a partner.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 391 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I was unaware, entirely unaware, that there was a request to this effect from the law firm of which I am a partner, of which I am again a partner but will the Chief Minister take it from me that we sometimes find that other financial centres where shareholders are able to sanction the purchase of a company's own shares, or the financial assistance of the purchase of a company's own shares, had an advantage over Gibraltar in some transactional work for that reason.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, there is nothing particularly wrong with him being a partner of the law firm that has requested this, nor can I accept, I think his memory has failed him, about not being aware because the last time he asked such a question I told him so and he got very upset with me, so this is not the first time he asks me a question about the whitewash procedure and it is not the first time I tell him. I think last time I jested with him whether he was going to declare an interest or something and things developed from there. We are all fallible as to memory. In any case, the Government constantly get requests from the Finance Centre, I think we have demonstrated over the last few months that where we get proposals from the Finance Centre that adds strings to the bow of the Finance Centre, particularly with the demise of the exempt company, we will look into this and that falls into that category, there is a large raft of financial services legislation to be passed hopefully in this House before the summer recess, and this may be amongst them.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The Chief Minister will forgive me, I get so upset with him so often that I cannot put my finger on which particular occasion this might have been. Can he direct me to when he gave the previous answer so I can review it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I cannot from memory but the hon Member's point about getting upset with so many people so often is precisely the reason why anger always clouds good judgement.

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**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I now just take the opportunity of taking the Chief Minister back to the question on the whitewash provisions, simply because since his answer I have had an opportunity of reviewing all the Hansards since the question was first asked in 2004, can I just reassure him and will he accept that in none of the answers, there was only in fact one question where the whitewash procedure was ever raised, in none of them did he tell me that he had any request in any respect from the law firm of which I am again a partner. The only time that he referred me to that was in relation to a statement I made, I recall now, in the Budget about stock exchanges so will he undertake to take back that remark he made earlier?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will undertake to take back the remark if when I do my search I come to the same conclusion as him but certainly not on the basis of his research, no.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Very well, then seeing as the allegation stands and it cannot be substantiated I would ask that the Chief Minister do in fact do that research and come back to the House and clarify the position.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The allegation what, that he is a partner at Hassans?

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The allegation being that he told me before in answer to a question.....

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is not for the hon Member to set me homework but as I am always happy to humour his requirements I will certainly have it looked into.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Grateful, I am not trying to set him homework it is that an allegation has been made and I am asking that the Chair rule that it either be looked into and stand if he is correct and I have not found the reference, or that it does not stand as the reference was never there.

**MR SPEAKER:**

I really do not think it calls for a ruling, I think the position is very clear.



ORAL

**NO. 392 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 2 STATUS**

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 2 status in Gibraltar as at the end of each of the months of December 2005 to the end of February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 393 to 398 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 393 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 2 STATUS**

How many individuals have surrendered Category 2 status since January 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 392 and 394 to 398 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 394 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 3 STATUS**

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 3 status in Gibraltar in each month from December 2005 to the end of February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 392, 393 and 395 to 398 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 395 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 3 STATUS**

How many individuals have surrendered Category 3 status since January 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 392 to 394 and 396 to 398 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 396 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 4 STATUS**

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 4 status in each month of December 2005 to the end of February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 392 to 395, 397 and 398 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 397 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 4 STATUS**

How many individuals have surrendered Category 4 status since January 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 393 to 396 and 398 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 398 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 3 STATUS**

Have Government been able to identify any particular reason for the grant of Category 3 status to 17 individuals in June 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached schedule.

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION 398**

#### **Answer to Question 392**

In the months of December 2005 to February 2006 the following numbers of individuals joined the register of people with Category 2 status:

December '05	4
January '06	0
February '06	6

#### **Answer to Question 393**

A total of 11 individuals have surrendered their Category 2 status since January 2005.

#### **Answer to Question 394**

In the months of December 2005 to February 2006 the following number of individuals joined the register of people with Category 3 status:

December '05	8
January '06	1
February '06	2

#### **Answer to Question 395**

A total of 16 individuals have surrendered their Category 3 status since January 2005.

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**CONTD. ANSWER TO QUESTION 398**

**Answer to Question 396**

In the months of December 2005 to February 2006 the following number of individuals joined the register of people with Category 4 status:

December '05	1
January '06	0
February '06	0

**Answer to Question 397**

A total of 5 individuals have surrendered their Category 4 status since January 2005.

**Answer to Question 398**

The reason for granting Category 3 status to 17 individuals in June 2005 has been driven by a specific exceptional increase in employment in Derivatives traders and Gaming companies.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 392 TO 398 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I do not think that the answer to Question No. 398 of 2006 is really an answer to be passed by schedule, seeing as it is a reason rather than a statistic.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, in respect of Question No. 398 of 2006, the reason for granting Category 3 status to 17 individuals in June 2005 has been driven by a specific exceptional increase in employment in Derivatives traders and Gaming companies.

ORAL

**NO. 399 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**PROTECTED CELL COMPANIES**

Have any applications to form a Protected Cell Company been submitted in the months of December 2005 to 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. 400 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 400 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**PROTECTED CELL COMPANIES**

Can Government state how many Protected Cell Companies were registered in Gibraltar in each of the months of December 2005 to the end of February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

One application was submitted in February 2006 and this is under consideration. No others have been received which remain pending consideration or which have been rejected.

None were registered during the period to which the question relates.

**ORAL**

**NO. 401 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES**

Can Government state how many tax exempt company certificates have been issued in each month from September 2005 to February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 402 and 403 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 402 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES**

How many tax exempt companies have terminated their tax exemption certificates in each month from September 2005 to February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 401 and 403 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 403 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES**

Can Government state how many companies have in each month from September 2005 to February 2006 applied to the office of the Finance Centre Director for the grant of exempt status and of these how many are presently awaiting the grant of said exempt status?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached schedule.

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION 403**

#### **Answer to Question 401**

The number of tax exempt certificates issued in each month from September 2005 to February 2006 are as follows:-

September '05	1
October '05	0
November '05	168
December '05	259
January '06	7
February '06	17
Total:	<hr/> 452

#### **Answer to Question 402**

The number of tax exempt companies which terminated their tax exempt certificates in each of the months of September 2005 to February 2005 is as follows:

September '05	48
October '05	50
November '05	58
December '05	42
January '06	46
February '06	84
Total:	<hr/> 328

"Terminated" their tax exempt certificates is interpreted by the Finance Centre as companies which have returned their certificates and no longer require exempt status.

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**CONTD. ANSWER TO QUESTION 403**

**Answer to Question 403**

In the months of September 2005 to February 2006 the number of tax exempt applications received by the Finance Centre Licensing Unit is as follows:

September '05	14
October '05	7
November '05	6
December '05	48
January '06	16
February '06	14
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Total:	105

At present the Licensing Unit have 4 of these applications pending the granting of exempt status.

**ORAL**

**NO. 404 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

Can Government list the companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months of December 2005 to February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 405 and 406 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 405 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

How many companies have been removed from the companies register in each of the months of December 2005 to February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 404 and 406 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 406 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

Can Government state how many companies have been re-domiciled out of Gibraltar in each of the months of December 2005 to 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 schedule.

## **ANSWER TO QUESTION 406**

### **Answer to Question 404**

The following companies were formed in Gibraltar in the months of December 2005 to February 2006:

December '05	122
January '06	129
February '06	159

### **Answer to Question 405**

The following companies were removed from the companies register in the months of December 2005 to February 2006:

December '05	189
January '06	209
February '06	138

### **Answer to Question 406**

The following companies have lodged applications for consent to re-domicile out of Gibraltar in the months of December 2005 to February 2006:

The registrar gives consent 30 days after the notice is issued and consent is given almost without exception.

December '05	67
January '06	50
February '06	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 December 2005 to February 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 407 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**BANKING SECTOR**

Can Government state how many persons were employed in the banking sector in Gibraltar, giving a breakdown by bank and by nationality (showing how many are Gibraltarian) in the months of December 2005 to the end of February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 408 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 408 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**INSURANCE INDUSTRY**

What is the total number of persons employed in the insurance industry in Gibraltar giving a breakdown by company and by nationality (showing how many are Gibraltarian) in the months of December 2005 to the end of February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached schedule.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 408****Answer to Question 407****Banking**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
December-05	15	703	486	120	33	2	57	5
January-06	15	709	486	124	33	2	59	5
February-06	15	717	490	127	34	2	59	5

**Answer to Question 408****Insurance**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
December-05	31	225	139	77	2	0	3	4
January-06	31	225	138	77	2	0	4	4
February-06	31	220	134	76	2	0	4	4

**\*FOOTNOTE:**

These figures have been provided by the ETB and are based on employers compliance with registration and deregistration obligations. However, we have been informed by the ETB that the insurance industry and banking sector are generally compliant.



ORAL

**NO. 409 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**BANKING LICENCES**

Can Government state whether any new banking licences have been issued in the months of December 2005 to the end of February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

None have been issued.

ORAL

**NO. 410 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**FINANCIAL SERVICES - CONFERENCES**

What is the breakdown between travel and accommodation expenses of the £5,496 spent in respect of the attendance by Mr James Tipping at the OECD Global Forum Conference in Melbourne, Australia between the 15<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 411 and 412 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 411 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**FINANCIAL SERVICES - CONFERENCES**

What is the breakdown between travel and accommodation expenses (giving a breakdown of the cost per person) of the £7,375 spent in respect of the attendance by Mr James Tipping, Mr Joseph Macano and Mr Chris Collins at the Risk & Insurance Management Society in Philadelphia, USA between the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 410 and 412 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 412 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**FINANCIAL SERVICES - CONFERENCES**

Can Government give the cost, with a breakdown, of attendance at all and any conferences which related or were considered to relate to financial services in the months of December 2005 to the end of February 2006, giving the name of the conference and the offices of those who might have attended as part of the Government delegation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached schedule.

#### **ANSWER TO QUESTION 412**

##### **Answer to Question 410**

The breakdown between travel and accommodation expenses of the £5,496 spent in respect of the attendance by Mr James Tipping at the OECD Global Forum Conference in Melbourne, Australia between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005 is as follows:

Flights (Business Class)	£5,052
Accommodation	<u>£ 444</u>
Total:	£5,496

##### **Answer to Question 411**

The breakdown between travel and accommodation expenses of the £7,375 spent in respect of the attendance by Mr James Tipping, Mr Joseph Macano and Mr Chris Collins at the Risk & Insurance Management Society in Philadelphia, USA between 18<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April 2005, is as follows:

	<b><u>Flights</u></b>	<b><u>Accommodation</u></b>
James Tipping	£1,987	£644
Joseph Macano	£1,987	£770
Chris Collins	<u>£1,987</u>	<u>-</u>
Total:	£5,961	£1,414

##### **Answer to Question 412**

The Finance Centre held 3 half-day seminars for Private Clients, Funds and Insurance at the London Underwriting Centre during 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2006.

Attended: 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 410 TO 412 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Chief Minister tell me why there is no accommodation cost in respect of Mr Collins in answer to Question No. 411 of 2006?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, I understand that it was paid for by one of the insurance companies attending the conference.

ORAL

**NO. 413 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CM'S VISITS OVERSEAS**

Can Government give a breakdown of the cost of all travel by the Chief Minister on Government business since the last answer in this House to date stating:

- (a) what the purpose of travel was;
- (b) who travelled with the Chief Minister;
- (c) who the Chief Minister intended to meet on each of the journeys undertaken; and
- (d) a breakdown of the travel expenses incurred?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 414 of 2006.

**NO. 414 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**LORD MAYOR'S SHOW IN LONDON**

Further to the answer to Question No. 1397 of 2005 regarding the cost of Gibraltar's participation in the Lord Mayor's Show in London, can Government provide a breakdown of the £3399.57 Miscellaneous expenses?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule attached.

The breakdown requested of miscellaneous expenses given in answer to Question No. 1397 of 2005 is as follows:

V.I.P. tickets	£ 235.06
Amounts paid to Gibraltar Students participating	£ 1,250.00
Hotel and travel expenses - students	£ 1,279.00
Refreshments in London Office (after procession)	£ 635.21
	<u>£ 3,399.27</u>



**Answer to Question 414**

**Answer to Question 413**

CM's travel since December 2005 to date

Date	Purpose	Persons Travelling	Met with	Air Fares & Other Travel Costs £	Expenses Accommodation £	Other £
11.01.06	Constitutional Reform, Trilateral Forum issues & MOD issues	CM / CS	Foreign Secretary Jack Straw, Foreign Office Officials, & Defence Minister Adam Ingram	818.40	566.40	-
27.01.06	Pre-Trilateral meeting	CM/CS	Mr Jose Pons, Spanish Foreign Office Director for Europe	18.43	-	-
18.02.06	Trilateral Forum, Foreign Office Meeting & Press Interview	CM/ CS / MD / ACS	UK and Spanish Delegation and Foreign Office officials & Adam Boulton (Sky),	1,278.20	1,215.29	215.30

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 413 AND 414 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Chief Minister tell me what the initials 'MD' and 'ACS' stand for in persons travelling on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2006?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

CS is the Chief Secretary; MD is the Media Director and ACS is the Assistant Chief Secretary.

ORAL

**NO. 415 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

Can Government state the number of companies for which company managerial services were provided as at the end of December 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

We do not have a figure for that as at the end of December 2005. However, there were 35,136 companies for which company managerial services were provided as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005.

**NO. 416 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**ARREARS PAYMENT AGREEMENTS**

Assuming that all parties were to keep to their obligation to make payments on due dates by when will the last payment be due under the 114 Arrears Payments Agreements referred to in Question No. 1369 of 2005 totalling £3.5 million?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Two of the agreements have termination dates in 2020.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 416 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does the Chief Minister know, does he have any information when those particular agreements were entered into?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, of the 114 arrears payments agreements in the question to which he had referred, 19 have already been fully repaid; 26 should have terminated in 2005 but are in default of the agreement and are therefore being passed for legal action; 4 have review clauses with no specific termination dates; and the date of the last payments of the remaining 65 are as follows. I think it follows that they are in the latest batch to have been entered into. Of course it is a condition of all of these agreements that the person keeps up to date with their current payments, in a sense.

ORAL

**NO. 417 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**LAND PROPERTY SERVICES**

Can Government state whether the new contract with Land Property Services has now been finalised?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Although Head of Terms have been agreed, the formal contract with Land Property Services Ltd I am told has not yet been signed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 417 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Is there any particular reason why it is taking so long to sign?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not think there is, it really is just now a question of putting into place.

ORAL

**NO. 418 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 1,502 persons were employed by 15 companies as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006, based on information supplied by the gaming operators themselves. This compares to 1,349 employed by the 15 companies on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2005. The breakdown requested by the hon Member is set out in the attached schedule.

**OFFSHORE GAMING COMPANIES - EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2006**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 418**

	<u>Gibraltarian</u>	<u>Other British</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ladbrokes (Gibraltar) Limited	23	46	7	2	78
Victor Chandler (International) Limited	64	167	14	56	301
Stan James (Gibraltar) Limited	8	108	4	28	148
BAW International Limited	18	26	11	50	105
Eurobet (Gibraltar) Limited	5	0	0	4	9
Carmen Media Group Limited	17	12	3	15	47
32 Red Plc (Formerly Trafalgar Betting and Gaming Limited)	11	18	0	1	30
St Minver Limited	23	15	6	15	59
Digibet Limited	0	1	2	1	4
888 Holdings Plc (Formerly Cassava Enterprises (Gibraltar) Limited)	80	180	12	112	384
Globet.com Group Limited	0	2	0	5	7
International Betting Association Limited	0	0	0	4	4
PartyGaming Plc	34	100	6	62	202
Mansion (Gibraltar) Limited	5	75	1	29	110
Futuresbetting.com Limited	1	13	0	0	14
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>1502</b>

Source : Office of the Financial & Development Secretary

ORAL

**NO. 419 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 December 2005 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 420 of 2006.



**NO. 420 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IMPORT DUTY**

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 December 2005 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The amount of import duty paid on building materials on a monthly basis since December 2005 inclusive is as follows:-

December 2005	£58,898.21
January 2006	£33,202.49
February 2006	£50,904.27

The amount of import duty collected from persons entering Gibraltar through the non-commercial gate at the Land Frontier on a monthly basis since December 2005 inclusive is as follows:-

December 2005	£24,279.56
January 2006	£13,360.82
February 2006	£13,558.56

ORAL

**NO. 421 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GAMING TAX**

Can Government state in respect of the estimated receipts of £4.8 million in respect of Gaming Tax in the current financial year, how many companies were expected to contribute to this amount and of these how many were expected to pay the capped amount before the increase recently legislated?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 422 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 422 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GAMING TAX**

Can Government state in calculating the estimated receipts of Gaming Tax at £4.8 million in the current financial year what was the total number of companies expected to pay Gaming Tax and in the case of how many was the amount of tax assumed to be at the level capped at the time of the estimates?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The estimated receipts of Gaming Tax of £4.8 million for the current financial year caters not only for the 15 remote gambling operators, but also the gaming tax payable by the land based casino and betting shops, together with a small amount of duty on bingo tickets purchased by clubs, associations and the like. Of the remote gambling companies 10 were expected to pay the capped amount before the increase.

ORAL

**NO. 423 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DATA PROTECTION ORDINANCE**

Can Government say as from what date the brochures on data protection have been available for collection from Convent Place?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 424 and 425 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 424 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DATA PROTECTION ORDINANCE**

How many persons were invited to attend the data protection seminars held on the 24 and 25 January and how many attended?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 423 and 425 of 2006.

**NO. 425 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DATA PROTECTION ORDINANCE**

What was the cost, with a breakdown of the data protection seminars held on the 24 January and the 25 January?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Data Protection brochures have been available from the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 from No. 6 Convent Place, John Mackintosh Hall, Post Office, Primary Care Centre, Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses and the Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce. In addition, it has also been available on-line on the Government of Gibraltar website.

A total of 88 civil servants were invited to attend and did attend the seminars held on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January in the morning. In addition, 25 organisations/associations were also invited and although records of attendees were not kept, they all sent representatives to attend the afternoon sessions.

The cost with a breakdown of the seminars were as follows:

Mr S Sweeney (Deputy Irish Data Protection Commissioner)	
Travel/Hotel	£699.10
Tea and coffee (attendees of the Seminars)	<u>£286.50</u>
	<u>£985.60</u>

**NO. 426 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**2002 ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE**

Can Government say whether the United Kingdom has now replied to the European Commission's reasoned opinion in respect of Gibraltar's failure to transpose five directives on electronic communications known collectively as the 2002 electronic communications package?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes Sir.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 426 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Chief Minister give the House details of the United Kingdom's reply?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think the reply was to the effect that the legislation was in an advanced stage of drafting, that its bringing to this House is imminent, which indeed it is, and I think they will be before this House at this meeting if not the next and I think that that is the nature of the answer that was given.

**NO. 427 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**COMPUTER HACKING**

Can Government confirm whether legislation to outlaw misuse of computers including hacking in or from Gibraltar is now being drafted?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No, not yet.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 427 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is it the policy of the Government to introduce this legislation?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, there is certainly no policy not to. It is just that there is a huge amount of drafting going on and I think it just competes with others for access to drafting resources but I think it will emerge and I would hope that it will emerge during the course of this year.



**NO. 428 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RESIDENCE PERMITS**

Can Government state, as at the end of January 2006, how many Moroccan Nationals were living in Gibraltar with a Residence Permit of over one year and how many were residing with a permit of one year or less and give a breakdown of each group by sex and age?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

According to immigration records, on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2006 there were 959 Moroccan nationals who on that date held valid residence permits which had been issued for a period in excess of one year. There were a total of 384 Moroccan nationals with permits issued for a period of one year or less.

The breakdown of each group by sex and age is as follows:-

1. Permits of over one year's validity:-

695 Males over 18  
175 Females over 18  
48 Males under 18  
40 Females under 18

2. Permits issued for one year or less:-

224 Males over 18  
125 Females over 18  
15 Males under 18  
20 Females under 18

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 428 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it still not the case that the permits of residence are based on the expiry date of the employment contracts and contracts are annually renewable?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Speaking from memory I think that the permits are issued co-extensively with the employment contract which can be for more than a year. I think that they are, I am just trying to recall what the linkage was, we did agree to extend permits of residence to five years for Moroccans who were.....

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I understood the Chief Minister to be saying that the extension to five years was going to be for those who had retired, because there cannot be 685 in that category surely?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will have to check this but I do not think that policy is limited to retirees. The reason for it as I recall was that they had problems getting Schengen entry visas with a residence permit in the EU, Gibraltar, of only a year and that was the reason for it. I do not think it was limited to retirees but I can check that and confirm that to him but I am almost certain it was not. Well, it is evident that it was not.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not saying it was, I am saying that in fact I got the impression from the answer he gave me previously that it was for retirees because it was in response to the answer of the people who were being permitted to register as looking for employment in order to be able to continue to live in Gibraltar. It was in the context of that question that he told me about the five years so I took it for granted that it was referring to that group.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I do not think that is correct but if what I am now saying to him is not correct I will tell him but I am 99 per cent certain that it was not limited to retired persons.

**NO. 429 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RESIDENCE PERMITS**

Can Government state of the Moroccan Nationals living in Gibraltar, as at the end of February 2006, how many had arrived or been issued with their first Residence Permit in February 2006 or later, giving a breakdown by year of arrival or issue of first permit by age and sex?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Immigration records show that as on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2006 a total of five Moroccan nationals had been issued with their first residence permits during the month of February. A further three new permits were issued to Moroccan nationals during the period 1<sup>st</sup> March 2006 to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

Of the five new permits issued in February one was issued to a male over the age of 18, two to males under the age of 18 and the other two to females under 18.

The three permits issued in March were in respect of two males over 18 and one female under 18.

**NO. 430 OF 2006****THE HON J J BOSSANO****HEAD 103, SUBHEAD 3**

Can Government state why there was a curtailment of expenditure instruction issued to the relevant Department in respect of works due to be undertaken under the provisions of Sub-Head 3, Head 103 of the I&D Fund in the financial year 2003/2004?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I am told that there was no curtailment of expenditure instruction issued to the relevant Department in respect of Sub-head 3, Head 103, I&DF in that year. I am told that the savings under the subhead "Storm Water Drains and Sewers Replacement" were generated for a number of reasons, amongst them:-

(a) Final account for repairs to Main Sewer contract lower than estimated.	£122k
(b) Delays in commencement of Flow and Load Study as part of the Feasibility Study for new Wastewater Treatment works.	£98k
(c) Savings in planned desilting work contracts, due to Sewer Section personnel concentrating on Flow and Load Study	£70k
(d) Savings in storm water drains on Main Street Beautification Project	£50k
(e) Desilting of Trunk Sewer – Final Account lower than estimated.	£20k
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b><u>£360k</u></b>

**ORAL**

**NO. 431 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

As at the end of February 2006 how many companies had been assessed by the Commissioner of Income Tax without having made a return of taxable profit:

- (a) above £35,000; and
- (b) below £35,000.

for each of the tax years 1998/1999 to 2003/2004, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case and for each category and each year and what were the amounts assessed and paid by qualifying companies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 432 to 436 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 432 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

As at the end of February 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 2003/2004, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case and for each category and each year and what were the amounts assessed and paid by qualifying companies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 431 and 433 to 436 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 433 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

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- (b) below £35,000

for the tax year 2004/2005, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case and for each category and each year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 431, 432 and 434 to 436 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 434 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

As at the end of February 2006 how many companies had declared taxable profits:

- (a) above £35,000; and
- (b) below £35,000

for the tax year 2004/2005, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case and for each category and each year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 431 to 433, 435 and 436 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 435 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

As at the end of February 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 431 to 434 and 436 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 436 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX - ARREARS**

Can Government state what the total of arrears of revenue was as at 31 March 2005 and how much of this total was in respect of:

- (a) Income Tax: and
- (b) Corporation Tax?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The total of arrears of revenue as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 stood at £44,398,835.35. This figure includes Income Tax arrears amounting to £22,129,086.60 and Corporation Tax arrears amounting to £9,177,490.75.

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 436****Answer to Questions 431 and 433****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
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

**Under £35,000**

No. of Companies assessed	759	574	294	319	369	461	542
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	1.5M	0.9M	0.5M	0.7M	0.9M	1.1M	1.6M
Total Paid	1.3M	0.7M	0.2M	0.3M	0.2M	0.2M	0.3M

**Over £35,000**

No. of Companies assessed	42	34	10	13	29	38	53
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.3M	0.8M	1.4M	2.1M
Total Paid	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.2M	0.4M	1.1M	1.3M

**Answer To Questions 432 and 434****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
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

**Under £35,000**

No. of Companies assessed	220	305	364	415	399	361	295
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	0.5M	0.6M	0.8M	1.0M	1.0M	0.8M	0.7M
Total Paid	0.5M	0.6M	0.8M	1.0M	0.9M	0.8M	0.7M

**Over £35,000**

No. of Companies assessed	76	100	132	145	146	145	127
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	6.3M	9.7M	12.0M	13.3M	14.9M	20.2M	18.6M
Total Paid	6.2M	9.7M	11.9M	13.0M	14.7M	19.8M	18.3M

**Note:**

Following the revocation of the Qualifying Companies Legislation in February 2005 all such companies have now been reclassified. As a consequence it is no longer possible to provide statistical data on the now discontinued Qualifying Companies classification.

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**CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 436****Answer to Question 435**

	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	89.1	28.6	30.8	35.9	36.4	29.9
Discharged	5.8	5.1	9.2	11.2	75.3	15.3	16.0	19.3	13.4	8.4
	10.0	10.5	10.6	14.7	13.8	13.3	14.8	16.6	23.0	21.5
Paid	9.5	10.3	10.4	14.4	13.6	13.2	14.1	15.4	21.2	18.7
Outstanding	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.7	1.2	1.8	2.8
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No of Companies	1446	1419	1468	1460	1545	1578	1531	1500	1469	1321

**Note:**

The 'Paid' figures are net of refunds.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 431 TO 436 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In Question No. 436 of 2006 what did the Chief Minister say was the breakdown between Company Tax and Income Tax?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

£22,129,086.60 was Income Tax and £9,177,490.75 was Corporation Tax.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But did he not say that the total was £44 million?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, but the answer actually gives more information than is sought because £44 million is the total arrears of revenue for all Government Heads of Revenue whereas the Question specifically asks for it only in respect of Income Tax and Corporation Tax, so he should ignore the £44 million in the context of his question and just focus on the two breakdowns.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I note that there is a note in the answer which says that the qualifying companies which have now been discontinued have now been reclassified, that is the reason why in fact I put a separate question for 2004/2005 because I assumed that they would be reclassified from the date that the legislation has been revoked. Surely for the years when they were still classified, if there are arrears as there was the last time the question was put and the answer provided, that still needs to be paid, no?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, arrears of Income Tax whilst they were qualifying companies is arrears of normal Corporation Tax, albeit payable at a different rate.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No, the point that I am making is that in Question No. 432 and No. 431 of 2006, I am asking for a breakdown which includes the tax assessed and paid by qualifying companies up to 2004, because they existed up to 2004 and that is why there is a separate question for 2004/2005 where there is no mention of the qualifying company because it no longer exists. But in the answer that I have been given, because the answer has put together the tax year where they do not exist with all the previous tax years where they did exist, where presumably there would be a movement if they were catching up with their previous assessments which had not yet been settled, it is not possible for me to work it out from the answer. That is why

the questions were separate, so the Government would be able to show to what extent the qualifying companies are paying the tax that they were assessed on but had not yet paid before they disappeared as qualifying companies.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh I see. Well, I can try and get that information for him separately. I am not sure that having answered his question separately would have made it any easier for him to work it out because the information would still have been aggregated. He just asks for a separate year and the information is given for that year but he appears to want it disaggregated as far as qualifying companies are concerned.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In every previous House until this one it has been disaggregated in respect of qualifying companies, and I assumed I would get the disaggregated answer until 2004 and an aggregated answer for 2005 when it is no longer possible to do it. But he has done it on every previous occasion.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will get that breakdown.

**NO. 437 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – SELF-EMPLOYED**

What was the estimated amount collected in Income Tax from self-employed persons, the number of self-employed persons paying this amount in the last tax year and the amount of estimated arrears as at 31 March 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

In the period 1<sup>st</sup> July 2004 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005 the sum of £8.2 million was collected in Income Tax from individuals grouped for statistical purposes in the category styled 'Self Employed'. This grouping includes all individuals assessed except for those under the PAYE regime.

Arrears of the 'Self Employed' as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 stood at £7.7 million.

ORAL

**NO. 438 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX - PAYE**

Can Government provide the breakdown by Paying Officers of the number of Government Employee Deduction Cards in the Tax Year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

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



**Answer to Question 438**

<b>EMPLOYERS REF</b>	<b>PAYING OFFICES</b>	<b>NO OF DEDUCTION CARDS 2004/2005</b>
G004	Education Department	127
G010	Gibraltar Health Authority	747
G011	Industrial Employees	740
G012	Pensioners (Treasury)	1478
G013	Royal Gibraltar Police	238
G015	Post Office	74
G018	Treasury	1806
G024	Employment & Training Board	464
G026	Overseas Pensioners (Treasury)	348
G317	Gibraltar Development Corporation	167
E149	Elderly Care Agency	214
S416	Social Services Agency	<u>79</u>
		TOTAL 6482
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**NO. 439 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – WRITE-OFFS**

Of the £942,924 abandoned claim in respect of tax assessments how much was in respect of individuals and how much was in respect of companies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Tax write-offs in the financial year 2003/2004 can be summarised as follows:

Assessments issued on:	£	
Companies		35,128.34
PAYE individuals	42,008.94	
Other than PAYE individuals	<u>864,247.70</u>	906,256.64
Employers' unpaid PAYE		<u>1,539.72</u>
		<u>942,924.70</u>

ORAL

**NO. 440 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

What was the amount of Company Tax collected in each month since October 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 441 of 2006.

**NO. 441 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX - PAYE**

How much was collected in PAYE each month since October 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Corporation Tax collected (net of refunds) in the months of November 2005 to February 2006 is:

	<b>£M</b>
November 2005	0.36
December 2005	0.58
January 2006	0.04
February 2006	0.57

The PAYE tax (net of refunds) collected in the months of November 2005 to February 2006 is:

	<b>£M</b>
November 2005	5.33
December 2005	5.62
January 2006	8.22
February 2006	6.00

**NO. 442 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**

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

**Answer to Question 442**

Based on the 2004/2005 Employers' Annual Statement, Declaration and Certificate submitted up to 14 March 2006 the information sought is as follows:

	£M	Approximate No of Employee/Deduction Cards
(a) MOD	5.0	2,650
(b) Gibraltar Government	23.2	6,500
(c) Government owned and Joint Venture Companies	3.2	650
(d) Private Sector	<u>37.3</u>	<u>18,500</u>
	68.7	28,300
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**ORAL**

**NO. 443 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state in respect of the 2003/2004 GDP calculation how much of the amount attributed to Gross Trading Profit was obtained by grossing up Corporation Tax received and how much was in respect of an estimated amount in respect of profits not yet assessed to tax?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 444 to 450 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 444 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state what was the imputed rent element in the rent component of the Income Method of calculation for the GDP for 2003/2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 443 and 445 to 450 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 445 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government explain the reason for the delay in calculating the GDP for 2003/2004 by the Expenditure Method?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 443, 444 and 446 to 450 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 446 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state when the calculation of the GDP for 2003/2004 by the Expenditure Method was completed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 443 to 445 and 447 to 450 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 447 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government now provide the breakdown of the Expenditure Method calculation of the GDP for 2003/2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 443 to 446 and 448 to 450 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 448 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government explain what produced the increase of £1.94 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 2003/2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 443 to 447, 449 and 450 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 449 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state what is the data source for the calculation of Earnings from Employment in the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 2003/2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 443 to 448 and 450 of 2006.

**NO. 450 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government say what was Government expenditure as a share of GDP in the financial years 2002/2003 and 2003/2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 443**

The £90.91 million shown as Gross Trading Profits of Companies in the 2003/2004 Income Method estimate of GDP was derived by the grossing up £20 million of corporation tax in respect of that year. Actual Corporation Tax receipts in 2003/2004 were £16.74 million and these were increased to £20 million to even out the effects of faster assessment collection procedures which are reflected in higher Corporation Tax receipts for 2004/2005. The Corporation Tax figure for 2004/2005, for the purposes of the National Income Accounts for that year, will thus be netted out by £3.26 million to reflect this adjustment. The estimated amount in respect of profits not yet assessed to tax has thus been removed altogether from the 2003/2004 estimates.

**Answer to Question No. 444**

The value of imputed rent forming part of the Rent estimate of GDP for 2003/2004 was £51.62 million.

**Answer to Question No. 445**

The delay in the publication of the Expenditure Method of calculating GDP was due to general data validation and the fine-tuning of information related to capital projects.

**Answer to Question No. 446**

The Expenditure Method estimate of GDP was completed by the end of December 2005.

**Answer to Question No. 447**

The breakdown of the Expenditure method calculation of GDP for 2003/2004 is as set out in the schedule I now hand to the hon Member.

**Answer to Question No. 448**

The increase of £1.94 million in the Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises is mainly attributable to an increase in the surplus of receipts over expenditure under the Savings Bank and Electricity undertakings.

**Answer to Question No. 449**

The main data source for the calculation of Earnings from Employment in the Income Method calculation of GDP for 2003/2004 is the October 2003 Employment Survey. In addition, figures in respect of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment are provided by the MoD and the Government's Annual Accounts are used to derive data in respect of insurance contributions and the like.

**Answer to Question No. 450**

Government expenditure as a share of GDP stood at 31.5 per cent and 30.3 per cent in the financial years 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 respectively.

**Contd Answer to Question 450**

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**Answer to Question 450**

Government expenditure as a share of GDP stood at 31.5% and 30.3% in the financial years 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 respectively.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 443 TO 450 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In respect of the last reply the £30 million is for 2003/2004?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No those are not millions those were percentages. For 2002/2003 31.5 per cent and 30.3 per cent in respect of 2003/2004.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In respect of the £1.94 million, is the fact that there is now a reference to the Electricity Undertaking something that has happened as a consequence of the setting up of the Electricity Authority or was it being treated in the same way when it was a Government Department?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I cannot tell him with any degree of certainty but if the item appears for the first time in the 2003/2004 calculation I can only assume that that was the transitional year into the Authority and as this is Government Enterprises I suppose the Authority is classified as that, before it might have been Departments. Does the item appear before?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The item appears as Government Enterprises without any definition of what it is made up of. I just assumed that in the light of information the Chief Minister has provided, I do not know if it was in that calculation previously it is just that it would be strange if it was because previously it had been treated as Revenue and Expenditure from the Consolidated Fund without any.....

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, I think it must be due to the fact that the Authority is now not the Government.



ORAL

**NO. 451 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

What was the figure of GDP per capita in the financial year 2003/2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 452 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 452 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state what the ranking of the 2003/2004 Gibraltar GDP per capita was in the World Ranking Table?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

GDP per capita stood at £19,552 in the financial year 2003/2004. This would rank eighth and fourteenth on the IMF and World Bank ranking tables respectively.

ORAL

NO. 453 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**ABSTRACT OF STATISTICS**

Can Government now provide the figures for 2004 in respect of Table 9 of the Abstract of Statistics?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule attached.

**Answer to Question 453**

**Births and Age of Mother, 2004**

**(a) Births to Teenage Mothers**

<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>MALE</u></b>	<b><u>FEMALE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
14	1	-	1
15	-	1	1
16	-	6	6
17	3	4	7
18	1	4	5
19	2	1	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>

**(b) Births to Mothers Over the Age of 35**

<b><u>AGE</u></b>	<b><u>MALE</u></b>	<b><u>FEMALE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
35	9	7	16
36	5	6	11
37	9	7	16
38	3	6	9
39	2	2	4
40	4	4	8
41	3	1	4
42	-	1	1
44	2	-	2
51	-	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>72</b>

**Source: Gibraltar Health Authority**

**NO. 454 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INPUT/OUTPUT REPORT**

Can Government say when they will provide the Opposition on a confidential basis with the part of the Input/Output Report, which has not been published, as originally promised?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I am not sure whether the 'as originally promised' bit of the Question relates to the request to provide them to him confidentially or to the publication reference in the question. In answer to Question No. 507 of 2004, I asked the hon Member to write to me formally requesting a copy of the report in question. My office cannot find a record of having received any such letter from him. If he has indeed written, I would invite him to send me a copy. If he has not written, I would invite him to do so. I have to say this matter had gone completely from my mind, I am not saying that we were waiting to receive the letter, our exchange on this question had sort of disappeared, I suspect, from both our radar screens. Refreshing my memory on the previous exchanges in the House I found the references to the letters and when I asked my staff 'where is the letter and why has it not been done?' no one could find the letter. Perhaps he could indicate now whether he sent it or not.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 454 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I did better than send it, perhaps the Chief Minister may remember, maybe it never got to him but I sent it through the House to avoid possible delay in delivery but it was a long time ago, 2004. I think when I referred subsequently to the situation I may have even mentioned it before.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

In case that was the case I was careful not to assume that he had not sent it. That is why the question says if he has not would he do so and if he has would he be good enough to send a copy so that we can then get the ball rolling.

ORAL

**NO. 455 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**IMPORT DUTY**

Can Government state what has been the revenue yield to date in the financial year 2005/2006, of the increases in import duty introduced on 30 June 2004 in Legal Notice No. 50 of 2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

We calculate around £4.4 million.

**ORAL**

**NO. 456 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT LOANS**

Can Government state in respect of what loans the claim for loan and interest of £41,483 was abandoned in 2003/04?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

This refers to a loan issued under the Gibraltar Enterprise Scheme to a company called J & B Enterprises Ltd for the purchase of gymnasium equipment and on default of the agreement the equipment was repossessed.

ORAL

**NO. 457 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST (NO. 3) PENSION SCHEME**

Can Government state whether any employers have now applied to join the Provident Fund No. 3 Pension Scheme since its launch in November 2005, and if so, provide details of the companies and the number of employees covered in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 458 of 2006.



**NO. 458 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR PROVIDENT TRUST (NO. 3) PENSION SCHEME**

Can Government state whether any employers have now applied to join the Provident Fund No. 3 Pension Scheme since its launch in November 2005, and if so, list the employers and the number of employees covered in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Two participating employers have been admitted to the Gibraltar Provident Trust (No. 3) Pension Scheme since its launch in November 2005.

Members per employer as at 15<sup>th</sup> March 2006 are as follows:-

Ladbrokes International Ltd	6
Marine & Industrial Services (Dragon Electronics Ltd)	1
	<u>7</u>

I am told that a further 41 employers are at different stages of expression of interest in participating in the Scheme but have not yet firmed up.

**ORAL**

**NO. 459 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY**

Can Government state what were the payroll costs in 2002/2003, previously included under Consolidated Fund Expenditure, as compared to the figure of £3.5 million in Note 3 to the Audited Accounts for 2003/2004, for the Electricity Authority?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 460 and 461 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 460 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY**

Can Government state what were the payroll costs in 2002/2003, previously included under Consolidated Fund Expenditure, as compared to the figure of £2.9 million in Note 3 to the Audited Accounts for 2003/2004, for the Social Services Agency?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 459 and 461 of 2006.

**NO. 461 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ELDERLY CARE AGENCY**

Can Government state what were the payroll costs in 2002/2003, previously included under Consolidated Fund Expenditure, as compared to the figure of £2.8 million in Note 3 to the Audited Accounts for 2003/2004, for the Elderly Care Agency?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 459**

Payroll costs for the electricity service during 2002/2003 amounted to £3.1 million. The comparative figure for 2003/2004 was £5.2 million of which £3.5 million was charged to the Gibraltar Electricity Authority and £1.7 million was charged to Departmental Head 4C (Electricity).

**Answer to Question No. 460**

Payroll costs for social services during 2002/2003 amounted to £2 million of which £1.1 million was charged to Departmental Head 5B (Social Services) and £0.9 million was charged directly to the Social Services Agency. The comparative figure for 2003/2004 was £2.9 million. However, payroll costs which are charged directly to the Social Services Agency are met by way of contribution from the Consolidated Fund.

**Answer to Question No. 461**

Payroll costs for the Elderly Care Agency in 2002/2003 amounted to £2.6 million. The comparative figure for 2003/2004 was £2.8 million. Both these figures have been met by way of contribution from the Consolidated Fund.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 459 TO 461 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I do not quite follow the explanation in respect of Question No. 459 of 2006. The £5.2 million comparable payroll cost was for which financial year?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The comparative figure for 2003/2004 was £5.2 million. In other words, the overall was £5.2 million, the £3.5 million which is the figure he mentioned in his question was charged to the Electricity Authority and £1.7 million was charged to the Departmental Head 4C. This is during the transition year obviously.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So he does not have the figure for 2002/2003 then?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

For the overall.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the audited accounts for this year.....

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

In 2002/2003 it is £3.1 million overall. Payroll costs for the electricity service during 2002/2003 was £3.1 million.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

As opposed to £5.2 million?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

As opposed to £5.2 million.

ORAL

**NO. 462 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT DEBENTURES**

As at the end of February 2006 what was the value of Monthly Income Debentures and Pensioners Monthly Income Debentures issued by the Government?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 463 of 2006.

**NO. 463 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT DEBENTURES**

As at the end of February 2006 what was the value of Monthly Income Debentures and Pensioners Monthly Income Debentures issued by the Gibraltar Savings Bank?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The value of Monthly Income Debentures and Pensioners' Monthly Income Debentures issued by the Government as at the end of February 2006 is as follows:

Monthly Income Debentures	£10,611,500
Pensioners' Monthly Income Debentures	£18,327,800
Special Issue of 6% Monthly Income Debentures issued to Gibraltar Community Care Ltd	£25,000,000
Special Issue of Pensioners' Monthly Income Debentures 1/5/2010	£27,236,300

The value of Monthly Income Debentures and Pensioners' Monthly Income Debentures issued by the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of February 2006 is as follows:

Monthly Income Debentures	£28,758,800
Pensioners' Monthly Income Debentures	£65,551,200

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 462 AND 463 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are the Government continuing to issue the two types of Debentures by the Savings Bank or now that there are Government Debentures as well have the others been discontinued?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not know, it is some time since I have had a meeting with the Treasury on these issues. As I recall this was in effect a refinancing exercise and they have been refinanced as things expired. I do not know where they are in that process. I just do not have the up to date position.



ORAL

**NO. 464 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 February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 465 of 2006.

**NO. 465 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 February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The level of Government deposits held in the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of February 2006 was £71.9 million as follows:

	£'m
Government Liquid Reserves	47.98
GDC – Insolvency Fund	3.49
Special Funds	20.40
	<u>71.87</u>

The amount of non-Government deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of February 2006 was £138.5 million as follows:

	£'m
On-Call Investment Accounts	16.49
Debentures	94.31
Bonds	7.20
Ordinary Accounts	20.45
	<u>138.45</u>

**NO. 466 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 December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The amount of outstanding Government debt in respect of the revolving loan from local banks in December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006 is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Barclays (£)</b>	<b>NatWest (£)</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>
December 2005	5,000,000	10,000,000	15,000,000
January 2006	5,000,000	10,000,000	15,000,000
February 2006	5,000,000	7,000,000	12,000,000

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 466 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Am I correct in thinking that this is as a result of the existing amount of debt being compensated by issue of Government Debentures and the revolving loan being reduced?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Correct.

**ORAL**

**NO. 467 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HOUSING – 50/50 SALES**

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 December 2005 and January and February 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**

I hand the hon Member a table giving the information requested.

**Answer to Question 467**

	SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
<b>Dec 05</b>	Monies Received	£3,056.00		£64,135.29		£67,191.29
	5% charge paid	£152.80		£3,206.76		£3,359.56
<b>Jan 06</b>	Monies Received	£22,933.14			£33,095.20	£56,028.34
	5% charge paid	£1,146.66			£1,654.76	£2,801.42
<b>Feb 06</b>	Monies Received	£40,900.74	£31,480.11		£65,548.35	£245,574.72
	5% charge paid	£2,045.04	£1,574.00		£3,277.42	£12,278.74

	SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
<b>2005/06 Total Monies Received</b>	£107,645.52	£66,889.88	£31,480.11	£64,135.29	£98,643.55	£368,794.35
<b>2005/06 Total 5% charges paid</b>	£5,382.28	£3,344.50	£1,574.00	£3,206.76	£4,932.18	£18,439.72

**NO. 468 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**STAMP DUTY – PROPERTY SALES**

Why have Government decided that the Stamp Duties legislation to give effect to their budget provisions will not provide for a refund to purchasers of property in Gibraltar for less than £160,000 who bought and paid the stamp duty after the budget statements in this House last year but before the entry into effect of the Stamp Duties Ordinance?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Government have not now decided and if that was the decision we all made it. It is implicit and indeed explicit, in the text of the Ordinance in both section 1 and section 49.

There were transitional provisions, as the hon Member will recall, for transactions in the pipeline, the effect of which resulted in that subject to certain conditions, stamp duty for transactions in the pipeline was limited to the old rate for those transactions. In other words, if a property sale was already agreed but not yet completed one would not be charged at the higher rate. In other words, it was limited to the old 1.26 per cent and the new rate was not applied in respect of a transaction in the pipeline and then there were carefully drafted rules about what in the pipeline meant. It had to be registered by a certain date, et cetera. Now, the reform of the Stamp Duty was based on eliminating duty on lower value transactions and balancing that, and hopefully improving upon that, by increasing it on higher value transactions. If the reform had been commenced with a retrospective date in respect of transactions that had already closed as opposed to transactions that were already in the pipeline, it would have required higher value transactions that had been closed to have been re-opened and charged higher duty retrospectively. In other words, if one moves outside the realm of closed transactions and go retrospectively to the date of the announcement, well one cannot go retrospectively in respect of the beneficiaries without also going retrospectively in the case of the people who would have been worse off retrospectively applied, and that would have meant re-opening transactions retrospectively and charging people more. That would not have been appropriate.

ORAL

**NO. 469 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY**

Can Government state the amounts refunded or refundable as a result of the amount of Stamp Duty paid from the 1 July 2005 being higher than the backdated capping of Stamp Duty payable on share issues, which was recently legislated?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 470 and 471 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 470 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY**

Can Government state the amounts refunded or refundable as a result of the amount of Stamp Duty paid from the 1 July 2005 being higher than the backdated capping of Stamp Duty payable on share issues, which was recently legislated?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 469 and 471 of 2006.



**NO. 471 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY**

Can Government state what has been the amount collected each month from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues since the legislation capping the duty was introduced?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question Nos. 469 and 470**

No refunds have been effected in respect of share capital.

**Answer to Question 471**

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

LPS were instructed to implement Government's budget announcement in relation to the capping of Stamp Duty on share capital on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2005.

**Answer to Question 471**

Amounts collected since the capping was introduced on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2005 are as follows:

<b>Period</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
3 to 31 August 2005	£1,280.00
September 2005	£1,470.00
October 2005	£1,290.00
November 2005	£1,965.27
December 2005	£1,170.00
January 2006	£1,470.00
February 2006	£1,570.00

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 469 TO 471 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is 3<sup>rd</sup> August then the date that the legislation came in or what? I was under the impression that the legislation had been in fact back dated to the beginning of the tax year.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, the legislation was not back dated as such, there was a provision in section 1(2) which said that any duty paid or payable on any instrument on the Stamp Duty Ordinance between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 and the repeal of that Ordinance, in other words, which would not have been paid or payable on that instrument had this Ordinance been effective and the Stamp Duty Ordinance not effective, shall be repaid or remitted as the case may be save duty in respect of property transactions. So it was not that the legislation was back dated it is that people were given the opportunity to claw back by claim any that they might have paid back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> July and in fact there have not been any such requests.

ORAL

**NO. 472 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY**

Can Government state what has been the revenue yield per month of the 1.65 per cent Stamp Duty on property sales since its introduction?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 473 of 2006.

**NO. 473 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY**

How many properties have been approved as qualifying for Zero Stamp Duty on its sale in each month since the relevant provision was introduced in the Stamp Duties Ordinance?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I am afraid that the rather unhelpful answer that I have been sent here to give him is that a record of this kind of statistical information is not kept. I do not know whether that means by the monthly breakdown, I would not have thought it was beyond the wit of man to total up by month and so on.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 472 AND 473 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is difficult to understand how whoever approves the zero stamp duty does not know how many times he has done it, which is Question No. 473 of 2006. Who takes the decision on the Stamp Duty given that there are lots of cheques that are there to make sure that somebody is not somehow getting a higher value property zero rated?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I suppose they know it but do not keep a record of the ones that they said were okay. My interpretation of the answer is that, that they just do not keep records of cheques, they just assess each document and if there is a charge to duty they collect the duty, if there is not, that is my interpretation but I do not even understand the first answer, why the revenue yield per month cannot be totted up.....

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the revenue in the case of Question No. 472 get passed when collected to the Treasury or is it kept by LPS and handed over at the end of the financial year?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, my understanding is that it is passed on at very regular intervals during the financial year. I cannot say at what intervals but certainly not kept until the end of the financial year. I do not know what their arrangements are, whether it is daily, weekly or monthly but I suspect it is daily or weekly. Interesting question, I had never thought of that.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The Treasury would presumably know what the money was in respect of.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well they would know that it is in respect of Stamp Duty but they would not necessarily know. I mean LPS must know or they must have means of establishing from their records, even if they do not record it in that form, how many transactions were subjected to duty at 1.65 per cent as opposed to how many transactions..... it is just administrative donkey work to find it out. There cannot be that many transactions. If he is particularly keen to have the information I can ask them to do it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I just feel that if we legislate something in the House I think it is legitimate to want to see what its effect is.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will ask them to have another go at producing it.

ORAL

**NO. 474 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY**

Can Government state how much has been collected as stamp duty in the months of December 2005 and January and February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Stamp Duty collected in December 2005, January 2006 and February 2006 is as follows:

Period	Amount (£)
December 2005	112,477.32
January 2006	274,325.21
February 2006	155,070.36

**NO. 475 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**PACE 1984**

Have Government now considered the report on the financial implications of adopting parts of PACE 1984 and what decisions, if any, have been made as the result in respect of implementation of parts of that statute?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Government are not yet aware of the full financial implications and this is still the subject of consideration. When the report was actually examined it was found to be deficient as to setting out the cost of one of the main items of recurrent expenditure which is actually the proposal for the establishment of a duty solicitor scheme.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 475 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What are the Government doing in order to ensure that they do have a full report on the financial implications?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, it is being worked on and is being considered and in the meantime enabling legislation is being drafted so time is not being lost.

ORAL

**NO. 476 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR CHRONICLE**

Can Government state whether they have now reached an agreement to provide support to the Gibraltar Chronicle?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Government are not providing support, as such, to the Gibraltar Chronicle. The Government are purchasing the leases of the Chronicle buildings in Town Range for use as offices for the Government. The consideration is £350,000 and part of the agreement is that the Chronicle must use the proceeds to modernise its facilities and resources and sanitise its finances.



ORAL

**NO. 477 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SAVINGS DIRECTIVE**

Have Government now finalised a bi-lateral agreement with the United Kingdom in relation to the savings directive in particular and exchange of information generally?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Question withdrawn.

**NO. 478 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The Consultant's report remains under consideration by Government.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 478 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 479 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SMITH DORRIEN BRIDGE**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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

**NO. 480 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 480 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

We always do.

**ORAL**

**NO. 481 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOUTH BARRACK ROAD**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 481 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**NO. 482 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ROAD WORKS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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

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



**NO. 483 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**THEATRE ROYAL – RODENT INFESTATION**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 483 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

I think I have answered the question.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**MR SPEAKER:**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 484 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**STEELMAC LTD**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 485 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**WELLINGTON FRONT - ASBESTOS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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

ORAL

**NO. 486 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CASTLE STEPS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Answered together with Question No. 487 of 2006.

**NO. 487 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CALPE MARRIED QUARTERS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 486 AND 487 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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



**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is it still on that eastern side of the road?

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes it has been given some consideration.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 488 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**OESCO**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Answered together with Question No. 489 of 2006.

**NO. 489 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**OESCO**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 488 AND 489 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

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

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON J J NETTO:**

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

**NO. 490 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 490 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

I do not think so, no.

**ORAL**

**NO. 491 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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



**ORAL**

**NO. 492 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – PERSONS MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 493 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – SOCIAL CATEGORY ‘A’ LIST**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 494 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – POST-WAR FLATS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question No. 495 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 495 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – PRE-WAR FLATS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**Answer to Question 495**

**Answer to Question 494**

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

**Financial year 2004/05**

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

**Financial year 2005/06**

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

**Answer to Question 495**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 496 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – REPOSSESSED FLATS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

ORAL

**NO. 497 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 498 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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



**ORAL**

**NO. 499 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 500 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 501 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**Answer to question 501**

**Answer to Question 497**

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

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

**Answer to Question 498**

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

March	-	70
April	-	70
May	-	65

**Answer to question 499**

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

March	-	705
April	-	703
May	-	694

**Answer to Question 500**

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

March	-	7
April	-	10
May	-	20

**Answer to Question 501**

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

March	-	57
April	-	54
May	-	56

**ORAL**

**NO. 502 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – PRE-LIST**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 503 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**Answer to Question 503**

**Answer to Question 491**

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

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

**Answer to Question 492**

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

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

**Answer to Question 493**

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

**Answer to Question 502**

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

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

**Answer to Question 503**

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

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 504 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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



**ORAL**

**NO. 505 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 506 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 507 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – WAITING LIST**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**Answer to Question 507**

**Answer to Question 504**

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

**Answer to Question 505**

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

**Answer to Question 506**

None.

**Answer to Question 507**

None.

ORAL

**NO. 508 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – MINOR WORKS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question No. 509 of 2006.

**NO. 509 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – DWELLINGS BEING REFURBISHED**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

**Answer to Question No. 508 of 2006**

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

**Answer to Question No. 509 of 2006**

Buildings and Works have 27 flats awaiting refurbishment.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 508 AND 509 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 510 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – ARREARS OF RENT**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**Answer to Question 510**

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

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



**NO. 511 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – LONDON HOUSE**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 511 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 512 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – INSPECTION OF VACANT HOUSING**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**NO. 513 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**HOUSING – MACFARLANE HOUSE**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 513 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON C BELTRAN:**

With the full question asked.

ORAL

**NO. 514 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 515 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 516 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 517 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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



ORAL

**NO. 518 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFIT FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 519 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 520 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 521 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006**

**Answer to Question No.514 of 2006**

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

**EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND**

**Fund Account -**

<b><u>Opening Balance - 1 April 2005</u></b>	£4,967,003.27
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**Add**

Receipts	£472,848.54
	<u>£5,439,851.81</u>

**Less**

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

**Answer to Question No.515 of 2006**

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

**EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND**

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

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006**

**Answer to Question No.516 of 2006**

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

**SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006**

**Answer to Question No.517 of 2006**

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

**SOCIAL INSURANCE (SHORT-TERM BENEFITS) FUND**

**Fund Account -**

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

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

**Less**

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

**Answer to Question No.518 of 2006**

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

**CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**"Local Account"**

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

**"Spanish Account"**

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

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

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006**

**Answer to Question No.519 of 2006**

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

**CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006**

**Answer to Question No.520 of 2006**

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

**OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 521/2006**

**Answer to Question No.521 of 2006**

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

**OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 522 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**HM PRISON**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 523 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 524 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 525 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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



ORAL

**NO. 526 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**NO. 527 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN/CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question Nos. 523 to 526**

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 527 of 2006**

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

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

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

**EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND**

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

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 527/2006**

**Answer to Question No.524 of 2006**

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

**SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 527/2006**

**Answer to Question No.525 of 2006**

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

**CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

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

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

**OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 528 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – NUMBER OF PENSIONERS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**NO. 529 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – NUMBER OF PENSIONERS**

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

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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



**ORAL**

**NO. 530 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE – NUMBER OF PENSIONERS**

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

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 530/2006**

**Answer to Question No. 528 of 2006**

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

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

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 530/2006**

**Answer to Question No. 529 of 2006**

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

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

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 530/2006**

**Answer to Question No. 530 of 2006**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 531 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 532 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL ASSISTANCE – DISABILITY ALLOWANCE**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 533 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 534 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.



ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 534/2006

Answer to Question No.531 of 2006

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

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

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 534/2006

Answer to Question No.532 of 2006

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

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

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Answer to Question No.533 OF 2006

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

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

**PERSONS EMPLOYED DURING MARCH, APRIL & MAY 2006**

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

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

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 534/2006**

Answer to Question No.534 OF 2006

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 531 TO 534 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**NO. 535 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**GOVERNMENT HOSTEL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 535 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 536 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**MOUNT ALVERNIA**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

As at the end of May 2006:

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

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

**Answer to Question No.536/2006**

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

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

**Breakdown by Age and Sex of all others in Waiting List**

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

**Breakdown by Age and Sex of all in Waiting List**

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



**ORAL**

**NO. 537 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD WELFARE REPORTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 538 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD WELFARE REPORTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 539 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD WELFARE REPORTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 540 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES – CHILD WELFARE REPORTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**NO. 541 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**SOCIAL WORKERS – CHILD WELFARE REPORTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question No. 537 of 2006**

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

**Answer to Question No. 538 of 2006**

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

**Answer to Question No. 539 of 2006**

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

**Answer to Question No. 540 of 2006**

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

**Answer to Question No. 541 of 2006**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 541/2006**

**Answer to Question No.537 of 2006**

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

October 2003

January 2005

March 2005

January 2004

April 2004

November 2004

March 2005

March 2004

April 2004

May 2004

June 2004

June 2004

March 2005

April 2005

April 2005

June 2005

July 2005

July 2004

February 2004

May 2004

October 2004

August 2005

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION 541/2006**

**Answer to Question No.539 of 2006**

**List of child welfare reports prepared**

March 2006	0
April 2006	3
May 2006	6

**List of pre-sentence reports prepared**

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



**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 537 TO 541 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes that is correct.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**MR SPEAKER:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**MR SPEAKER:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

I am shaking in my shoes.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

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

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**MR SPEAKER:**

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

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

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

**MR SPEAKER:**

He has, let us move on.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

It was a point of order.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

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

**MR SPEAKER:**

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

ORAL

**NO. 542 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE FUND – ACTUARIAL REVIEW**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question No. 543 of 2006.



**NO. 543 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE FUND – ACTUARIAL REVIEW**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question No. 542 of 2006**

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

**Answer to Question No. 543 of 2006**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 542 AND 543 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

When was this report commissioned?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

In late 1999.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

ORAL

**NO. 544 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MUSIC CENTRE**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 545 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MUSIC CENTRE**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 546 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MUSIC CENTRE**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

**NO. 547 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**MUSIC CENTRE**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 544 TO 547 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

**HON S E LINARES:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

**HON S E LINARES:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

**HON S E LINARES:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

**HON S E LINARES:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

**HON S E LINARES:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 548 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**THEATRE ROYAL**

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

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 549 of 2006.

**NO. 549 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**THEATRE ROYAL**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 548 AND 549 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister state who conducted the 27<sup>th</sup> April report?

**HON F VINET:**

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

**HON S E LINARES:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

ORAL

**NO. 550 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY - OESCO**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 551 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY - MOD**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 552 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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



ORAL

**NO. 553 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – CUSTOMERS BILLED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 554 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 555 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – REVENUE COLLECTED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 556 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED (STANDING CHARGES)**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 557 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED (FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT)**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 558 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

### **Answer to Question 558/2006**

#### **Question 550/2006**

Purchases from OESCO Ltd.

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

#### **Question 551/2006**

Purchases from the MOD

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

#### **Question 552/2006**

Units invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

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

#### **Question 553/2006**

Number of Consumers invoiced under Tariff 3 Domestic

	<b>March 2005</b>	<b>March 2006</b>	<b>April 2006</b>	<b>May 2006</b>
<b>Consumers</b>	12,616	12,636	12,629	12,627

#### **Question 554/2006**

Total value invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

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

#### **Question 555/2006**

Amounts collected in respect of electricity

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

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**Contd Answer to Question 558/2006**

**Question 556/2006**

Standing Charges invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

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

**Question 557/2006**

FCA invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

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

**Question 558/2006**

Amounts billed in respect of electricity

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



ORAL

**NO. 559 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – POWER FAILURES**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

**Answer to Question 559/2006**

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

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

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 560 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 561 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 562 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 563 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 564 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – CUSTOMERS BILLED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

ORAL

**NO. 565 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – AMOUNTS BILLED (STANDING CHARGES)**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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



ORAL

**NO. 566 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – REVENUE COLLECTED AND BILLED**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

**Answer to Question 566/2006**

**Answer to Question 560/2006**

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

**Answer to Question 561/2006**

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

**Answer to Question 562/2006**

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

**Answer to Question 563/2006**

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

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**Contd Answer to Question 566/2006**

**Answer to Question 564/2006**

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

**Answer to Question 565/2006**

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

**Answer to Question 566/2006**

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

**NO. 567 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE – VICTUALLING YARD**

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

**ANSWER**

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

No, Sir.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 567 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

ORAL

**NO. 568 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 569 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE ORDINANCE**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

**NO. 570 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE ORDINANCE**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 570 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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



**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

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

**HON F VINET:**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 571 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GIBRALTAR SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY**

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

**ANSWER**

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

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

**Answer to Question No 571/2006**

**PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SPORTS AUTHORITY**  
**As at end May 2005**

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

**PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SPORTS AUTHORITY**  
**As at end May 2006**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 572 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – XANIT HOSPITAL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

ORAL

**NO. 573 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Yes Sir.

**ORAL**

**NO. 574 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**Answer to Question 574 of 2006**

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

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**Cont Answer to Question 574**

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



**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 574 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**NO. 575 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – LOCALISATION OF SENIOR POSTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 575 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**NO. 576 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEONS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 576 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

ORAL

**NO. 577 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – MEDICAL APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

ORAL

**NO. 578 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – MEDICAL APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

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

**NO. 579 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – MEDICAL APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question No. 577 of 2006**

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

**Answer to Question No. 578 of 2006**

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

**Answer to Question No. 579 of 2006**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 577 TO 579 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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



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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 580 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – OUT-PATIENTS ATTENDANCES**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 581 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 582 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NUMBER OF HOUSE CALLS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 583 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – GP ATTENDANCES**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**Answer to Question 583 of 2006**

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

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

**COMMUNITY**

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

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



**ORAL**

**NO. 584 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – MRSA INFECTION**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 585 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – AVIAN FLU**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 586 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NON-ENTITLED PATIENTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 587 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

ORAL

**NO. 588 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – IN-PATIENT ADMISSIONS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**NO. 589 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – ELDERLY CARE PATIENTS**

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

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 590 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – ELDERLY CARE PATIENTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 591 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NUMBER OF OPERATIONS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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



**ORAL**

**NO. 592 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – ELECTIVE SURGERY**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 593 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – PHYSIOTHERAPY TREATMENT**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**Answer to Question 593 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 586 of 2006**

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

March	2
April	2
May	0

**Answer to question 587 of 2006**

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

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

**Answer to Question 588 of 2006**

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

March	-	387
April	-	375
May	-	414

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

March	-	12.5
April	-	12.5
May	-	13.4

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**Continued Answer to Question 593 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 589 of 2006**

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

<b>March</b>		
<b>Age</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
71-80	2	1
81-90	1	3

<b>April</b>		
<b>AGE</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
71-80	2	1
81-90	1	3

<b>May</b>		
<b>AGE</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>
71-80	2	0
81-90	1	2

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

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

**Answer to Question 590 of 2006**

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

Month: March

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

Month: April

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

Month: May

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

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**Continued Answer to Question 593 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 591 of 2006**

Elective operations performed:

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

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**Continued Answer to Question 593 of 2006**

**Continued Answer to Question 591 of 2006**

Emergency operations performed:

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

**Answer to Question 592 of 2006**

Elective Surgery Waiting Lists

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

**Answer to Question 593 of 2006**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 594 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 595 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – PAYMENTS TO PHARMACISTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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



**ORAL**

**NO. 596 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – PAYMENTS TO PHARMACISTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 597 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NUMBER OF PRESCRIPTIONS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 598 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NUMBER OF ITEMS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**Answer to Question 598 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 594 of 2006**

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

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

**Answer to Question 595 of 2006**

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

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

**Answer to Question 596 of 2006**

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

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

Periods 1 and 2 of 2006/2007 are incomplete.

**Answer to Question 597 of 2006**

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

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

**Answer to Question 598 of 2006**

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

Periods 1 and 2 of 2006/2007 are incomplete.

**ORAL**

**NO. 599 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – PATIENT REFERRALS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 600 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – SPONSORED PATIENTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

ORAL

**NO. 601 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – SPONSORED PATIENTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**Answer to Question 601 of 2006**

**Answer to Questions 599, 600 and 601 of 2006**

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

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



**ORAL**

**NO. 602 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – MALAGA CLINIC**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question No. 603 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 603 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – CT SCAN**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**Continued Answer to Question 603 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 602 of 2006**

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

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

**Answer to Question 603 of 2006**

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 602 AND 603 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

PET. It is nothing to do with animals.

**ORAL**

**NO. 604 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – GENERAL PRACTITIONERS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 605 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NUMBER OF NURSES**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 606 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – CONTRACT NURSES**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

ORAL

**NO. 607 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NUMBER OF NURSES**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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



**Answer to Question 607 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 605 of 2006**

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

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

**Staff Nurses**

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

**Operating Department Practitioners** 5

**Senior Enrolled Nurses** 5

**Enrolled Nurses**

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

**Nursing Auxiliaries**

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

**Nursing Assistants**

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

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**Continued Answer to Question 607 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 606 of 2006**

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

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

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**Continued Answer to Question 607 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 607 of 2006**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 608 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – KGV HOSPITAL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 609 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – KGV HOSPITAL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 610 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – KGV HOSPITAL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 611 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – KGV HOSPITAL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 612 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – KGV HOSPITAL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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



**ORAL**

**NO. 613 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – PSYCHO-GERIATRIC PATIENTS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**Answer to Question 613 of 2006**

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

Statistics below are as at end of May 2006:-

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

**Answer to Question 613 of 2006**

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

March 2006	1
April 2006	2
May 2006	0

**NO. 614 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – SHOWER SEATS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 614 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

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

ORAL

**NO. 615 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – TV SETS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

ORAL

**NO. 616 OF 2005**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NOTIFIABLE DISEASES**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

Answer to Question 616 of 2006

INFECTIONS 2005

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

ORAL

**NO. 617 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – CAUSES OF DEATH**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

ORAL

**NO. 618 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – LEGAL CLAIMS**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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



**Answer to Question 618 of 2006**

Quantum paid by GHA in respect of legal claims.

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 619 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – SUB-HEAD 22**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question No. 620 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 620 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – STUDY LEAVE**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**Answer to Question 620 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 619 of 2006**

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

**Answer to Question 620 of 2006**

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

**ORAL**

**NO. 621 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – INDEPENDENT REVIEW PANEL**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

ORAL

**NO. 622 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – HOSPITAL RULES**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**NO. 623 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – REFURBISHMENT WORK**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 623 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

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

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

£111,000.

**NO. 624 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – RMN TRAINING**

Can Government state how many of the RMN's employed in the health service have also received training as general nurses at registered or enrolled nurse level giving a breakdown as between contract nurses and locally recruited staff?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

There are 18 RMN's employed in the GHA of whom eight have also received training as general nurses at registered or enrolled nurse level. Of these two are contract nurses.



**NO. 625 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – BULLYING IN SCHOOLS**

Does the Government not agree that bullying is on the increase and is of concern to young people as well as parents of affected children?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

I can say that there is no evidence of any significant increase in the number of bullying incidents in our schools. Nevertheless, of course, bullying in all its forms is totally unacceptable and one incident of bullying is one too many. I can therefore assure the hon Member that the concern among young people and parents to which he refers, is also shared by our teachers and by the Department of Education, as is demonstrated by the enlightened and forceful strategies adopted in all our schools to combat all manner of bullying, and which I have in detail explained to the House in answer to previous questions on this subject from him. (Questions Nos. 147 of 2006, 212 of 2005, 1194 of 2005, 2296 of 2004).

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 625 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

The Minister says that there is no evidence that there is an increase, well from the statistics that the Minister has passed over to me there is an increase and that is why I posed the question. In 2001/2002 there were 26 incidents of bullying whilst in 2002/2003 there were 29, 2003/2004 there were 47 and then it went down in 2004/2005 to 38. We do not know in this academic year what the numbers are but it is definitely on the increase and that is why I am saying that. Does the Minister not agree that it is on the increase. Does the Minister not agree then?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

No I do not agree. That is the problem that in spite of my exaltations to the hon Member, that we have to be much more discerning and to qualify the concept of bullying in a much more scientific and sophisticated manner, he still insists on having a blanket general reference to bullying in all its forms. Now, we have discussed this as well before, and those statistics that he is quoting here were actually reference to that blanket proposition that I actually corrected the next time round. The next time

round my statistics were First Schools – 2; Middle Schools – 8; Secondary Schools – 12. Those were the latest statistics and they do not show any significant increase, but as I say, I do not want to give the impression that I am taking this lightly. I have said that any statistic, one incident of bullying, is one too many.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Although I am aware of what the Minister explained last time, the only thing is that I do not agree with him. I do not agree with him that he can then come to the House, give us another set of statistics which is more favourable to his argument. My arguments are that on the original statistics, which I understand he had a different criteria to the ones used the next time, well I agree with the first criteria that he used and therefore that is why I am using these statistics. The fact is that bullying is rife, it is happening, and not only that, the fact that young people accept it as a problem with many other issues is significant. We need to look at why young people are seeing bullying as a deterrent to further empowering youth and this is why I feel that it is an important issue, much more important than probably other issues that have been brought out. So therefore, it is important to understand that even young people are accepting that bullying is unacceptable and therefore the criteria that was used in the first statistics, I think is what the youth are talking about, because what might seem to be a petty, little bullying calling names and stuff like that, might be seen as the norm. It is not accepted nowadays as the norm, so I urge the Minister to have a look closely at the first statistics and continue to use those statistics rather than the criteria they used the second time. Therefore, what I am saying is, that if young people are accepting that bullying is a problem, the Government should be looking at bullying more seriously than what they do.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

So all my explanations before in trying to differentiate between the different levels of seriousness goes to nothing in this debate. I have my information from Headteachers, teachers, the BEST team (Behaviour Modification Team), they have been consulted by me before answering this question because I am concerned. Of course they share the concern of everybody, I cannot repeat it again, one incident is too many for me. Therefore, is the hon Member suggesting that I am not concerned, that the teachers are not concerned, the Department of Education is not concerned, the Educational Psychologist is not concerned? Of course we are concerned, but from that to adopt the position of crisis, what is he getting at? It is important that we do not create an impression of crisis which will only add to the concern, will only disturb the parents and pupils and get things out of proportion. One thing is to be forceful, to combat with enlightened policies and strategies, another thing is to create a vague, general, blanket sort of sense of crisis.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Well, young people think that it is very important and it may not be at crisis point at this stage but they do feel that it is important. Therefore I ask the Minister, because in previous answers to questions about bullying he has stated that Headteachers would seek guidance from the Department of Education when necessary, can the Minister then state how many times have Headteachers gone to the Department and asked for guidance and help in relation to the issue of bullying?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Countless times.

**HON S E LINARES:**

It seems as if the countless times has not produced the results that it should produce, because again young people, and I am saying that people in schools, people in the Youth Service, they are saying that bullying is happening and therefore, it seems as if either the Headteachers do not seem to be aware, or that the Government are not responding to the cries of the school.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I am sorry but I am totally confident our Headteachers are very aware.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Well then, I am also confident maybe that the Headteachers are aware but the Ministry is not aware.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The usual tactic is it not? It is not the people in the field it is the Minister.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Absolutely, because the buck stops with the Minister.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order, order, order the last three interventions by the Hon Mr S E Linares have not ended with a question. It has been assertions of statements, please ask questions.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Does the Minister not accept that it is his responsibility to look into the bullying issue and to accept that it is on the increase?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I do not accept that there is any significant pattern of increase, this comes from evidence provided to me from people in the field.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does the Minister accept, if he is saying that he is taking this evidence from people in the field, that schools have become almost like a war zone because I do not think we refer to 'the field' unless we are referring to types of problems of that sort? If he were to have said 'from people on the ground who are the teachers', that is one thing but if it is 'in the field' then it gives a completely different understanding of what our schools are becoming in his Ministry.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Nevertheless, it is sheer rhetoric which is barely known in connection with any reality and it is certainly not relevant to what I have been saying, unless he twists my words in the sort of legalistic manner of his.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Would the Minister say that also to the children who are the subject of bullying, whether there is one, 20 or 30 children who are the subject of bullying?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I have given the statistics, I quoted them a moment ago, there were two sets of statistics, one based on the blanket generalisation that the hon Member gave initially, I humbly accepted that those statistics did not really show any significant, meaningful reality of what is happening out there in the schools, I then approached all the Headteachers and the teachers, and all the experts dealing with this matter very efficiently, very conscientiously and I gave some further statistics which I quoted. First Schools – 2; Middle Schools – 5; Secondary Schools – 12 in the course of a year and then on top of that I have given a scientific, educational analysis of the whole thing in Question Nos. 147 of 2006, No. 212 of 2005; No. 1194 of 2005; No. 2296 of 2004, detailed, educational, scientific analysis of what bullying is about, how it is tackled, how it should be tackled, how we should have forceful strategies, at the same time a pastoral approach of which we are very proud in our schools, what more can I say to assuage the Opposition Members that I am just as concerned about bullying as anybody on the Opposition?

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Nothing, because certainly it cannot be right to refer to any of these strategies as being scientific, because this subject does not lend itself to science, first of all. Secondly, the whole issue is that the Minister should accept that if there is an increase, whether we can have a debate about whether it is a significant increase or not, whether we should be using one figure to determine the incidence of bullying or another depending on the criteria that we apply, the long and the short of it is that we will not be bullied into not accepting that the political responsibility lies with the Minister.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I think I have said enough on this subject.

**NO. 626 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – ALCOHOL ABUSE**

Can Government state under what subjects and at what age is the issue of alcohol abuse tackled at middle schools and at secondary schools level?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

The issue of alcohol abuse is tackled through the Government Drugs Strategy Programme. In Years 5 and 7 (Middle Schools) the resources of the RIDE programme, which is generally accepted internationally, are being used. As from September 2006, this programme will be introduced at secondary level. The RIDE programme falls under the umbrella of a subject PSHE (the Personal Social Health Education subject) which is now core of the National Curriculum. On the question of the PSHE there is a further question is there not? In answer to Question No. 644 of 2006 I might be able to afford him details of the syllabus of this subject which are covered as a whole. It covers a whole lot of subjects certainly related to alcohol and drugs abuse.

Additionally, alcohol abuse forms part of the RE and Science programmes in Year 10 at Westside School. It is also covered at Bayside in Years 9 and 10 (in the Health and Safety Module) and in Year 11 (the Social Awareness in Health and Safety Modules).

ORAL

**NO. 627 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state what is the pupil/adult and pupil/nursery teacher ratio in private and Government nurseries giving a breakdown by nursery?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 628 and 639 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 628 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – ST MARTIN’S SCHOOL**

Can the Minister for Education state what is the pupil/teacher ratio in this academic year giving a breakdown by school including St Martin’s?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 627 and 639 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 629 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state what is the minimum area that each child is entitled to, in square metres in private and Government nurseries?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 630 to 635 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 630 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state what the minimum number of toilets and wash facilities per child attending does a private and Government nursery has to have?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 629 and 631 to 635 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 631 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state what criteria or standards do private nurseries have to adhere to in order to obtain registration as a nursery from the Department of Education?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 629, 630 and 632 to 635 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 632 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state how many courses have been conducted by the Department of Education on Health and Safety to private nurseries?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 629 to 631 and 633 to 635 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 633 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state what is the Health and Safety Policy in private nurseries giving a breakdown by nursery?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 629 to 632, 634 and 635 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 634 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state if there has been any progress in relation to the legislation to regulate nurseries since this question was last asked in this House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 629 to 633 and 635 of 2006.

**NO. 635 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can Government state how many meetings have taken place since the year 2000 to date by teachers from the reception year in Government schools with nursery teachers at pre school level in private nurseries giving a breakdown by year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

The area to be allocated per child, including teaching space, is not less than 10 square feet. The Environmental Agency ensures that all nurseries have sufficient and suitable washing and sanitary accommodation whenever they inspect private nursery premises. Prospective nursery owners have to apply in writing to the Director of Education and Training and initially the following information is expected and demanded before any application is considered:

- The qualifications, suitability and number of prospective staff;
- The location and suitability of the premises;
- Intended number of pupils to be catered for;
- Age range catered for; and
- Curricular arrangements.

Health and safety considerations are addressed by having the appropriate Government bodies, that is, the Environmental Agency and City Fire Brigade respectively, inspecting the intended premises and a list of specific requirements is presented to the Nursery owners. After all Health and Fire Safety requirements have been met, the application is then processed.

There have been no courses on Health and Safety provided for private nurseries, or indeed for any other Government schools or nurseries at this stage, since we are currently in the process of carrying out an extensive audit of Health and Safety specific to educational establishments, as I have mentioned in previous questions, following the publication and distribution of the Health and Safety Document to all schools and nurseries and private nurseries.

All private nurseries, as I say, have now been provided with the Department of Education and Training's "Health and Safety Policy Document" for their general guidance. Similarly, we have also provided them with a sample of a Health and Safety policy for a typical nursery in the UK.

As the hon Member knows, some private nurseries have been in existence for over 20 years and are now well established and they are also well run, and countless families depend on their services. It would be wrong to come up with a piece of legislation, ill-thought, which could potentially affect what is, after all, a vital service to working parents, and this is just not this Government's style.

Teachers of Reception children in our schools do not, as a rule, meet with nursery teachers except where the nursery is attached to the school. One should note that nursery education is not a statutory, compulsory obligation and parents enrol their children on a voluntary basis in both Government and private nurseries. It goes without saying that all children are screened for school readiness and undertake a Foundation Stage profiling assessment as soon as they enter formal schooling.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 629 TO 635 OF 2006**

##### **HON S E LINARES:**

The Minister stated in relation to Question No. 630 of 2006, that the Environmental Health Agency goes to visit the private nurseries to ascertain whether the toilet facilities and wash facilities are adequate, but the question was what was the minimum as in numbers. There is a minimum, is it one toilet per 20 pupils or is it one to ten, this was the question, can the Minister state whether there is any figure that we can match up to?

##### **HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, the Environmental Agency actually adopts some long-standing rules for the standards for nursery school premises. I say long-standing because they have statutory value but it goes back to 1965 and there teaching space, which I have already quoted, is actually defined as 10 square feet; washing and sanitary accommodation for children, in every nursery school and nursery class there shall be provided sufficient and suitable washing and sanitary accommodation. Drinking facilities are defined; furniture, suitable furniture of proper size shall be provided; ventilation, the teaching accommodation shall be adequately ventilated; structural loading, the load bearing structure of all teaching accommodation et cetera; precautions for health and safety; lighting, in all teaching accommodation the lighting, both natural and artificial of each room of other space shall be appropriate to the normal use for which the room or other space is designed, (It actually defines specifically that it should be 15 lumens per square foot.); play space. Those are the rules which carry statutory force which the Environmental Agency carries with it as an instrument in actually inspecting and ensuring all these standards.

##### **HON S E LINARES:**

So is the Minister satisfied that all private nurseries actually adhere to all these criteria?



**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Well, I am certainly not going to question the validity of the inspections and assessments made by the Environmental Agency.

**HON S E LINARES:**

How many times have people from the Department gone to see that these are adequately in place?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I do not know how many times quantitatively but I know there is, and I have explained this on many occasions when we have discussed private nurseries, that there is regular contact, regular attention through the Environmental Agency and directly. May I actually, I do not know whether I ought to do this, but where does the hon Member stand on this, because in 2004 he actually wrote to all private nurseries where he said, *"what impact does the legislation have on your nursery as a business? The legislation that this Government is to present to the House of Assembly could well have serious repercussions on your establishment. For starters, it is envisaged that this legislation will increase the burden on you, as mentioned above, by demanding more expenses to be incurred. To be able to comply with the standards that could be required with this Bill you might need to adjust premises, physical and human resources, working practices, ratios between children and adults and many others. We have been pressing the GSD Government at a political level to introduce this legislation but we know full well what it means to you as a business trying to keep your head above water"*. So I think, I am trying to find a charitable word for this but the word 'duplicity' keeps coming into my mind and I would hate to use it.

**HON S E LINARES:**

It is incredible the Minister has come out with these statements when he in answer to Questions, and I can quote from the Hansards, I have asked questions on when he is going to implement legislation in relation to private nurseries and when he is going to regulate nurseries, and he says he has already drafted it out, it is already in the Council of Ministers and it is in the agenda of the Council of Ministers, so I wonder where he stands when he now comes to the House and says that he does not want to bring an ill-thought legislation. Well he had it already ready in Council of Ministers, he has been answering those questions House after House, which I have been posing and accused of duplicity, and accused of asking the same questions as well. Well, I do not know where the Minister stands where he has stated in this House that it is already in the Council of Ministers, that it is ready, it went from the Department of Education back to the Legislation Unit and then back to the Council of Ministers and that they were ready, that was the last time I asked this question which was in 2004. So when I asked the question in 2004, two years ago, it was ready, it was nearly to come to this House and now he says that he does not want to bring an ill-thought legislation. I wonder where he stands on this one.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I wonder where he stands on this one as well, but anyway, we are talking about additional legislation. It is not as if we have no legislation at all, we have legislation in the present Education Ordinance governing conditions of independent schools and independent nurseries. I have quoted to him in detail statutory rules and regulations, which could not be more detailed than what I have read out, so it is not as if there is again a crisis afoot, what we are trying to do is simply what I said before, trying to avoid ill-thought out legislation.

**NO. 636 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – NUMBER OF TEACHERS**

Can the Minister for Education state what is the complement of teachers in each school, responsibility held and whether they are on supply or on a permanent and pensionable basis?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I hand the hon Member. Please note that this question is the same as Question No. 165 of 2006, statistics which nevertheless I am providing once again.

**Answer to Question 636 of 2006**

**Number of Teachers as at 6 June 2006**

School	Complement of Permanent and Pensionable Staff	Responsibilities Held								Supply Staff
		HT	DHT	MA5	MA4	MA3	MA2	MA1		
Governor's Meadow	17	1	1	-	-	-	5	4	1	
Notre Dame	15	1	1	-	-	-	5	2	1	
St Mary's First	10	1	1	-	-	-	4	1	1	
St Bernard's First	11	1	1	-	-	-	4	0	1	
St Paul's First	18	1	1	-	-	-	5	2	1	
St Joseph's First	18	1	1	-	-	-	5	4	1	
Hebrew	5	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	
Bishop Fitzgerald	26	1	1	-	-	4	4	2	1	
St Anne's Middle	22	1	1	-	-	4	5	3	1	
St Joseph's Middle	18	1	1	-	-	-	5	3	1	
Sacred Heart Middle	16	1	1	-	-	-	5	3	1	
Bayside	63+1(pt)	1	3	4	9	8	5	7	-	
Westside	64+1(pt)	1	3	4	6	12	5	8	1	
Gibraltar College	24	1	-	2	-	5	3	3	-	
St Martin's Special	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	

ORAL

NO. 637 OF 2006

THE HON S E LINARES

**EDUCATION – RESPONSIBILITY POSTS**

Can the Minister for Education state how many responsibility posts are currently vacant and on an acting basis giving a breakdown by responsibility and the schools they are held in?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I hand the hon Member.

**Answer to Question 637 of 2006**

Number of posts currently vacant and on an acting basis – 2005/6

<b>School</b>	<b>Vacant Posts</b>
Governor's Meadow	3
St Joseph's First	2
Notre Dame	1
St Bernard's	0
St Mary's	0
St Paul's	1
Bishop Fitzgerald	1
St Joseph's Middle	1
Sacred Heart	0
St Anne's Middle	1
Hebrew Primary	1
Bayside	14
Westside	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>

ORAL

**NO. 638 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – TEACHERS ON PERMANENT SUPPLY**

Can the Minister for Education state whether the Human Resources Department have drawn up a contract for those teachers on a permanent supply basis?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

Yes, the Human Resources Department have drawn up a contract for teachers on a long-term supply basis and we aim at issuing these contracts as from the start of the new academic year to the relevant teachers.

**ORAL**

**NO. 639 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – AVERAGE CLASS SIZE**

Can the Minister for Education state what is the current average classroom size giving a breakdown by school and by year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I hand the hon Member. May I point out that Question No. 628 of 2006 is exactly the same as Question No. 166 of 2006 which was asked in the meeting of March, and Question No. 639 of 2006 is exactly the same as Question No. 167 of 2006 also in March, therefore the statistics provided are exactly the same. In any case, I have given the statistics once again.



**Answer to Question 639 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 627**

Nursery	Pupil/Nursery Teacher Ratio		Pupil/Adult Ratio	
	am	pm	am	Pm
St Paul's	20.0	21.0	10.0	7.0
Varyl Begg	31.0	16.0	10.33	5.3
St Bernard's	40.0	-	10.0	-
St Joseph's	41.0	15.0	10.25	5.0
Notre Dame	30.0	11.0	10.0	3.67

**Answer to Question 628**

School	<i>Pupil/Teacher Ratio</i>
Governor's Meadow	17.59
St Joseph's First	16.78
Notre Dame	15.85
St Bernard's	12.60
St Mary's	14.60
St Paul's	16.24
Bishop Fitzgerald	19.29
St Joseph's Middle	18.84
Sacred Heart	15.06
St Anne's Middle	19.55
Hebrew	14.00
Bayside	15.11
Westside	15.27
St Martin's	3.83

**Answer to Question 639**

School	Average Class Size
Governor's Meadow	21.36
St Joseph's First	20.13
Notre Dame	20.60
St Bernard's	15.75
St Mary's	18.25
St Paul's	19.71
Average	19.64
Bishop Fitzgerald	26.39
St Joseph's Middle	23.87
Sacred Heart	20.08
St Anne's Middle	26.88
Average	24.66
Hebrew Primary	16.80

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**Contd Answer to Question 639 of 2006**

**Contd Answer to Question 639**

Although there are variations between schools, the average class size is within the levels agreed with NASUWT (Gibraltar) ie. 20 at first schools and 25 for middle schools.

The average class sizes represent numbers in form groups but actual teaching groups are smaller for the core subjects. This is made possible by providing more staff in each school than the number of classes in the school. (Extra staff also provides for PPA time for teachers)

**NO. 640 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – BAYSIDE SCHOOL LOCKERS**

Can Government confirm that parents have been asked to purchase lockers for students direct or indirectly in Bayside School?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

Parents have not been asked either directly or indirectly to purchase lockers for students in Bayside School.

The Bayside Parents Association organises projects and events to raise funds aimed at enhancing school facilities generally. It generally asks the School Head to suggest items for purchase in order to channel funds into a specific provision.

Recently, the Bayside Parents Association announced in its newsletter that it was asking for donations from local companies to replace many of the old school lockers.

I want to assure the House that whilst very grateful indeed to the Parents Association for their good will and good intentions in this respect, I have to assure the House that ample funds (as evidenced in Head 101 [Subhead 8] of the Current Estimates of Expenditure) are provided for all schools to purchase all necessary furniture as requisitioned yearly by the Headteachers each financial year.

**NO. 641 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION - TRUANCY**

Can the Minister for Education state whether it is still the policy of his Government to bring legislation to this house in relation to Truancy?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

We have discussed the issue of truancy at length also in answer to previous questions, for example, Question No. 168 of 2006 and I do not think the Opposition Member or anybody else will want me to go into all the details of these discussions. The short answer to the hon Member's question is that at this stage the Government have no plans, no concrete plans, to introduce specific legislation on truancy other than what already exists in the present Education Ordinance, where it establishes the compulsory element of education.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 641 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Then it means that the Government have changed their policy because the policy before was to change the legislation, as stated in Hansards when I have asked this question way back in 2004, 2003, 2002, where the Minister has stated that again it was in the Legislation Unit, they were looking at it, it was being bounced from the Education Department to the Legislation Unit, to the Minister and then it was going to be brought to this House. Now the Minister is stating that they are happy with what is there, so does the Minister not agree that this is a change of policy?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Government have not changed their policy on these issues that he has listed, considerations were in the mind of the Minister of Education, myself. If I am totally frank and honest as I try to be even within the formality of this House, I think the Minister has gone a bit cold on this one as I have been able to study the implications. I mean, the UK legislation which we are looking at as a model, we find totally draconian, these interventions in a very direct manner and the problem of truancy in Gibraltar is, although again important, is on all counts minimal compared with the UK, I think the hon Member must know this, and other European countries. So, the

Department of Education prefers a positive, pastoral and social approach rather than a legalistic approach which very often can be counter-productive. For that purpose the Assistant Education Adviser who has been recently appointed, last week, carries very specific responsibility for (and I quote from the Job Description) 'to investigate the non-attendance of students at school by strengthening links between home and school and Social Services where necessary'.

**HON S E LINARES:**

This debate came out in relation to the fact that, and the Minister agreed at the time with me, there is a process where if children do not attend school, remember the Welfare Officer going to look at the register and all the process that there is, and I understand that there is a process, and after all that lengthy process we both agreed that there had been incidents where the cases had been taken to court and the maximum sentence is still £5, and that was the issue. Therefore, the parent would easily just bring out £5 from the pocket, 'who do I have to pay this to?', and then start the process again. That was the issue. I do not think it was more the issue of looking at the whole thing, it was more at trying to make the ultimate deterrent more in relation to the times that we live in. I am sure that this legislation was way back in the 1960's and £5 was a lot of money, nowadays £5 does not buy one anything. Does the Minister not agree that that aspect might need a review?

**HON S E LINARES:**

I do agree that that aspect, as an amendment to the current legislation, might need review as many other bits of legislation where penalties and fines need to be upgraded. In that sense of course yes, everything needs to be looked at in the reality of today.

ORAL

**NO. 642 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – SEX AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

Can the Minister for Education state why Sex and Relationship Education Programmes are not offered at Middle Schools, Bayside and Westside as it is in the UK as part of the National Curriculum?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 643 and 644 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 643 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – SEX AND RELATIONSHIP EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

Can the Minister for Education state in what subject areas is sex education taught in schools and whether these tackle the emotional and psychological aspects of sexuality?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 and 644 of 2006.

**NO. 644 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION - PSHE**

Can Government state what is the syllabus of the PSHE which is being taught in Bayside and Westside schools?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

**Answer to Question Nos. 642 and 643 of 2006**

Even if the specific UK Sex and Relationship Education programme which prevails in the UK, referred to by the Opposition Member is not being offered in Gibraltar, our schools, nevertheless, provide very comprehensive sex education to all our pupils more adapted and more suitable to our own mentality and culture locally. This covers all areas of sexuality including the purely physical, emotional, ethical and psychological aspects.

Both comprehensive schools approach the subject in similar fashion. The physical aspects of sexuality are covered in the schools' science programmes of study. Additionally, emotional and psychological issues that relate to sex form part of the Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) programme, which I will be handing him details of the syllabus in a moment, as do other related topics like sexually transmitted diseases. Local doctors are regularly invited to school to address the pupils on these matters. Additionally and very importantly, the religious education syllabi take sexuality in the context of ethics and moral standards, in marriage, contraception, abortion and divorce.

**Answer to Question No. 644 of 2006**

Both Bayside and Westside Schools follow a comprehensive PSHE programme designed to help students develop into autonomous, independent, healthy, caring human beings who have the knowledge, self-awareness and skills needed to be active citizens.

The topics covered by each school's programme are too numerous to list orally, so I present them in a schedule which I now hand the hon Member.



**Answer to Question 644 of 2006**

**WESTSIDE SCHOOL – PSHE PROGRAMME**

<b>Year 8</b>	<b>Year 9</b>
Induction Programme	Drugs
Adolescence	Bullying
Environmental Project*	Child Abuse*
Smoking	Our Community
First Aid*	The Youth Service*
Citizenship	Aids*
Listening Skills	GCSE Options Programme*
Exam Preparation	What Makes a Disciplined Person
Careers Vocabulary	Crime & Punishment
Review Values	Diets*
<b>Year 10</b>	<b>Year 11</b>
Community Care	Drinking and Driving*
Disability*	Teenage Pregnancy*
The Elderly	Risks Having Sex*
Human Rights*	Dating
How to do Better in Exams	Relationships
Fund Raising Activities	Revision Techniques
Work Placement (one week)	Guidelines for Effective Study
Caring for the Elderly	Making Choices in Year 11
Review of the Year	Writing CVs/Interview etc.

NB. All topics followed by a \* indicates that a professional in the corresponding field is brought in to address the girls.

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**Contd Answer to Question 644 of 2006**

**Bayside School – PSHE Programme**

Theme	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Personal Organisation	Student planner Charities Homework Progress/Monitoring Study habits Review of last two terms Leisure Time	Student planner Charities What are you good at? Keeping options open Girl subjects/ Boy subjects Preparing for final options choices Leisure Time	Student planner Target setting Charities Preparing for work experience Follow up to work experience Review of the academic year Target setting Leisure Time	Student planner Year 10 review Target setting Charities Preparing for choices Preparing CVs Careers Fayre Interview Techniques Exam Techniques Revision Exploring Summer Jobs Decisions on Transitions
Social Awareness	What is Bullying Who can I turn to? School Community Vandalism Homework Clubs/Societies Animal Rights Disability-influence of media Old age-care for the elderly	Bullying through internet, Mobile phones On the Buses About town Youth service Animal Rights Poverty The Media Influences	Bullying – Boff Culture Aspirations Neighbours Hooliganism Sport facilities Clubs Animal Rights Legal System Smuggling Gambling	Bullying at work Consideration for others, parking/noise levels/drunken and disorderly Leisure time Hobbies More than just a 'student' Animal Rights Coping with stress in work environment
Personal Relationships	Student Forum Aggression at home Bereavement Divorce Siblings and family Place in the family Family roles Stereotypes	Who am I? Managing your moods Getting on with others – peers Dealing with situations Relationships with adults/friends/girls Bereavement Divorce Extended families Different families Financial choices Contraceptions	Aggressions vs Assertion Getting on with others – adults Dealing with situations Aggression Violence-Domestic Bereavement Divorce Sexism Racism Illegal Immigrants	Aggression in Sports Law Enforcement-Violence Unsocioable behaviour Aggression Violence-Domestic Bereavement Divorce
Health & Safety	You are what you eat – lunch-box review Changes in Puberty Personal Hygiene Self Image Cancer Environmental Issues Sun Care Food and Diet Media-Image Manners and Etiquette	Fireworks Smoking Personal safety Environmental Issues Sun Care Eating Disorders Manners and Etiquette	Peer Pressure Drinking Drugs Safety at work Mental illness Depression Sun Care Self Image Fitness Manners and Etiquette	Drinking Drugs Safe Sex Keeping safe Coping with stress Self image Eating disorders Sun Care

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 642 TO 644 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

I will carefully analyse the syllabus. Is the Minister aware that it is young people that believe that this subject should be offered, because they believe that it is very loosely touched upon with subjects that the Minister has just mentioned, like sciences and religion? That it should be a specific subject, like it is in the UK, for the reasons that they believe it is not covered as in-depth as it should. Is the Minister aware of this?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I am not aware that the young people are saying that and how many young people say that, and to what extent this is established with any sort of form of trustworthy survey, but I am certainly aware of one thing, that our teachers who are engaged in the teaching of these programmes, RE and in the Personal, Social and Health Education, take their duty very seriously and deal with these programmes of study very conscientiously and thoroughly.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I mentioned this because it is the young people in their report, the National Youth Council's Report, in which they mention these issues. So therefore, whether they have done a survey I do not know but it is in their report, it is recorded. Therefore, there is recognition from them, or at least it has been recorded by them in this report, that they believe and after talking to them they went through a lot of work trying to discuss it with young people and that was their outcome. So I am not saying this because I believe that there should be, although I do, this type of curricular subject, it is the young people who are saying it and they are saying it through their report. So there is some documentation there that proves that young people are saying it.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Well, I have arranged and am very happy and have already made arrangements to meet with the Youth Council representatives, when I will be absolutely open to study exactly what their feelings are, what their evidence is, and certainly always ready to review our programmes and our methodologies and approaches to this subject. One thing I do want to make a point of is that I do not think this is a subject, such a sensitive area, where we can just simply adopt wholesale whatever is being done in a very different cultural moral context in the UK. I think we have to be more sensitive to the situation locally, minds of parents and young people, and yet be as effective, but I will indeed discuss with the young people of the Youth Council exactly how we can improve.

ORAL

**NO. 645 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state how many trainees in the Vocational Training Scheme have obtained employment in the past 3 years in Private Companies or private work places giving a breakdown by Company or private work place?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 646 to 648 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 646 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state how many trainees who successfully completed the Vocational Training Scheme from the year 2000 to date were employed by the employers, to whom they were attached, giving a breakdown by year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 645, 647 and 648 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 647 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state how many trainees in the Vocational Training Scheme are currently attached to Private Companies or private work places giving a breakdown by company or work place and for how long have these trainees been in each company or work place?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 645, 646 and 648 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 648 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state how many trainees applied for the Vocational Training Scheme from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I now hand the hon Member.

**Answer to Question 648 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 645**

Date Range	Private Sector
1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004	47
1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005	42
1 July 2005 to 30 June 2006	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>134</b>

**Answer to Question 646**

Date Range	Private Sector
1 May 2001 to 30 April 2002	20
1 May 2002 to 30 June 2003	43
1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004	49
1 July 2004 to 30 June 2005	54
1 July 2005 to 6 June 2006	49
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>215</b>

No statistics available for period prior to 1 May 2001

**Answer to Question 647**

As at 6 June 2006, a total of 101 VTS Trainees were on a Training Placement with Private Sector Companies. The Training Placements can be broken down into the following categories.

Administration/Secretariat	43
Retail Businesses	8
Personal Services	14
Tourism Sector	11
Hotel Catering	6
Skilled Trades	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>

The length of time Trainees have been on these placements as follows:

Number of Months	Number of Trainees
1	8
2	7
3	5
4	17
5	8
6	10
7	2
8	9
9	12
10	10
11	1
12	2
Over 12 months	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>101</b>

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**Contd Answer to Question 648 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 648**

<b>Date Range</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Number of Applications</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001	VTS 1	156	
1 July 2001 to 20 June 2002	VTS 2	151	33 Trainees transferred from VTS 1
1 July 2002 to 30 August 2003	VTS 3	217	38 Trainees transferred from VTS 2
1 September 2003 to 31 March 2005	VTS 4	421	111 Trainees transferred from VTS 3
1 April 2005 to 6 June 2006	VTS 5	329	78 Trainees transferred from VTS 4

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 645 TO 648 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

I notice from just looking at the schedule that the Minister has given me that there is no list of the companies in which they are attached to, which was one of the questions.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

We did not want to fall foul of the Data Protection legislation and there was some hint that in identifying, naming companies, we would actually identify the individuals themselves without their consent, so we thought it was in any case just as useful to list the areas of employment, retail, services, tourism but if the hon Member wishes, I could provide him in greater confidence with the names of the individual companies.

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**HON S E LINARES:**

If I may indulge in going back to Question No. 648 of 2006, where the Minister gave us a schedule showing a date range. Since the schedule to Question No. 649 of 2006 has been amended and in Question No. 648 of 2006 the following date ranges are given: 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000 to June 2001, July 2001 to 2002, July 2002 to 2003 and September 2003 to March 2005, is there any reason why 2004 has been omitted and is not given as a breakdown?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I think this may also be a typographical error. I am sorry I have not checked through this before.

**HON S E LINARES:**

But there will still be a year missing even if that is 2004.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I suppose so, because then we would go from 2005 to 2006, I will look into this.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can I ask the Minister the actual periods, the date ranges he has given? In VTS 1 it is a year and in VTS 2 it is a year and then it seems to go to 13 months, then 18 months and then 9 months? The length of the different projects seems to change.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The number of applications come throughout that year, it is not as if all the intake, say in 1<sup>st</sup> July 2000 there were 156 applications, some applications come later and some go out. So there is a transferral of trainees from one year to another, because the application to join the VTS does not start at 1<sup>st</sup> July and finish in that year, it comes throughout the year. That may help.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but given that the original Question No. 648 of 2006 is how many trainees have applied from the year 2000 giving a breakdown by year, and the answer is a breakdown by year, and given that a year has 12 months, there is a breakdown giving the number in 12 month periods in 2001 and in 2001/2002 but then the next period is 13 months, and then the period after that is 18 months and the period after that is 9 months, so it is difficult to compare the numbers coming in over a given period if the periods change. Unless there is a particular reason for the change in the length of the periods.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

There must be a particular reason and I will have to follow it up.

ORAL

**NO. 649 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE**

Can Government state how much money has been obtained from the ESF since the year 2000 to date for the Construction and Training Centre giving a breakdown by year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question No. 650 of 2006.

**NO. 650 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state how much money has been obtained from the ESF since the year 2000 to date for the Cammell Laird apprenticeship scheme giving a breakdown by year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I now hand the hon Member. Please note that there is a typographical error in the table for Question No. 649 of 2006, and that Intake 10 should read 25<sup>th</sup> May 2003 and not 2005.

**Answer to Question 650 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 649**

Gibraltar Construction Training Centre

Intake Number	ESF Offer Letter Date	Total Received from ESF as at 6 June 2006
5A	14 Feb 02	£109,435
6	14 Feb 02	£12,643
7	14 Feb 02	£36,624
10	25 May 0 <del>5</del> 3	£115,352
11	30 Nov 04	£104,407
12	12 Oct 05	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£378,461</b>

**Answer to Question 650**

Engineering Trades Training Scheme

Intake Number	ESF Offer Letter Date	Total Received from ESF as at 6 June 2006
ETTS 98	14 Feb 02	£17,167
ETTS 99	14 Feb 02	£19,439
ETTS 00	14 Feb 02	£168,478
ETTS 04	30 Nov 04	£41,659
ETTS 05	5 Jul 05	£19,759
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£266,502</b>

ORAL

**NO. 651 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE**

Can Government state how many trainees applied for training places at the Construction and Training Centre from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year and trade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I hand to the hon Member.

**Answer to Question 651 of 2006**

**GCTC Full Time Trainees**

Trade	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005	
	Applied	Enrolled	Applied	Enrolled	Applied	Enrolled	Applied	Enrolled	Applied	Enrolled	Applied	Enrolled
Tiler	6	0	6	4	5	2	5	4	6	5	4	4
Carpenter	5	5	5	7	7	3	8	6	9	8	5	3
Painter & Decorator	6	5	6	6	8	5	6	2	4	2	2	2
Plasterer	1	1	9	3	5	1	3	3	3	3	1	1
Plumber	3	3	4	4	4	4	7	7	8	5	4	1
Bricklayer	2	2	7	5	6	5	5	2	4	3	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>

Numbers enrolled are less than number of applicants not only due to unsuccessful application but also due to Potential Trainee deciding not to take up offer of Training



A P E Scheme  
(Accreditation of Prior Experience)

Vocational Training  
Scheme Trainees also  
attending GCTC

Trade	Enrolled 2002
Tiler	0
Carpenter	2
Painter & Decorator	0
Plasterer	1
Plumber	1
Bricklayer	1
Total	5

Trade	Enrolled 2005
Tiler	4
Carpenter	0
Painter & Decorator	1
Plasterer	0
Plumber	0
Bricklayer	0
Total	5

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 651 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

I notice that in the schedule he has given me that there are Vocational Training Scheme trainees who also attend the GCTC, and there is a figure there, five of them apparently do. Is this that the VTS trainees are given time off from the employers in the private company, or does this only apply to trainees who are attached to Government Agencies?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I think in the initial contractual arrangement with an employer, whether it is a public department or a private department, an arrangement is made on a day-release or time-release basis so that they can actually follow-up industrial training in the Construction Training Centre.

**NO. 652 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE/CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state how the amounts paid to trainees at the Construction and Training Centre and at Cammell Laird are worked out or analogued to?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

As regards the analogue applied to establish these rates of pay, I have written to the hon Member but I will announce it here. I have pointed out to him in writing that trainees in similar schemes in the UK (that is, under ESF sponsored projects) are not paid any such allowances whilst in training. So really the question of analogue is rather nebulous. They can only claim refunds for travelling expenses, luncheon vouchers when they are away from their Training Centre or work placement. I do want to emphasise and stress, that the Government of Gibraltar are committed to enhance the current rates of Trainees' Allowances, despite this lack of analogue. The allowances have been established now for a number of years and we are holding very fruitful discussions with the TGWU Officers to this effect for a review of these rates.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 652 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

I understand the Minister did answer Question No. 178 in writing and I have got it in front of me and the question was specific to the VTS. That is why I posed the question, because the VTS was introduced before 1996. Therefore, in the answer he stated that the previous administration had set a figure. The question here is not the VTS, it is the Construction Training Centre and Cammell Laird, which have been subsequent to the previous administration and therefore, have the Construction Training Centre Trainees been analogued by the Government?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

We have just simply adopted the same rates that were already there for the VTS to the Construction Training Centre trainees and the Cammell Laird trainees.

**HON S E LINARES:**

So the answer to the question that I got in writing applies also for the other two schemes?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, in fact what I was saying is, and the information that we got from the DSS people in the UK is that it is precisely apprentices in training centres that are not paid like A-level students or college education students of that age, that trainees are not provided with allowances except, as I say, for certain travelling expenses. We cannot find any way of analoguing on a parity type of basis the present rate, so what we have to do is negotiate the rates ourselves locally and this is exactly what we are doing at the moment, making it meaningful and providing the type of incentives that we want to attract good students into these industrial trades.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is there a particular reason why this has not happened until very recently? If the rates were adopted because they were there in 1996, the rates of everybody else have gone up in Gibraltar.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

There is always an element of inertia in these things, as the hon Member will know. I think that the realities are that failing to get the demand, as we are now getting it, this is a way of life, they remain static. Certainly I understand and we have actually declared that in the manifesto of the GSD, that we were committed to enhancing these allowances.

ORAL

**NO. 653 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state how many trainees who successfully completed the apprenticeship scheme in Cammell Laird from the year 2000 to date were employed by Cammell Laird giving a breakdown by year and trade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 654 to 657 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 654 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state how many trainees have successfully completed the apprenticeship scheme in Cammell Laird from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year and trade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 653 and 655 to 657 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 655 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state how many trainees were successful in obtaining places in the Cammell Laird apprenticeship scheme from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year and trade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 653, 654, 656 and 657 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 656 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state how many trainees applied for training places at Cammell Laird apprenticeship scheme from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year and trade?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 653 to 655 and 657 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 657 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state how much it has paid Cammell Laird for training places from the year 2000 to date giving a breakdown by year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I now hand to the hon Member.

#### Answer to Question 657 of 2006

#### Answer to Question 653

Apprenticeship Completion Date	No. of Apprentices employed by Cammell Laird	Welding & Fabrication	Electrical	Mechanical
2002	5	5	0	0
2003	9	0	6	3
2004	7	3	2	2
2005	4	1	1	2
2006	6 still in training	Estimated completion date November 2006		

The first Engineering Trades Training Scheme Intake commenced in November 1998 and, therefore, the first set of Apprentices to complete their four years Apprenticeship programme did so in 2002.

#### Answer to Question 654

Apprenticeship Completion Date	No. completing Apprenticeship	Welding & Fabrication	Electrical	Mechanical
2002	5	5	0	0
2003	9	0	6	3
2004	7	3	2	2
2005	6	1	2	3
2006	6 still in training	Estimated completion date November 2006		

The first Engineering Trades Training Scheme Intake commenced in November 1998 and, therefore, the first set of Apprentices to complete their four years Apprenticeship programme did so in 2002.

#### Answer to Question 655

Intake Start Date	Apprentices commencing Training	Left before allocation of Trade	Welding & Fabrication	Electrical	Mechanical
2000	18	2	3	6	7
2001	10	1	2	4	3
2002	11	0	3	4	4
2003	No Intake	-	-	-	-
2004	12	2	4	2	4
2005	13	5	5	1	2
2006	Start date 18 September 2006				

**Contd Answer to Question 657 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 656**

ETTS Intake Year	No. of Applications
2000	22
2001	26
2002	22
2003	No Intake
2004	36
2005	29

Apprentices participating in the Engineering Trades Training Scheme follow a generic training programme during the first 6 months. After initial generic training Apprentices follow specialised training programmes in Welding and Fabrication, Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering, according to the Trainees' ability.

The Answer to Question 655 gives a breakdown of the Trades eventually allocated to Apprentices.

**Answer to Question 657**

Financial Year	Total Reimbursed
2000/2001	£221,236.88
2001/2002	£274,571.75
2002/2003	£208,635.09
2003/2004	£318,018.29

Unable to provide further information post Financial Year 2003/2004 as Cammell Laird have not provided the ESF Project Auditors with all required information in respect of pending claims.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 653 TO 657 OF 2006**

### **HON S E LINARES:**

In Question No. 657 of 2006 it says 'total reimbursements' and the schedule gives us a breakdown from the year 2000 to date, can I ask the Minister if these reimbursements are coming from the EU projects, in the Estimates of Expenditure? Do they come from that Head? If I remember correctly the Head is Vocational Cadets – EU Projects and there is a sum, do these amounts come from that vote?

### **HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes. May I point out, I meant to do this before, that in the table for Question No. 654 of 2006, the dates begin with 2002 because the apprentices came in at 2000, which is what the hon Member was asking, did not complete until 2002 their four years training, that is the reason for omitting that. Also, I am very pleased to note that all apprentices with Cammell Laird over the years listed by the hon Member, have been employed by Cammell Laird excepting 2005, when one mechanical fitter and one electrical fitter were actually employed by the Electricity Authority.

ORAL

**NO. 658 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE/CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state what canteen facilities are available at the Construction and Training Centre and at the Cammell Laird Training Centre?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 659 and 660 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 659 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE**

Can Government state what is the allowance scale used to pay trainees at the Construction and Training Centre and when was the last time that these payments were increased?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 658 and 660 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 660 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE**

Can Government state how many trainees in the years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date from the Construction and Training Centre who have completed courses at NVQ level 2 and NVQ level 3 respectively have obtained employment in:

- (a) the trade they trained for and
- (b) in trades they have not trained for

giving a breakdown by year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I now hand to the hon Member.

**Answer to Question 660 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 658**

The following canteen facilities are available at the two Training Centres:

<b>Gibraltar Construction Training Centre</b>	<b>Cammell Laird Training Centre</b>
1 Fridge/Freezer	<i>Housed within the amenities centre next door to Lecture Rooms</i>
1 Cooker/Oven	2 Microwave Ovens
1 Toaster	Individual Lockers
1 Tea Urn	Tables and Chairs
Sink with fresh running water	Sink with fresh running water
Tables and Chairs	
1 Electric Fan	<i>Housed within the restroom next to the Workshops</i>
1 Microwave Oven	2 Microwave Ovens
1 Kettle	1 Cooker
	1 Tea Urn
	1 Fridge
	Tables and Chairs
	Sink with fresh hot and cold running water
	1 Washing Machine (reserved for the washing of overalls)
	In addition to the above, Trainees may purchase hot meals from Cammell Laird's Amenities Centre through a pre booking system

**Answer to Question 659**

**Gibraltar Construction Training Centre**

<b>Age</b>	<b>Gross Monthly</b>
15 and 16	£227.08
17	£254.08
18	£330.00
19 and over	£356.41

These allowances have not been increased since this Government took Office. However, the Government of Gibraltar is committed to enhance the current rates of Trainees' Allowances for Trainees, and we are holding discussions with the relevant TGWU Officers to this effect.

**Answer to Question 660**

When a Trainee has achieved his NVQ at Level 2 or Level 3 and, subsequently, leaves the Gibraltar Construction Training Centre in order to take up employment, he is not required to give the Training Centre Manager any details in respect of the employment he is taking up. Therefore regrettably, I cannot furnish the Honourable Member with details in respect of employment obtained by our ex-Trainees.



**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 658 TO 660 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is the Minister satisfied that these facilities which he has listed here, trainees are able to use it at the times that they have breaks?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, there has been some confusion about the management of these facilities but this was brought to our attention in our discussions with the Union and with the representative of the trainees in the workplace, and I am satisfied that they have been put right forthwith.

**NO. 661 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CHILDLINE GIBRALTAR**

Can the Minister for Education state if he intends to support the charity Childline and if so how will he support this worthy charity dealing with children in desperate need of help?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

The Department of Education and Training is very pleased to support the charity Childline and we have been doing so for some time now. I have held regular meetings with the Directors and organisers of this organisation and this, actually, has been proved in practical terms by funding. We have funded the course delivered last November aimed at training the trainees. They proposed to us that they wanted to establish a sort of pyramid system, whereby we train people at the top and they can pass on their training further down. Eight persons, two of them serving teachers in our schools, were selected and trained so that, as I have explained, they can in turn train other persons to meet the demands of working in and for Childline.

The Department has also provided opportunities for Childline to address school staff who attended the Conference on Domestic Violence and, more recently all staff at Bayside School have been addressed by people from Childline. The Schools will be encouraged to advertise and to discuss with pupils, in the Personal Social and Health Programme, the availability of this service.

As I say, I have met with the Trustees of this charity on a number of occasions to discuss ways in which the Department of Education and Training can continue to cooperate and support them, and I actually have been invited and I shall be representing the Government at the launch of Childline Gibraltar on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

**NO. 662 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – TRAINING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Can the Minister for Education state how many times the Training Advisory Council have met in the years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date respectively?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

The Training Advisory Council met on the following dates since the year 2000:

21<sup>st</sup> June 2000;  
20<sup>th</sup> September 2000;  
13<sup>th</sup> December 2000;  
27<sup>th</sup> February 2001;  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2001;  
19<sup>th</sup> September 2002;  
5<sup>th</sup> March 2003;  
11<sup>th</sup> March 2004;  
21<sup>st</sup> June 2004;  
9<sup>th</sup> February 2005.

There has been no meeting this year for the simple reason that at the last meeting in February last year, we agreed that what was needed was practical and detailed papers, suggestions, proposals, to be submitted by each sector representative. As I have explained before, there is a very wide representation of the stakeholders and the suggestions have now been passed on, which have proved most useful to the Department.

Following on this, the Government's Training Officer is now actually meeting with individual sectors, meetings with the Gibraltar Society of Chartered and Certified Accounting Bodies, Finance Centre Council, Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce, Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses, Transport and General Workers Union, Department of Trade and Industry and Employment Services. What we are doing is putting all the pieces of the jigsaw, all the different perspectives and perceptions of the different bodies, into a global comprehensive training policy which we are very keen to carry out and overhaul the view of all our training provisions.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 662 OF 2006**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is there any coordination between the Post 14-19 Education Committee that he created with the Training Advisory Council? It seems as if the meetings are few and far between, in 2002 and 2003 one per year, should there not be coordination between the Post 14-19 Education with the Training Advisory Council? I understand that the Training Advisory Council will look at training, not only for the 14-19 sector of pupils but they will look beyond the age of 19, but is there not a case where there should be some coordination between one committee and the other?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, and the coordination, liaison point is the Training Officer, who is also an Educational Adviser in the Department. Of course, he will be coordinating the evidence and the work being done by the Training Advisory Council with the more educationally-gearred and academically-gearred 14-19 Working Group.

**NO. 663 OF 2006**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – UNIVERSITY TUITION FEES**

Can Government state whether students with a Government grant will have to obtain a loan from the UK student loan system to pay for the tuition fees this or the next academic year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

I very much welcome this question as it gives me the opportunity of announcing the current arrangements which have been made by the Department of Education and Training for the payment of university tuition fees, and this should be of great interest to prospective candidates going into university next September. I say next September because it is only students starting new university courses with effect from September 2006 but not those who are already currently at university, who will need to obtain a loan to cover university tuition fees, but this will be a purely administrative arrangement which has been forced upon us by changes in the UK. I want to stress that the crucial point to be made is that the Gibraltar Government have taken the decision to continue to underwrite the cost of university tuition fees for its scholarship holders, notwithstanding the fact that with effect from September 2006, the level of these fees, as the House knows because I have mentioned this before, is due to practically treble from the current £1,175 yearly to £3,000 per year and per student.

What the UK Government have done is to form a wholly-owned UK Government company known as the 'Student Loans Company'. All UK students and thereby all EU students, that includes the Gibraltar students, need to apply to this company for a loan to cover the cost of the university tuition fees. Tuition fees are not to be paid up front, directly to universities, in the future we have to go through the mechanics of this company. The loans are granted automatically and are not subject to means testing. Similar applications need to be made for every year of a student's course and the monies are paid directly by the Student Loans Company to the university in question. These loans do not become repayable until the student has finished his or her course, is in employment and earning a minimum of £15,000. It is the task of the Student Loans Company to recoup these favours.

As the Gibraltar Government have decided to continue to underwrite the cost of tuition fees for Gibraltar Scholarship holders, the following administrative arrangements have been put into place. Gibraltar students will need to apply to the Student Loans Company for tuition fee loans, they will be advised in the process by the Education Department, in the same way as their counterparts from the UK or

other parts of the EU. When the time for repayment comes round, however, the Gibraltar Government will reimburse any payments made by our scholarship holders on presentation of course of a valid receipt. In this way the full cost of the university tuition fees will continue to be met by the Gibraltar Government and, as a consequence let me say, our scholarship holders remain much better off than their counterparts in the UK who have to pay from their own pocket.

**NO. 664 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – CHILDREN RESIDENT IN SPAIN ATTENDING SCHOOL IN GIBRALTAR**

Can Government state how many children resident in Spain currently attend school in Gibraltar, giving a breakdown by gender, age and nationality?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

A total of 30 children who are resident in Spain currently attend school in Gibraltar, all of these on a fee-paying basis. This figure breaks down as follows:

25 of the children are British, 4 are Spanish and 1 is Irish.

21 of them are male and 9 are female.

Four children are six years old, one is eight, two are nine, two are ten, three are 11, two are 12, four are 13, six are 14, three are 15, two are 16 and one is 18.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 664 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I take it these are all in Government schools in Gibraltar, is that correct?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Would these be children whose parents are working in Gibraltar or does that have no effect, can anybody send their children here paying or is there a requirement for some connection with Gibraltar?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

There are some requirements, the Government are not compelled to take on a fee-paying student. It could be someone working in Gibraltar or otherwise, but there is not an obligation to offer education. There are particular cases where of course it is difficult for the school to actually assimilate into their programmes, particularly at a later stage, students who perhaps have not got the basic language or something like that, but the question of working in Gibraltar or otherwise is not a factor.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the current figure of 30 showing any increase or is that the sort of norm that there has been in other years?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I have not got the exact figures with me but I am pretty sure that it is the norm, it is a standard pattern in the year.



**ORAL**

**NO. 665 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state the years in which the Sports and Leisure Authority employed a former VTS trainee and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainee applied for vacancy in competition with others or was offered the position?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 666 to 672 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 666 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state the years in which the Gibraltar Health Authority employed each of the two former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665 and 667 to 672 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 667 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state the years in which the Saint John's Ambulance employed each of the two former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665, 666 and 668 to 672 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 668 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state the years in which the Royal Gibraltar Police employed each of the three former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665 to 667 and 669 to 672 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 669 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state the years in which the Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation employed each of the two former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665 to 668 and 670 to 672 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 670 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state the years in which the Elderly Care Agency employed each of the two former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665 to 669, 671 and 672 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 671 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state the years in which the Philatelic Bureau employed each of the three former VTS trainees and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 665 to 670 and 672 of 2006.

**NO. 672 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – VOCATIONAL TRAINING SCHEME**

Can Government state the years in which the Department of Education and Training employed a former VTS trainee and provide the following information:

1. age and gender;
2. length of time on VTS;
3. nature of employment;
4. whether any of VTS time was in this Department and if so how much;
5. grade and salary scale of post; and

whether trainees applied for vacancy in competition with others or were offered the position?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, CIVIC AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS**

The statistical information requested is set out in the schedule which I hand to the hon Member.

May I point out that he has asked for age, since I was not sure whether he meant the age when they entered the VTS Scheme or when they obtain employment, we have given the date of birth.



**Answer to Question 672 of 2006**

**Answer to Question 665**

**Gibraltar Sports & Leisure Authority**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
21 4 83	F	12 months	Sports Admin	12 months

Trainee left the VTS as she obtained employment with the Government of Gibraltar as an Administrative Assistant in the Civil Service. Employment gained in competition with other applicants for Administrative Assistant vacancies in the Civil Service start date 24 February 2003

**Answer to Question 666**

**Gibraltar Health Authority**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
2 2 80	M	22 months	IT Assistant	22 months

Trainee left the VTS on 17 January 2005 after successful application for vacancy as advertised by the Gibraltar Health Authority

**Gibraltar Health Authority**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
17 7 86	F	10 months	Admin Clerk	10 months

Trainee obtained employment with GHA as Receptionist & desk Help Operator after successful application for vacancy as advertised by GHA. Ended on VTS on 11 February 2005, commenced at GHA on 14 February 2005.

Answer to Question 667

**St John's Ambulance**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
25 8 82	F	12 months	Clerk	12 months

Trainee left VTS on 31 October 2003 after successful application for the post of Admin Assistant at St John's, start date 1 November 2003.

**St John's Ambulance**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
14 8 85	M	25 months	Call Handler	25 months

Trainee left VTS on 30 April 2005 after successful application for the post of Non-Emergency Ambulance Attendant at St John's, start date 1 May 2005.

**St John's Ambulance**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
30 9 87	F	3.5 months	Office Junior	3.5 months

Trainee left VTS on 31 May 2005 after successful application for the post of Admin Assistant at St John's, start date 1 June 2005.

**Answer to Question 668**

**Royal Gibraltar Police**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
25 9 85	M	8 months	Police Cadet	8 months

Trainee left VTS on 29 August 2004 after successful application, and attendance at Selection Weekend, for vacancy as Police Constable

**Royal Gibraltar Police**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
18 6 86	M	8 months	Police Cadet	8 months

Trainee left VTS on 19 June 2005 after successful application, and attendance at Selection Weekend, for vacancy as Police Constable

**Royal Gibraltar Police**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
27 2 84	M	17.5 months	Police Cadet	17.5 months

Trainee left VTS on 19 June 2005 after successful application (2<sup>nd</sup> attempt), and attendance at Selection Weekend, for vacancy as Police Constable.

Answer to Question 669

**Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
16 11 84	M	24 months	Production Assistant	24 months

Trainee left VTS on 29 August 2004 following successful application for the post of Audio Assistant at GBC, start date 1 September 2004

**Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
24 7 79	M	12 months	Digital Media Trainee	12 months

Trainee left VTS on 29 August 2004 following successful application for the post of Audio/Vision Assistant 'A' at GBC, start date 1 September 2004

Answer to Question 670

**Elderly Care Agency**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
6 7 83	F	19 months	Kitchen Assistant	19 months

Trainee left VTS on 31 January 2005 to take up employment at Elderly Care Agency as Domestic in Catering Department, start date 1 February 2005

**Elderly Care Agency**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
4 1 72	M	13 months	Maintenance Crew	13 months

Trainee left VTS on 25 September 2005 to take up employment at Elderly Care Agency as Labourer, start date 26 September 2005

Answer to Question 671

**Philatelic Bureau**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
21 4 88	F	6 months	Admin Clerk	6 months

Trainee left VTS on 31 March 2005 to take up employment with Philatelic Bureau as Office Clerk, start date 1 April 2005

**Philatelic Bureau**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
26 3 89	F	7.5 months	Customer Services	19 days

Trainee left VTS on 30 April 2005 to take up employment with Philatelic Bureau as Office Clerk, start date 1 May 2005

**Philatelic Bureau**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
13 12 86	M	18 months	Admin Clerk	11 months

Trainee left VTS on 31 March 2006 to take up employment with Philatelic Bureau as Customer Services, start date 1 April 2006

Answer to Question 672

**Department of Education & Training**

Date of Birth	Gender	Length on VTS	Training Placement as	VTS length at this Department
6 4 82	M	47 months	Admin Assistant	47 months

Trainee left VTS on 3 March 2003 to take up employment with Government of Gibraltar as Library and Resources Assistant, start date 4 March 2003

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 665 TO 672 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In reply to Question No. 665 of 2006 on the Sports and Leisure Authority, the explanation given is that the person that was placed as a Trainee Sports Administration for a period of 12 months, left on 24<sup>th</sup> February to take up a post which had been advertised in the Civil Service, so that means that that was not connected with the actual training, is that correct? It was a post in the Civil Service as opposed to being in the Authority.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, but if I am given a moment to look at my own notes, because I believe it was in the Civil Service but within the Sports Authority, an administrative job. No, it was in the Civil Service, the training he had there was probably of an administrative function and on the basis of that, he gained through the selection process a post of Administrative Assistant in the Government.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it a post of Administrative Assistant in the Government or is it employment in the Authority, given that we have been previously told in the House that the people in the Authority are not in the Civil Service?

**HON F VINET:**

If I can intervene, I can confirm that there are no Civil Servants employed in the Authority. All the Authority are employees of the Authority itself.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is why I am asking a supplementary, because that was my understanding from previous answers. Since this says 'left the VTS' when the person obtained employment as an Administrative Assistant with the Government of Gibraltar in the Civil Service, that explanation suggests to me, in the light of the information previously provided, that although she was training in the Sports and Leisure Authority she left the Scheme in the Sports Authority because a vacancy came up in the Government Civil Service, is that the correct interpretation or not?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So then it is not the case that the person was employed in the Sports and Leisure Authority?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I thought my Colleague had cleared this a moment ago by saying that there are no Civil Servants within the Sports Authority.

**HON F VINET:**

That is right. Just to clarify, there are still three persons working at the facilities of the Authority who have not transferred to the Authority but that is a completely separate matter to this one.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am aware that there may be people who were former Civil Servants but no one is being recruited into the Authority on the basis of applying for a vacancy in the Civil Service under the Government of Gibraltar. Therefore, given that that is the note, then the actual nature of the training was not a factor because the person is not actually going to be working in the Sports Authority where the training took place.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The nature of the training, as has been noted, was also in terms of administration within the Sports Authority so that may count and give an experience to that prospective employee to make the case before a selection board. It was within the Sports Authority but carrying out administrative work.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but I assume that the person concerned still had to meet the requirements of having two O-level passes in order to be able to apply in the first instance.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Indeed, all the requirements of selection for the post of AA in the Government.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister confirm that in the note that he has given to various answers, in some of them it says 'after successful application for a vacancy', for example, in the Health Authority the next question, Question No. 666 of 2006, but there are some others where it says, for example, in answer to the question on the Department of Education and Training, where there is a Library and Resources Assistant, to take up employment with the Government as Library and Resources Assistant. Am I right that where it says 'take up employment' it means the job was automatically offered to the person?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, this is a particular case that is known to the Opposition Spokesman for Education, where we employed this person as supernumerary in a sheltered employment capacity, because of the disability involved.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but I have given that as an example. For example, in the Philatelic Bureau there are three who left the Scheme to take up employment with the Philatelic Bureau. My question is, where it says 'take up employment' as opposed to saying 'successful application' am I right in interpreting that answer as meaning that in those cases the trainee did not have to apply for the job, it was offered automatically on completion of the training. Is that the correct interpretation of the answer?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Not quite, there was this person that had considerable experience in this particular type of employment, in a school, and when the post was opened as a supernumerary above the complement of the school, he had to go through a formal application but because of his experience and long-standing performance in that capacity, he was happily employed and we are very pleased with him.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am afraid the Minister has not understood my question. I said I was using that as an example but have now used the other three examples. He has come back to the first one. I said that in the answers I have been given, in some instances it says the trainee took up a position after successful application for a vacancy that was advertised. In other cases, it says the trainee left the Scheme to take up employment. Given the different terminology, is the correct interpretation of the answer that in cases where it says 'to take up employment', for example in the Elderly Care Agency or in the Philatelic Bureau, it means that they did not have to apply? My original question was did they have to apply in competition with others or were they offered the position, and I am trying to seek clarification on the answer that I have been given.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

As regards the Philatelic Bureau my knowledge or information is that they took on these trainees, because of their performance, into their complement and I do not believe that there was any form of selection for the posts, but this is the Philatelic Bureau not a Government Department.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Presumably that is also the case with the two vacancies in the Elderly Care Agency, is that correct?



**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Not quite, in the Elderly Care Agency one of the vacancies was again supernumerary to the complement, and it was offered as a form of sheltered employment to one of the trainees. The other one did go through a selection process.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So in fact, although it says the same in both of the Elderly Care Agency one is not the correct answer, is that right? One of them actually was a successful applicant. Can the Minister point to which of the two it was?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The first one was the successful applicant, the youngest of the two, and the second one was a supernumerary point offered as a sheltered employment scheme.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In cases where people are given the permanent job, as it were, after a period of training, is this something that is known to the trainee when the trainee starts, that there will be a job at the end of the period, obviously if he shows capacity to do the job as a result of the training?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes of course. Although there is no guarantee of a job at the end, I have mentioned this before it is not part of the scheme as it stands at the moment, but definitely the trainee knows perfectly well that if he performs adequately to the satisfaction of his training provider, he has a pretty good chance when a post is opened of obtaining employment. This, as can be seen from many of the cases that are listed here, has been the case.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

They mean two different things. One this is to say one stands a good chance if a vacancy comes up, and the other thing is to say there is going to be a vacancy. I know the Minister says there is no guarantee but is there a legitimate expectation?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

It would be different situations in different placements. In some cases we may know that in that particular area of employment with that training provider there are good opportunities coming up, vacancies in other words, that are likely to emerge and that therefore this trainee has an element of expectation, that given his performance and demonstrating his skills he has a good chance of obtaining that particular employment when it is offered. There is that element of expectation, but as I say, I have to repeat there is no guarantee.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but all these questions and all the answers all relate to public sector employment. The Sports Authority, the Health Authority all of whom depend on public money and are not profit making organisations. Presumably the complement of the Philatelic Bureau or the complement of the Broadcasting Corporation is dependant on the amount of money that is available as a result of the only contact they have got as service providers, they do not work for anybody else. Are the Government not in a position to know if the training is leading somewhere or not in those cases? I accept that in a 100 per cent privately owned enterprise it may not be possible to do the same.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

On a point of order if I can interrupt my colleague and for the sake of clarification, the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau does not depend on public money in any sense. It is an independent, commercial enterprise in which the Government participate.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but the Gibraltar Philatelic Bureau is engaged in philatelic sales for the Government of Gibraltar with a contract with the Government of Gibraltar, and presumably the Government of Gibraltar are in a position to know the manning level that it is likely to need, given that they are well aware of its turnover because it does it for the Government.

**HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:**

Yes, I do not want to interfere in the answer. All that I was trying to clarify for the hon Member is that the Philatelic Bureau, from my knowledge of it when I had responsibility for philately, is not dependant on Government subsidies as GBC or other entities are, it works independently. Just for clarification's point.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am aware that it is not an outfit that actually makes a loss that is met from a subsidy by the Government, but in fact, the original breakdown of all these were given to us on the basis that these were in the public as opposed to the private sector. Since they are all in the public sector in one way or another, I am asking the Minister whereas he might well argue that if a trainee's place in a private company the private company might at the end of the day not have a suitable vacancy for reasons that are related to its business and the market, they might have an expectation but they will not be able to guarantee because the business is not there, in all the answers to all the questions that I have put they are all trainees which are in an area where the employment is not governed by market conditions, because they are not businesses working for profit except the Philatelic Bureau. Even there it is a fairly stable situation.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

So the hon Member is asking me what is the score in the private sector, because these are the questions he asked about the public sector.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not asking in the private sector because that does not arise since none of these questions deal with the private sector.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Of course, this is what I was getting at.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It seemed to me the answer the Minister was giving me was about the private sector, I am not asking about the private sector. I am saying, if in places like the Sports Authority, the Health Authority, the St John's Ambulance, the Royal Gibraltar Police, the Elderly Care Agency and GBC and the Department of Education and Training and possibly with the caveat entered by the Minister, the Philatelic Bureau, surely there the training is either for a purpose, because there is going to be a job at the end or simply because they want to provide people with training rather than not have them working.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The answer is yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Which of the two is yes?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The expectation is there when the trainee is placed in that particular public sector, or semi-public sector organisation there is obviously, in the process of placing him, an arrangement between the training officer, who does all the processing of this with the employers and managers, as to the possible expectations of posts arising which could be taken over.

ORAL

**NO. 673 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED**

Can Government state when they now envisage that the double-decker buses recently renovated/refurbished in the United Kingdom at a cost of £117,000 should commence providing a service?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 674 to 676 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 674 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED**

Can Government state the number of paying passengers that were transported and the value of fares collected from these passengers by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited in the months of April and May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 673, 675 and 676 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 675 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED**

Can Government confirm that the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited has only two Directors who are remunerated for their responsibilities and provide the level of their remuneration for the year ended 31 March 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 673, 674 and 676 of 2006.

**NO. 676 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED**

Can Government state the number of employees working for the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited as at 31 March 2006 and provide their grades and a breakdown of the annual salaries paid to these grades?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Gibraltar Bus Company continues to expand. In the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2006, the buses carried over 1,433,000 passengers, which comes to nearly 4,000 passengers a day. This represents an increase carried of 10.2 per cent compared with the previous 12 months. The Government consider that the bus company is providing a valuable service for Gibraltar.

It is envisaged that the double-decker buses, which were recently renovated/refurbished in the United Kingdom, will commence providing a service on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

The number of paying passengers that were transported and the value of fares collected from these passengers by the Gibraltar Bus Company Ltd in the months of April and May 2006, were as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Passengers Carried</u>	<u>Value of Fares</u>
April 2006	112,478	£70,456
May 2006	123,604	£77,161

The remainder of the statistical information sought is now being handed to the hon Member in written format.

**Schedule to Question 676**

**Answer to Question 675**

The Gibraltar Bus Company has 2 directors who are each paid £35,000 per annum.

**Answer to Question 676**

There are 44 employees of the Gibraltar Bus Company. Their grades and a breakdown of their salaries is as follows:

Two Directors	£35,000 each
One Garage Superintendent	£20,000
Three Bus Inspectors	£15,000 each
Three Chargehand/Drivers	£14,350 each
Two Office Administrators	£12,272 each
Thirty Drivers	£13,050 each
One General Operative	£12,324
One Labourer	£8,352
One Painter/Panel Beater	£12,272



**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 673 TO 676 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Did I hear the Minister correctly and did he say that the financial year ended on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2006, is it not 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, the financial year is actually 31<sup>st</sup> March but I was referring to the fact that the Bus Company started operating and charging in April, at the end of April actually because for the first month they were not charging fares. So therefore, in order to compare like for like, 12 months for 12 months, I used the figure of April 2004/2005 and then April 2005/2006.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

If the Bus Company did not charge in the month of April would the comparison not have been up to the end of May when there were 12 months of charging?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I have been reminded by my Colleague who had responsibility for this at the time, I actually had responsibility right up to when the company started to operate, he was telling me that it was a much shorter period, but I do remember that the first month was not actually a proper month to which to compare because there were maybe two weeks in which there were free fares. So in order to be able to compare like for like, one really needed to ignore that first month otherwise the figures would not be representative.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

The Bus Company started operating, whether charging or not charging, in April 2004.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct.

ORAL

**NO. 677 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CAMMELL LAIRD**

What are the dates of the accounts of Cammell Laird upon which Government made its decision to fund the cost of the removal of the grit mountain which that company allowed to accumulate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 678 and 679 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 678 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CAMMELL LAIRD**

What are the terms of the undertaking which Government has obtained from Cammell Laird in writing to the effect that the said company will continue to dispose of grit?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 677 and 679 of 2006.

**NO. 679 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CAMMELL LAIRD**

What are the arrangements that have been made by Cammell Laird for a storage area for grit in order not to have it exposed to the elements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 677 of 2006**

The decision to fund the cost of the removal of the grit mountain was not based on any specific accounts supplied by Cammell Laird.

**Answer to Question No. 678 of 2006**

The terms of the undertaking which the Government have obtained from Cammell Laird in writing state that Cammell Laird would build a hopper to contain the grit. There is a further understanding that once a sufficient quantity has accumulated to allow for it to be disposed, Cammell Laird would arrange for its disposal at its own expense.

**Answer to Question No. 679 of 2006**

Under the current arrangements that have been entered into by Cammell Laird with Environmental and Waste Services Ltd, all grit that accumulates during a particular job is hauled out of the dock in the latter stages of the job and removed to the storage area.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 677 TO 679 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In his last answer in this House the Minister told me that the accounts which the Government had seen, do not reflect the rosy picture that I had told him the accounts filed at Companies House reflected for Cammell Laird, and he said that it may be that we saw previous accounts which had now been updated, or they had seen later versions of the accounts which had still not been filed at Companies House but that

whatever they had seen the situation was not a rosy one. Then he told me finally that he could not recollect the exact year that the accounts referred to but that they were fairly recent and they did reflect management accounts. Now the Minister is telling the House that the decision was not based on any accounts in particular, which of those two is correct? The answer given today or the answer given previously?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I think that both answers are compatible, I do not think that there is one or the other. I think what one needs to understand is that when Government took the decision to cost the removal of the grit mountain, it was not actually based on a set of accounts that were presented during a negotiation or a meeting. There were a number of issues that were being negotiated at the time and a number of issues that were being considered. One of them obviously, was the fact that we wanted to see what the financial position was of the company and financial accounts were presented to us at the meeting dating back a number of years, I think it was 2002/2003, but then subsequent management accounts were provided as well in order to get a much more up to date situation of the company's financial position. The decisions were not purely based on whether the accounts were favourable or not, there were a number of other issues that were being considered at the time as part of the negotiating package in which at the end of the negotiations the Government agreed to cover the cost of this as part of the package of measures that we actually put in place.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What were those other issues that were taken into consideration, and what is the package of measures other than the removal or the funding of the removal of the grit?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I have not got the full details here of the actual negotiations at the time but from recollection there were issues of debt to the Government, for example, that needed to be paid and the Government wanted to ensure that debts that were outstanding to the Government were actually paid and honoured. There were issues like, for example, the fact that the Government under the commercial agreement that exists with Cammell Laird, had an undertaking to an element of maintenance on some of the facilities available at Cammell Laird. I would not call it plant and machinery but for example, the docks and the dock doors and things which are the property of the Government, they do not belong to Cammell Laird, so therefore there is a liability and an obligation under the commercial contract for the Government to maintain and invest in these in order to maintain and keep them up to operational standard. This had not happened and in fact the company had actually paid for this sort of maintenance on-going programme to be undertaken, so there was an element of give and take in the sense that there were things that the Government owed and there were also things that Cammell Laird owed the Government. Therefore, what we did was that we eventually reached an agreement where we thought that the neatest way was to get rid of the grit because it was also in the Government's interest to remove that grit. The grit was getting to a stage where we felt that it was totally unacceptable. Let me say that the company had actually tried to get rid of this grit through a number of possible options but there were obstacles in the way in being

able to get rid of it, and the only way to eventually get rid of it was to actually export this under very strict control into Spain. Therefore, the Government decided that was one way in which it would eliminate this sort of liability on the Government towards Cammell Laird in exchange for them dealing with the removal of the grit. So that is the general theme of the negotiations.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Obviously fairly complex negotiations but I agree with the Minister that it was in everybody's interest that the grit should be removed as soon as possible. Were we wrong then to have been left with the impression that the Government had agreed to fund the removal of the grit because Cammell Laird could not afford to?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, Cammell Laird could have found it difficult, remember that a company could be in a fairly healthy financial position but not have the cash flow to come up with £360,000. Therefore, the hon Member's interpretation of what we said was, that we felt that in order to expedite the removal of the grit without any further delay it was something that the Government felt was worthwhile obtaining as part of the negotiations rather than say, 'okay, you get rid of the grit at some point in the future and in exchange we are going to pay you for the maintenance of the programme of the docks that is our obligation under the commercial agreement'. We rather wanted to get something in return which was tangible and which we felt was going to happen and address a serious problem, which I and the Government felt, needed to be addressed as soon as possible.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is the Minister telling us that because obviously, we all accept, there was a legal obligation for that type of grit not to have accumulated, it is contrary to a directive and even to the parts of that directive which have been transposed into our legislation, there was a legal obligation for the grit to be removed in a particular and proper way. But if Cammell Laird had put its hand into its corporate pocket to meet other obligations it would in fact have been insolvent?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I cannot really confirm one way or the other and it would take an accountant and auditors to actually go through the thing in a far more detailed way than the Government were able to assess at the time. I do not think I can make a judgement on that based on the circumstances and information available at the time, I do not think it would be fair.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Minister tell the House whether he can recall, at least ballpark, as all the figures we are working with are to an extent, what the liabilities to Government were of Cammell Laird at that time?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

In terms of debt to the Government in respect of PAYE?

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Whatever debt it was that the Minister referred to in his original answer where he told me that there was a debt to Government, I do not know what that meant.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I cannot really say on my feet what the exact amount was and I do not know whether it would be fair for me to do so across the floor. I can give an indication privately if the hon Member so wishes but let me say that it was substantial. That matter has now been addressed successfully and therefore, at the end of the day yes, we may have paid for the grit but we have obtained a lot of benefits in return.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am loathe not to accept the offer to be told privately at this stage, at least, because I think that the reason for pressing on an issue such as this, I think the Minister will accept, is that we are talking about public money having been used to, I hesitate to use the word 'bale out' the company, but to pay for a legal responsibility of Cammell Laird which is as much a responsibility of Cammell Laird as it is to pay its PAYE, Social Security or any other debt which it might have been that had arisen to the Government. I am not necessarily saying that it is PAYE or Social Security it may have been something else, it may have been a contractual liability which I am not aware of. For that reason I would urge the Minister to consider giving the answer in the House, although I accept of course that he does not have it today. Would he do that?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well it is a matter that I need to give further consideration to, but if I decide to do so of course I would.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Moving on to Question No. 678 of 2006, the Minister when he read out his answer I did not quite hear what he said, did he say that they were going to build a hopper or something like that?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct. A hopper is like a sealed container where the grit is accumulated for small amounts. It is no big sort of storage area but basically once that storage area is filled it needs to be moved. Alternatively, if a job is finished and the hopper is not full it still has to be moved as well, whatever comes earlier.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

So the Minister is saying that the hopper is moved, so I assume for the purposes of our discussion that it is like a skip that can then be disposed of, a large skip that complies with the criteria. The Minister referred us to this, does he have the undertaking so that he can read it out in this House and we can understand exactly what the terms of the undertaking are?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I have not got the undertaking in front of me but I do have a letter from Cammell Laird specifying all the commitments which I asked for at the time. I am happy to make that available to him.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful, and does that set out the size of the hopper, the frequency et cetera when it is going to be emptied, because the Minister has told me that at the end of every job or when it is full it has to be disposed of? Does it set out the undertaking with sufficient particularity that there is no way that this issue can recur again? Are the Government satisfied of that?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, I am very satisfied that it will not happen again. Let me say one thing, that as a result of investment by the new shareholders of Cammell Laird, grit removal will still remain, the capabilities will still remain there but it will be something of the past because they are moving onto new technology which is based on hydro-blasting which is based on water rather than gritting, and therefore totally environmentally friendly and so the problem of grit generally will disappear from the yard. We are hopeful that will be in place by September, so I think that this is very good news all round and it is something that we in our negotiations actually did manage to convince them to move away from the existing technology to new technology.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I appreciate that it is certainly good news all round. Of course, from my lay understanding, what the Minister has explained is that the system will change to a water-based system for the removal of paint et cetera from hulls, which is what the grit in the effect is, but there will still obviously be left-over paint or fibreglass or whatever it is that comes off yachts rather than necessarily tankers. What happens with that, is that also subject to the hopper system for removal?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am very much a layman in this field, but the other part of the new technology or the new methodology that is going to be used, is that they are moving away from spray paint to brush paint. In other words, this idea of paint particles flying around will be something of the past as well because they are moving away from that technology towards the brush paint which I believe does not create that sort of effect. Now, I am



totally and utterly in the dark but this is what I am told and I do not doubt what I am told in these particular circumstances.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I will take up the Minister's offer to have sight of at least the letter from Cammell Laird at this stage, whilst he reconsiders whether to give the other information in the House.

ORAL

**NO. 680 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

Can Government list the dates on which the Development Appeals Tribunal met in 2005 and 2006 to date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question No. 681 of 2006.

**NO. 681 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

Can Government say what is the total number of cases that have been heard and that have concluded before the Development Appeals Tribunal since it was set up, showing how many cases were decided in favour of the Development and Planning Commission and in favour of the appellant?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

**Answer to Question No. 680 of 2006**

1. In 2005 the Development Appeals Tribunal met on two occasions:-
  - 6<sup>th</sup> April 2005;
  - 21<sup>st</sup> July 2005.
2. In 2006 a hearing was set for 7<sup>th</sup> March but it was postponed at the request of the appellant due to medical reasons.

**Answer to Question No. 681 of 2006**

A total of 12 cases have been heard and concluded before the Development Appeals Tribunal since it was set up. Seven cases were decided in favour of the Development Planning Commission and five in favour of the Appellant.

**ORAL**

**NO. 682 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

How many meetings of the Development and Planning Commission have taken place since 16 March 2006 and on what dates?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There have been five meetings of the Development and Planning Commission since 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006 on the following dates:-

5<sup>th</sup> April 2006  
18<sup>th</sup> April 2006  
2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006  
9<sup>th</sup> May 2006  
24<sup>th</sup> May 2006

**NO. 683 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TOURISM/PORT/BUSINESS & COMMERCE/E-BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCILS**

How often and on what dates have the following met:

- (a) the Tourism Advisory Council since 9 March 2006;
- (b) the Port Advisory Council since 9 March 2006;
- (c) the Business and Commerce Advisory Council since 24 November 2005;
- (d) the E-business Advisory Council since 15 December 2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The following describes how often and on what dates the respective Advisory Councils have met:

- (a) Tourism Advisory Council – since 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 the Council met once on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006;
- (b) Port Advisory Council – since 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 the Council has not met;
- (c) Business and Commerce Advisory Council – since 24<sup>th</sup> November 2005 the Council has met once on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006;
- (d) E-Business Advisory Council – since 15<sup>th</sup> December 2005 the Council has met once on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

ORAL

NO. 684 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**DPC – PLANNING PERMISSION**

Can Government list the applications for planning permission in respect of projects that have been granted and rejected since the last meeting of this House, showing those that are still under consideration, including the name of the applicant and of the project in question?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought in this Question is being submitted to the hon Member in written format.

### **Schedule to Question 684**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Application Type</b>	<b>Site Address</b>	<b>Decision</b>
Mr & Mrs Wahnon	17/3/06	Minor works building application	33 Rosia Road Rosia Court	Pending
Casino Calpe	17/3/06	Minor works building application	51 Line Wall Road	Pending
Rowken Ltd	17/3/06	Minor works building application	1A Convent Place	Approved
Living Heritage Ltd	17/3/06	Outline planning application	St Peter's School – Sir Herbert Miles Road	Approved
The Tower Building Ltd	17/3/06	Outline planning application	Former Tower Building – Cumberland Road	Approved
Alfandari Property	20/3/06	Minor works building application	731 Eurotowers – Block 5	Approved
Balmerton Ltd	20/3/06	Minor works building application	730 Eurotowers – Block 5	Approved
Dr P Caetano	21/3/06	Formal building application	8 Gardiner's Road	Pending
Space Projects	20/3/06	Minor works building application	Units A,B,J,K,L Neptune House – Marina Bay	Approved
OEM (Int) Ltd	22/3/06	Formal building application	North Gorge	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	22/3/06	Minor works building application	46/3 Main Street	Pending
Santos & Sons	23/3/06	Minor works building application	Vault No 5 Fish Market Road	Pending
M E Belilo & Ptnrs	27/3/06	Minor works building application	28 Victoria House – Main Street	Approved
K & D Rodriguez	24/3/06	Minor works building application	84 Manolo Mascarenhas – Edinburgh House	Refused
Mr & Mrs M Callejon	27/3/06	Formal building application	17 Castle Road	Pending
Kaycee Kishinchand	27/3/06	Minor works building application	29 Main Street	Approved
Denis Mosquera	27/3/06	Formal building application	1 Catalan Gardens – Sir Herbert Miles Rd	Pending
Mosquera Architects	27/3/06	Formal building application	Sunnymede – 4 Red Sands Rd	Pending
J Guillianio	28/3/06	Minor works building application	2 Admiral Walk – Marina Bay	Pending
Barclays Bank	28/3/06	Minor works building application	Ground E Regal House	Approved
Albor Newsagents	28/3/06	Minor works building application	5 Admirals Walk – Marina Bay	Pending
Aquagib Ltd	28/3/06	Outline planning application	Mons Calpe Road	Pending
R Mancera/A Tooke	31/3/06	Minor works building application	BP Garage – Sir Winston Churchill Avenue	Pending
Anglo Hispano	31/3/06	Formal building application	Sandpits Vaults – Sandpits Road	Pending
J B Engineering Consultants	5/4/06	Minor works building application	6 South Barracks Road	Pending
GJBS	6/4/06	Minor works building application	Victualling Yard	Pending
M E Belilo & Ptnrs	7/4/06	Minor works building application	1 Collingwood Tower – Brympton	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	10/4/06	Demolition building application	26 Willis's Road	Pending
Commercial Development Corp Ltd	10/4/06	Formal building application	South Pavilion Road	Approved
E Tilbury	11/4/06	Minor works building application	512A Ocean Heights	Pending
WSRM Architects	11/4/06	Minor works building application	1.2.09 & 1.1.20 Eurotowers	Approved
Sharrock Shand	11/4/06	Minor works building application	10 Collingwood Tower – Brympton	Approved
Royal Gibraltar Post Office	12/4/06	Formal building application	Postal Sorting Office – Mons Calpe Road	Approved
Ocean Village Marinas Ltd	13/4/06	Formal building application	Waterport Road – ex- Sheppards Marina	Pending
OEM Rosia Developments Ltd	18/4/06	Formal building application	Nelson's View – Rosia Road	Pending
OEM Developments Ltd	18/4/06	Formal building application	Cumberland Road – Cumberland Terraces	Pending
M E Belilo & Ptnrs	19/4/06	Outline planning application	24/28 Parliament Lane	Pending
Mr S Martinez	19/4/06	Formal building application	1 Castle Steps	Pending
Marex Trading Services	21/4/06	Minor works building application	Suite 641 – Europort	Approved
Quick Fit Ltd	21/4/06	Minor works building application	59/2 Devil's Tower Road	Pending

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Name	Date Received	Application Type	Site Address	Decision
Mr S Axelsen	25/4/06	Minor works building application	5E Gardiners Tower – Gardiners Road	Pending
Jonathan Morgan Kent	26/4/06	Minor works building application	3/1 Castle Ramp	Pending
Bamboo Brier Ltd	27/4/06	Minor works building application	Unit 7, Ground Floor – ICC	Pending
Mr & Mrs M Zammit	2/5/06	Formal building application	3 Woodford Cottage – Europa Road	Pending
Christine Posso	2/5/06	Formal building application	18/1 South Barrack Road	Pending
Mr & Mrs Israel	2/5/06	Minor works building application	2b Library Ramp	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	5/5/06	Formal building application	6 Lord Napier Mews – Rodger's Road	Pending
B Parnell	5/5/06	Minor works building application	535 Adventure – Both Worlds	Pending
M E Belilo & Ptnrs	5/5/06	Minor works application	Marina Coaling Island	Approved
Bitter Sweet Ltd	5/5/06	Minor works building application	Unit 2/4 Grand Casemates Square	Pending
Beckland Trading Co Ltd	8/5/06	Minor works building application	177 Main Street	Approved
Dr N Borge	8/5/06	Minor works building application	177 Main Street – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor	Pending
Rotunda Holdings Ltd	8/5/06	Outline planning application	Rotunda Shopping Centre – Winston Churchill Avenue	Pending
Bhart Ltd	9/5/06	Minor works building application	Unit 12 Casemates Square	Pending
Avalon Project Co Ltd	9/5/06	Minor works building application	Unit L Don House – Main Street	Pending
Mr & Mrs Traverso	10/5/06	Minor works building application	1 Lime Tree Lodge – Montagu Gardens	Pending
J C Gomez	16/5/06	Minor works building application	1 & 2 Rosia Court – Rosia Road	Pending
Mr J Gulraj	16/5/06	Minor works building application	278 Main Street	Pending
D & A Acolina	17/5/06	Minor works building application	3.7.4 Lavender Court – Sir William Jackson Grove	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	17/5/06	Formal building application	Willis's Road	Pending
Charles Lavarello	19/5/06	Minor works building application	307-308 Trafalgar House – Rosia Road	Pending
John S Langdon	19/5/06	Outline planning application	13 & 14 Shorthorn Estate – Europa Road	Pending
Luis Borrell	23/5/06	Minor works building application	27 Rosia Road	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	23/5/06	Minor works building application	57 Devil's Tower Road	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	23/5/06	Demolition building application	3/2 Sir Winston Churchill Avenue	Pending
M E Belilo & Ptnrs	23/5/06	Demolition building application	Buena Vista Barracks – Europa Road	Pending
Greenarc Ltd	23/5/06	Minor works building application	Convent Garden Depot – Convent Ramp	Pending
Mr S G Prescott	23/5/06	Minor works building application	2/1 Gavino's Passage	Pending
WSRM Architects	23/5/06	Minor works building application	Mount Pleasant – South Barracks Road	Pending
Dr S J Randall Morris	23/5/06	Demolition building application	The New Aloes – Europa Road	Pending
Kings Wharf Ltd	25/5/06	Formal building application	Cormorant & MOD Medical Centre Site – Queensway	Pending
Andrews Kent & Stone	26/5/06	Minor works building application	1 Rodger's Road – Lord Napier Mews	Pending
John S Langdon	31/5/06	Minor works building application	55/57 Irish Town	Pending
Mr J D Aguilera	31/5/06	Minor works building application	5 Hargrave's Ramp	Pending
T Neish	1/6/06	Minor works building application	5 Bridgetown Court – Harbour Views	Pending
WSRM Architects	2/6/06	Minor works building application	317 Main Street	Pending
Technical Services Dept	2/6/06	Formal building application	Ex-Government Hostel Site – Devil's Tower Road	Pending



**NO. 685 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Can Government say whether the draft development plan was presented to the Development and Planning Commission within the following month from the last question time in this House as the Minister hoped?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The draft development plan has not been presented to the Development and Planning Commission as yet.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 685 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Given that the Minister expected it to have been presented within this time frame can he explain why it has not happened?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Consideration is being given to various aspects of the plan and work is being done by the Town Planning Department, and as soon as it is ready we will obviously make it available to the members of the Development and Planning Commission for consideration.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Minister say what are the various aspects to which consideration is being given?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I cannot really specify any particular aspect of it, it is general consideration of the various parts of the Development Plan. Let me say that this new Development Plan is going to be quite an extensive document, it is being done in-house although this is

always done by consultants outside the Town Planning Department. The Government took the decision to have it done in-house because we felt that the local input and experience was far more valuable to the actual Plan than having consultants from outside coming in and advising on what to do and what not to do. Therefore, it is taking longer than anticipated. I would very dearly have liked to have had this done already but it is taking longer than we had envisaged.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Given the length of time it is taking, as the Minister has said, I do not doubt it is going to be an extensive document, he also said the Town Planning Department was working on it, can the Minister specify what the nature of that work is, given that it is being worked on for so many years?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I have had a look at the draft proposal, I have had my input fed back then I have given consideration to some of the changes, there is an element of discussion going on into certain issues in respect of the general policy for certain parts of the Development Plan and at the end of the day we are trying to get this off the ground as soon as possible, but it is taking time. It is not something that the Planning Department is doing on its own, as can be seen by the number of meetings the Development and Planning Commission have, the hon Member has just been given a list of the extensive number of planning applications which are now in the pipeline, and therefore this needs to be borne in mind when considering the delay in this.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can I ask the Minister what is left to happen from this point onwards in relation to the Plan? I mean, after it has been considered by the Development and Planning Commission does it go to the Council of Ministers, to the Government or somebody else in that process, how long is that process expected to take?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am hopeful, before going on annual leave, to have put the draft to bed and then I will be in a position to present it to members of the Development and Planning Commission for their input. I think that the document will require at least a month or two for consideration and discussion, then it will come to Ministers for approval and then we want to go down the route of public consultation and we will have an exhibition/consultation period where members of the public will be able to submit their own views and recommendations, which the Government will then give consideration to and then publish the document as a final plan.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

While all this goes on, will there be any land left in Gibraltar to build on after all this has happened?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well I hope so, the reality is that land is becoming more scarce. Unfortunately, the level of confidence and investment in Gibraltar and Government policy in promoting investment in Gibraltar is actually working very well, but I am hopeful that some will be available. I think the Development Plan is not just about land, it covers a wide extensive number of issues as well, which I think would be helpful for determining a number of factors in the future. So therefore the issue of land is just one of many issues that will need to be considered.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Seriously, does the Minister not consider that this issue should now be given more urgency, given the developments that are happening all over the place and given the fact that they are being regulated by a plan which dates back to 1991? There has been no new plan since, does the Minister consider this issue should be given more urgency and should finally come to a conclusion, because whenever we have raised this matter in the House, we have been discussing this now for many years, it always seems to be coming to an end and then suddenly a whole new phase opens and there are another series of delays? Do the Government not agree that this issue should be given more urgency and should come to a conclusion quickly?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I know the Government, and I speak for myself as well, would like to see the Development Plan being presented and made public as soon as possible, but let me say that all applications that are currently considered by the Development and Planning Commission are considered on the basis that they comply with the last Development Plan. So therefore, we are not in a situation where we are allowing developments to come up and developers to develop without actually having a rule book to keep to. We do have the 1991 rule book, it may be totally outdated and it must be brought up to date, but that does not mean that we are actually not having a rule book to keep to and therefore, applications considered by the Development and Planning Commission are being considered on that basis.

ORAL

**NO. 686 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**6/6 CASTLE ROAD/1 ST JOSEPH'S ROAD**

How many applications were received with respect to the tender for commercial units at:

- (a) 6/6 Castle Road;
- (b) 1 St Joseph's Road – Unit 3 (ex Sandpits depot);

have the tenders now been awarded, to whom and in what amount?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 687, 690 and 698 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 687 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**6/6 CASTLE ROAD/1 ST JOSEPH'S ROAD**

What is the area in square metres of the commercial units that were put out to tender at 6/6 Castle Road and 1 St Joseph's Road – Unit 3 ex-Sandpits depot?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 686, 690 and 698 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 688 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC - REPRESENTATIONS**

Can Government say how many representations were received by the Development and Planning Commission in respect of:

- (a) the application for planning permission by the Tower Building Ltd;
- (b) the application for the construction of a six storey office building annexe to Montagu Pavilion;
- (c) to Living Heritage Ltd for a residential development at St Peter's School site?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

No representations were received in respect of any of these applications.

**ORAL**

**NO. 689 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – PLANNING PERMISSION**

Can Government say whether, and if so when, planning permission was granted:

- (a) to The Tower Building Ltd to construct a residential development at the former Tower Building site in Rosia Road;
- (b) for the construction of a six storey office building annexe to Montagu Pavilion;
- (c) to Living Heritage Ltd for a residential development at St Peter's School site?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The status of the planning applications described below are as follows:-

- (a) in respect of The Tower Building Ltd application to construct a residential development at the former Tower Building site in Rosia Road – Outline Planning Permission was granted on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006.
- (b) In respect of the application for the construction of a six storey office building annexe to Montagu Pavilion, a decision is still pending.
- (c) In respect of the Living Heritage Limited application for a residential development at St Peter's School site - Outline Planning Permission was granted on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2006.

ORAL

NO. 690 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**WATERPORT WHARF KIOSK**

How many applications were received in respect of the tender for the allocation of a kiosk at Waterport Wharf, who was the successful tenderer and in what amount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

Answered together with Question Nos. 686, 687 and 698 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 691 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – HOUSES SOUTH OF CALETA HOTEL**

Can Government say whether an EIA has been submitted in respect of the development for the construction of three houses located at Sir Herbert Miles Road, south of the Caleta Hotel?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 696 of 2006.

**NO. 692 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND PARADE – UNDERGROUND CAR PARK**

Can Government say whether the developers of the underground car park at Grand Parade have now presented the results of their public information exercise to the Government, and if so, what were the results?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The developers have not yet presented their full results nor indeed is there any requirement or obligation for them to do so. The results, in any case, are confidential to the company. The purpose of the survey is to allow the company to ensure that it can meet the requirements of intended purchasers for parking and garage spaces.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 692 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

I understand that there is no obligation on them to present the results to the Government, but the question was tabled because the impression given at the last House was that in fact they would be presented to Government and there did not seem to be any objections in that being made available to us if they were. Can the Minister say whether they still expect the results or whether there has been a change in policy since?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I have been informed of the results in a meeting in a verbal manner, as to the level of interest and what sort of response they have had to the questionnaires. I am happy to make these available to the hon Member on a confidential basis but I do not feel that I am able to give this information across the floor, because at the end of the day it is information acquired by a private company. This was undertaken at my recommendation because I felt that it was important that they conducted a survey in order to gauge whether people wanted to buy garages, or buy space and what the actual demand was, and it ensures that the project met the demands of what was actually required and not what they felt was required. So that information is being used as a guideline for them in order to shape up the composition of their garage spaces.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

If the Minister could make that information available to us then we would be very grateful.

ORAL

**NO. 693 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**DPC – GRAND MAGAZINE (THE ANCHORAGE)**

Can Government now state the original number of sellable square metres anticipated and the final number of sellable square metres agreed in respect of the tender for Grand Magazines (The Anchorage)?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 694 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 694 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – GRAND MAGAZINE (THE ANCHORAGE)**

Can Government state what payments it has received to date from the developer of The Anchorage in respect of the tender award, giving the amount of the payment and the date when it was made?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 693 of 2006**

The tender submission did not quantify the original number of sellable square metres. However, the original proposal has been worked out and that consists of 11,000 sellable square metres, whereas the revised proposal consists of 11,600 sellable square metres.

**Answer to Question No. 694 of 2006**

The Government received a payment from the developers of £2.3 million on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 593 AND 694 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can Government confirm that this money would have been credited to the Improvement and Development Fund?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am not 100 per cent sure but I think yes, it has gone into the Improvement and Development Fund. I can confirm that to the hon Member but I am almost sure it did.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can he clarify a point in relation to the sellable square metres? Is the Minister saying that the 11,000 sellable square metres was the calculation arrived at after looking at the original development, which was for a low rise development in that area, and the revised 11,600 square metres of only 600 more sellable square metres, that calculation came about after the development was changed to include eight or nine storeys in some of the blocks? Can the Minister confirm that that is what he is saying?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, the original development as submitted in tender did not actually specify a number of square footage, which is what I have said, but having done the calculations to actually ascertain what those were they came up to 11,000 square metres. One must understand that the actual, initial proposal consisted of between 80 and 100 apartments. That was actually the description on the tender. As it turns out, the amended scheme is for 96 apartments and six town houses, what has actually happened is that there is far more common areas available and far more amenities available, rather than building lower and more wide they are actually building higher but making available more space for use of those that live in the actual scheme.

ORAL

NO. 695 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**DPC – FILOMENA HOUSE**

Can Government say whether the Ministry of Defence have entered into any reservations about the construction of an 11 storey block and basement at the property known as Filomena near the runway in Devil's Tower Road?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

No Sir.

ORAL

**NO. 696 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – EAST SIDE DEVELOPMENT AND  
CREMATORIUM**

Can Government say whether the Environmental Impact Assessments in respect of the Eastside project and the Crematorium project have now been submitted to the Development and Planning Commission?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

No EIA has as yet been submitted in respect of any of these projects.



ORAL

**NO. 697 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC- EUROPA POINT**

Can Government say how many proposals have been made for the development of the land in the area of Europa Point, showing the date when such proposals were submitted?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

No proposals have been received. The Government are drawing up plans to develop and refurbish Europa Point as a public leisure area.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 697 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Does that extend to the existing buildings, what used to be a discotheque and the shop, does it extend to that as a public leisure area or not?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes they do, in fact the cheapest shop in Europe, as it is called, will be demolished eventually. As part of the scheme that will be demolished as well.

**NO. 698 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EUROPA BUSINESS CENTRE**

Can Government say whether the tender for Unit F20 at the Europa Business Centre has now been awarded and if so when, to whom, and what criteria was used in the allocation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question Nos. 686 and 687 of 2006**

Three tenders were received for 6/6 Castle Road which consists of 173 square metres of built up and 209 square metres open area. The successful tenderer was Mr E Fiol with a premium of £1,000 and a monthly rent of £100.

Seven tenders were received for 1 St Joseph's Road which consists of 56 square metres of built up area. The successful tenderers were Serrato Ltd and Bright Co Ltd at a monthly rent of £250.

**Answer to Question No. 690 of 2006**

A total of nine tenders were received in respect of the Waterport Wharf Kiosk. The tender was awarded to Ms Vin Mifsud and Ms Olympia Reyes with a premium of £6,000 and a monthly rent of £150.

**Answer to Question No. 698 of 2006**

Three tenders were received in respect of Unit F20 at the Europa Business Centre. The successful tenderer was Pinnacle Souvenirs Ltd, trading as Beacon Press.

The criteria used in the allocation was that this was an existing good tenant expanding its business and requiring larger storage and display areas. The rent, service charges and rates were pre-set and stipulated in the tender.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 686, 687, 690 AND 698 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to the tenders at Castle Road and St Joseph's Road, did those go to the highest bidders?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, in respect of 6/6 Castle Road it went to the highest tenderer, although the premium was not the highest if analysed with the rent per month as well, because obviously that has a bearing, it was the highest tenderer. In respect of the 1 St Joseph's Road again it is a similar situation. When one considers the premium and rent, it was the highest submission as well.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to Question No. 690 of 2006, the kiosk at Waterport Wharf can I ask the Minister whether that went to the highest bidder?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, it was when one analyses the premium and rent as well.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to Question No. 698 of 2006, the Minister said that the rent was already fixed and the rates already fixed, is that so?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct.

**NO. 699 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**OLD GENERATING STATION**

Can Government state whether the payment to the contractor responsible for the demolition of the old generating station at Queensway was met in the last financial year and if so identify whether it was charged to the Improvement and Development Fund and under what head?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The payment to the contractor responsible for the demolition of the old Generating Station was met in the last financial year. The cost was charged to Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Limited.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 699 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the cost that has been charged to Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Limited on the basis that it will be recovered from the developer of that land, which was given the land in exchange for undertaking work instead of making a payment?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Let me say that I am not leading in these negotiations, it is actually the Chief Minister who has done that, but from my understanding of the situation one will recall that the Mid Town Development, as part of their premium, will provide a school, park and the leisure centre. The leisure centre I believe was valued at £5.5 million for premium purposes and the specifications of the leisure centre go beyond that. So therefore, what the Government have agreed is to actually pay up front for the contractor to demolish the Generating Station and start on the leisure centre up to the sum that would be the balance between the £5.5 million and the cost of the leisure centre. Am I making myself clear or not?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but that is not the explanation we were given before. The explanation we were given before was that because the paperwork was not in place the money was being advanced and that it might be recovered if there was an excess that the Government wanted to pay for from the leisure centre. Now, are we saying then that the leisure centre is going to be paid by Gibraltar Commercial Property Company and is not a project that is charged to the Improvement and Development Fund?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I cannot really give the hon Member an answer on that. The only thing I can tell the hon Member is that the cost between the difference of what had been attributed to the cost of the leisure centre, that is, part of the premium by the developers of the Mid Town, and what is actually going in place which supersedes that in terms of cost because we have added facilities to the leisure centre which will make it a far better product than was originally intended, that difference is being met by the Government. Whether it is going to come out of the Gibraltar Commercial Property Company or eventually come out of the I&DF will be something that will have to be decided. I am not personally involved in this so I cannot really give a clear answer on this but I am happy to find out for the hon Member. I assume the decision will be taken further down the road.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Do the Government have a ceiling on what they are prepared to spend on this leisure centre?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes there is a ceiling, but off the top of my head I could not give the figure. I know that £5.5 million have been attributed to the value of the leisure centre as had to be paid by the developers as part of their premium. There is an excess over that due to the specifications that have been put in place. What that ceiling is I cannot really say but I am happy to confirm that if he so wishes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it that there is going to be an invitation to tender to do the work by the Government and then the developer of the rest will pay £5.5 million to the Government to pay the contractor, what are the nature of the arrangements because it is not a very usual way of doing things?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I cannot really confirm that, I have not been involved in the negotiations of this particular project but I believe that the developers are actually appointing the contractors at their own risk and within a budget. The only thing is that the specifications that were originally agreed have now been superseded by a much better project which the Government have agreed to pay for the surplus, for the

additional cost of that. So I think it is the developers that are actually undertaking the responsibility of appointing the contractor to undertake the works within the budgeted agreed costs.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So the Government have told the developer what they want from the leisure centre and the developer will get a contractor and then award the work to that contractor and bill the Government for whatever the contractor charges above the £5.5 million, is that correct?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No I do not think that is correct but I cannot say what the correct state is. I do not think what the hon Member is suggesting makes sense. What the hon Member is suggesting would leave the Government very open to costs which is not the case, but what the arrangements are I cannot really confirm that today. Definitely, what has just been described would be detrimental to Government's interests if we went down that particular route.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I take it that there is not an open-ended unlimited amount, given the Minister has said there is a ceiling which presumably the developer knows what the ceiling is. So he knows how much the Government are prepared to spend and then he has to obtain a contractor to deliver the project within that ceiling and then he bills the Government for the balance over the £5.5 million, at least that is how I understood the different answers.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That would be more reasonable, that is not what the hon Member described before, at least that is not what I interpreted when he described this before. That would be, I would say, a more accurate, possible outcome of what has been agreed, yes.

ORAL

NO. 700 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**OCEAN VILLAGE**

Has any application been made to open and operate a pharmacy at Ocean Village when that development is complete and if so on what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

No Sir.

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**NO. 701 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GRAND CASEMATES SQUARE (OLD HEALTH CENTRE BUILDING)**

Can Government say how many entities are located at the old health centre building in Casemates, giving the name of each, the area that each occupies in square metres and the amount of rent due each month in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought in this Question is being submitted to the hon Member in written format.



**Schedule to Question 701**

<b>TENANT</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>UNIT AREA (sq.m)</b>	<b>UNIT RENT (£)</b>
Stonebridge Limited (La Barcina)	2/1 Grand Casemates Sq.	104	1,780.00
Rowker Limited	2/2 “	41	551.25
Shorncliff Trading Ltd	2/3 “	45	1,050.00
Noblesse Limited	2/4 “	45	600.10
Tourist Office	2/5 “	62	/
Chamber of Commerce	2/6 “	105	494.44
Bar Council Nominees	2/7 “	30	140.18
Shipping Registry	2/8 “	171	/
G.R.P. Ltd	2/9 “	131	/
Gibraltar Chronicle	2/10 “	183	1,000.00

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 701 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Just to clarify, the rent shown here is per month, is that right?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, per month.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

When the commercial entities move in to these units, when the companies moved into these units did the Government ask for any premium or any key money or is the rent all that they had to pay originally?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I think originally no, they were awarded a tender and they just had to pay the rent, there was no premium paid.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

When any of the companies want to sell the unit that they are in or the tenancy, are they allowed by the Government or the lease to actually charge a premium, key money or whatever it is for that privilege?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not know whether Government is allowing it or not but I know that transactions have been taking place where sales have been asking for premiums and this is taking place, so I presume it is a matter of supply and demand.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

It is not prohibited by the Government as the landlords?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No it is not.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Looking at the list that the Minister has supplied, can he say whether any of the ones shown on the list are not the original tenant who was awarded the tender when this came out?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I would not be able to tell him without prior notice, I am afraid.

ORAL

**NO. 702 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**AERIAL FARM**

What is the criteria and what are the terms and conditions under which business have been allocated premises at the old aerial farm in Devil's Tower Road?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 703 of 2006.

**NO. 703 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**AERIAL FARM**

Can Government say how many businesses occupy space at the ex-MOD aerial farm in Devil's Tower Road, giving the name of each business, the area that each occupies in square metres and the amount of rent due each month in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Two businesses have been temporarily relocated from the ex-MOT Workshop opposite the Air Terminal to the Aerial Farm until they are able to find alternative accommodation. These are:

Admiral Security Limited which occupies 504 square metres of land; and  
Wastage Products Limited which occupies 297 square metres of land.

Neither of these two entities are paying any rent.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 702 AND 703 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Admiral Security, what area was it?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Admiral Security an area of 504 square metres and then Wastage Products Limited 297 square metres.

**NO. 704 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CORMORANT CAMBER BOAT OWNER'S CLUB**

Is Government now in a position to say how many of the 276 boats at the Cormorant Camber Boat Owner's Club have come from:

- (a) Western Beach;
- (b) Watergardens;

elsewhere, and if so from where?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There are currently 287 boats berthed at the Cormorant Camber Boat Owners Club.

The Boats came from the following locations:-

(a)	Western Beach	183
(b)	Watergardens	30
(c)	Elsewhere:	
	Sheppards Marina	36
	RGYC	2
	Queensway Quay	9
	Trailer	2
	Catalan Bay	4
	No previous berth	21
	TOTAL	287

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**NO. 705 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – CRUISE CALLS**

Can Government provide a list of the cruise calls to Gibraltar in 2005 and 2006 to date, on a monthly basis, showing the name of the ship, the number of passengers, the number of crew and the date of the call?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought is being submitted to the hon Member in written format.

**Schedule to Question 705**

<b><u>CRUISE SHIP MOVEMENT REPORT 2005</u></b>				
<b><u>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – JANUARY 2005</u></b>				
NBR OF SHIPS DURING THE YEAR	DATE	NAME OF VESSEL	PAX ON BOARD	CREW ON BOARD
1	1	Costa Fortuna	3324	1009
2	2	Astoria	426	249

<b><u>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2005</u></b>				
<b><u>NO CALLS</u></b>				

<b><u>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – MARCH 2005</u></b>				
3	16	Paloma I	329	119
4	18	Costa Victoria	1922	768
5	28	Insignia	565	397
6	30	Paloma I	326	122

<b><u>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – APRIL 2005</u></b>				
7	3	Kristina Regina	143	48
8	5	Seabourn Pride	197	162
9	8	Hanseatic	106	127
10	9	Oriana	1838	803
11	12	Seabourn Legend	192	162
12	12	Silver Whisper	186	284
13	13	Le Diamant	63	129
14	15	Silver Wind	181	219
15	18	Silver Whisper	388	284
16	19	Sea Cloud	64	63
17	23	Athena	520	269
18	24	Island Escape	1530	533
19	24	Sea Cloud	40	64
20	25	QE 2	1705	1016
21	26	Saga Ruby	614	412
22	27	Arcadia	1800	912
23	27	Aurora	1824	840



CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – MAY 2005				
24	1	Costa Mediterranea	2113	881
25	2	Sea Cloud *	59	61
26	3	Silver Cloud	285	219
27	3	Thomson Spirit	1223	522
28	4	Crystal Serenity	730	623
29	5	QE 2	1709	1008
31	5	Sea Cloud II *	84	60
32	6	Braemar	708	300
33	6	Radisson Diamond	167	226
34	7	Albatros	610	356
35	7	Royal Princess	1139	542
36	7	Thomson Destiny	1432	530
37	8	Oceana	1986	878
38	9	Sea Princess	1904	869
39	12	Millenium	1932	947
40	13	Arion	200	153
41	13	Bremen	114	104
42	14	Ocean Village	1617	577
43	15	Thomson Spirit	1244	503
44	17	Royal Princess	1139	559
45	19	Queen Mary 2	2660	1282
46	20	Galaxy	1768	860
47	21	Minerva II	559	320
48	23	Sea Princess	2032	864
49	25	Legend of the Seas	1894	721
50	27	Le Diamant	113	128
51	27	Sea Cloud	69	61
52	30	Crystal Symphony	625	553

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – JUNE 2005				
53	1	Aurora	1925	835
54	1	Legends of the Seas	1897	729
55	8	Aquamarine	1088	416
56	11	Kristina Regina	177	48
57	12	Island Escape	1514	546
58	12	Sea Princess	2154	868
59	15	Aquamarine	1007	405
60	15	Oceana	2063	896
61	16	Silver Cloud	218	185
62	18	Thomson Destiny	1476	541
63	18	Legends of the Seas	1946	719
64	22	Aquamarine	1025	405
65	26	Thomson Spirit	1263	501
66	29	Aquamarine	1097	404

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – JULY 2005				
67	6	Legend of the Seas	1992	721
68	6	Aquamarine	1105	405
69	6	Oceana	2052	884
70	13	Aquamarine	1156	407
71	16	Costa Romantica	1638	596
72	20	Legend of the Seas	1985	730
73	20	Aquamarine	1179	401
74	21	QE 2	1801	999
75	21	Oriana	1853	814
76	22	Artemis	1133	575
77	23	Van Gogh	570	227
78	25	Aurora	1925	858
79	27	Aquamarine	1228	401
80	30	Thomson Destiny	1554	561

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – AUGUST 2005				
81	2	Van Gogh	603	228
82	2	Braemar	802	288
83	2	Legend of the Seas	2020	726
84	2	Arcadia	1943	895
85	3	Sea Princess	2158	873
86	3	Aquamarine	1265	428
87	7	Thomson Spirit	1298	485
88	8	Oriana	1895	832
89	9	Oceana	2101	900
90	10	Aquamarine	1256	399
91	13	Van Gogh	632	227
92	14	Norwegian Jewel	2626	1210
93	14	Legend of the Seas	1988	735
94	17	Sea Princess	2201	875
95	17	Aquamarine	1244	398
96	18	Aurora	1923	867
97	21	Van Gogh	611	226
98	21	Queen Mary 2	2734	1290
99	24	Aquamarine	1242	396
100	26	Century	1803	830
101	29	Van Gogh	576	228
102	30	Sea Cloud II *	88	60
103	31	Legend of the Seas	1973	733
104	31	Sea Princess	2124	871
105	31	Aquamarine	1211	396

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2005				
106	1	Oriana	1885	831
107	6	Van Gogh	516	227
108	7	Aquamarine	1128	402
109	10	Thomson Destiny	1440	550
110	12	Braemar	713	296
111	13	Oceana	2015	882
112	13	Legend of the Seas	1845	730

113	14	Van Gogh	507	227
114	14	Aquamarine	1029	402
115	17	Bremen	101	103
116	17	Kristina Regina	148	44
117	18	Thomson Spirit	1214	467
118	21	Aquamarine	1024	394
119	21	Van Gogh	520	228
120	22	QE 2	1747	1025
121	22	Regatta	657	396
122	24	Europa	307	271
123	25	Island Escape	1513	538
124	26	Thomson Celebration	1218	526
125	27	Westerdam	1793	809
126	27	Legend of the Seas	1817	728
127	28	Saga Rose	565	358
128	28	Aquamarine	984	390
129	28	Costa Allegra	853	409
130	29	Arcadia	1913	887
131	30	Nautica	611	383

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – OCTOBER 2005				
132	1	Saga Ruby	610	389
133	5	Aquamarine	976	383
134	6	Aurora	1899	853
135	7	Black Prince	410	192
136	11	Seadream I	92	94
137	11	Saga Rose	498	363
138	12	Aquamarine	1102	396
139	13	Van Gogh	476	229
140	13	Oceana	2033	888
141	16	Island Escape	1566	541
142	18	QE 2	1733	1013
143	18	Artemis	1124	576
144	19	Aquamarine	1030	393
145	21	Crystal Serenity	741	624
146	24	Westerdam	1659	806
147	27	Crystal Serenity	738	626
148	27	Saga Ruby	545	397
149	29	Seabourn Legend	191	162
150	29	Thomson Celebration	1267	526
151	31	Aurora	1879	849

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – NOVEMBER 2005				
152	2	Black Watch	762	329
153	5	Astor	202	274
154	6	Kristina Regina **	196	44
155	6	Princess Danae	414	248
156	7	Wind Surf	289	191
157	8	Sea Cloud	36	62
158	9	Black Watch	790	327
159	11	Van Gogh	543	223
160	12	Regatta	645	389

161	12	Bremen	135	102
162	14	Black Prince	409	189
163	20	Van Gogh	510	217
164	28	Discovery	607	311
165	29	Discovery	421	316

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – DECEMBER 2005				
166	1	Van Gogh	514	215
167	14	Costa Victoria	1870	769
168	17	Black Prince	424	194
169	23	Van Gogh	513	217
170	24	QE 2 *	1740	1009
171	25	Van Gogh	514	221

<b>CRUISE SHIP MOVEMENT REPORT 2006</b>				
<b>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – JANUARY 2006</b>				
NBR OF SHIPS DURING THE YEAR	DATE	NAME OF VESSEL	PAX ON BOARD	CREW ON BOARD
1	4	Costa Marina	827	396
2	16	Costa Marina	744	396
<b>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – FEBRUARY 2006</b>				
3	8	** Noordam	0	793
<b>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – MARCH 2006</b>				
4	18	Midnatsol	381	79
5	20	Astoria	478	225
6	22	Paloma I	311	119
7	22	Coral	694	298
8	27	Astoria	422	247
9	27	Kristina Regina	211	47
10	31	Nordnorge	305	74
<b>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – APRIL 2006</b>				
11	5	Paloma	309	124
12	5	Hebridean Spirit	55	73
13	6	Seabourn Pride	201	163
14	6	Aurora	1917	855
15	13	Black Watch	762	326
16	18	Oceana	2043	907
17	18	Coral	715	305
18	19	Black Prince	436	190
19	23	Sea Cloud II	64	62
20	24	Princess Danae	559	237
21	24	Coral	777	299
22	26	Artemis	1093	572
23	27	Grand Princess	2536	1110
24	28	Sea Cloud	29	62
25	30	Sea Cloud *	63	62
<b>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – MAY 2006</b>				
25	1	Sea Cloud *	63	62
26	2	Sea Cloud II *	87	62
27	3	Black Watch	746	324
28	3	Coral	674	293
29	5	Amades	528	283
30	6	Thomson Destiny	1426	551
31	7	Aurora	1797	852
32	8	Seabourn Legend	193	167
33	8	Costa Atlantica	1863	857
34	9	Arcadia	1873	889
35	9	Crystal Symphony	818	579
36	10	Coral	554	298
37	11	Arielle	692	407
38	11	Millenium	1961	941
39	13	Aurora	1879	849
40	13	Thomson Celebration	1238	527
41	13	Alexander Von Humboldt	340	166
42	14	Thomson Spirit	1234	492
43	15	Costa Romantica	1343	566

44	16	QE 2	1730	993
45	16	Splendour of the Seas	1784	811
46	17	Coral	615	295
47	17	Sea Princess	2049	851
48	19	Artemis	1100	575
49	20	Saga Rose	546	354
50	23	Black Watch	750	318
51	23	Regatta	627	392
52	24	Coral	648	299
53	24	Oceana	2003	897
54	25	Bremen	108	102
55	26	Astoria	417	246
56	30	Sea Cloud II	71	62
57	30	Insignia	677	398
58	31	Coral	617	295
59	31	Legend of the Seas	1727	748
<b>CRUISE SHIP ARRIVAL REPORT – JUNE 2006</b>				
60	4	Island Escape	1490	544
61	7	Coral	558	295

**NO. 706 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MEDCRUISE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

What was the cost to the Government, with a breakdown, of the Medcruise General Assembly which took place in Gibraltar on 11-12 May?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The cost was £33,880 broken down as follows:-

Conference room, including facilities and translators	£15,414
Banquet	£ 3,825
Hire of PA Systems	£ 1,325
Accommodation	£ 1,914
Entertainment	£ 1,675
Corporate Gifts	£ 2,906
National Flags	£ 1,989
Advertising	£ 4,320
Stationery, transport and petty expenses	£ 512

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 706 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Minister say how many delegates attended the conference?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I cannot give an exact figure I need notice of that but I think there were 70 odd delegates representing something like 50 odd ports.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Did the Government pay the accommodation for all of the delegates?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, we paid for the accommodation of the guest speakers at the conference. We brought in, I think it was five speakers for the conference and those were payable by the organisers, by us, I mean organisers of the conference.



ORAL

NO. 707 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB – FRONTIER STATISTICS**

Can Government supply a copy of the latest up-to-date Frontier statistics table?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

I now hand a copy of the table to the hon Member.

FRONTIER STATISTICS 2006

PERSONS

MONTH	TOTAL RESIDENTS	IN VEHICLES	IN COACHES	PEDESTRIANS	C/G	TOTAL OTHERS	IN VEHICLES	IN COACHES	PEDESTRIANS	C/G	TOTAL	TOTAL C/G
JANUARY	119,790	104,815	520	14,455	(791)	540,253	371,173	12,559	158,521	(3,138)	662,043	(3,929)
FEBRUARY	124,307	108,819	641	14,847	(747)	538,326	361,897	18,244	158,185	(3,439)	662,633	(4,186)
MARCH	129,319	110,019	1,024	18,276	(899)	620,859	407,776	29,766	183,317	(3,855)	750,178	(4,754)
APRIL	139,315	118,417	1,211	19,687	(790)	622,063	390,532	29,693	201,838	(3,345)	761,378	(4,135)
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JULY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUGUST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEPTEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCTOBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOVEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DECEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	512,731	442,070	3,396	67,265	(3,227)	2,323,801	1,531,378	90,262	701,861	(13,777)	2,836,232	(17,004)
TOTALS 2005	1,570,554	1,325,660	15,043	229,851	(9,306)	7,434,420	4,770,232	332,018	2,332,170	(40,399)	9,004,974	(49,705)

VEHICLES

MONTH	G - PLATES	C/G	OTHERS	C/G	COACHES	COMMERCIAL	TOTAL	TOTAL C/G
JANUARY	44,483	(695)	141,970	(2,646)	369	38	186,860	(3,341)
FEBRUARY	43,134	(698)	137,284	(2,746)	539	43	181,000	(3,444)
MARCH	47,354	(817)	154,206	(3,380)	849	51	202,460	(4,197)
APRIL	46,681	(681)	146,314	(2,878)	908	57	193,960	(3,559)
MAY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JUNE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JULY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUGUST	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SEPTEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OCTOBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOVEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DECEMBER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	181,652	(2,891)	579,774	(11,650)	2,665	189	764,280	(14,541)
TOTALS 2005	542,490	(8,549)	1,780,708	(35,050)	9,805	875	2,333,878	(43,599)

NOTE

ALL FIGURES IN BRACKETS IN COLUMNS MARKED C/G OR TOTAL C/G REFER TO STATISTICS TAKEN AT THE COMMERCIAL ENTRANCE GATE AND ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE STATISTICS FOR THE LAND FRONTIER.

ORAL

**NO. 708 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB - AIRLINES**

When was the last date that the Government had contact with the three airlines interested in flying to Gibraltar, showing the name of the airline, and the medium through which contact was made?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 709 of 2006.

**NO. 709 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB - AIRLINES**

Have any new airlines expressed an interest to Government in flying to and from Gibraltar since the last question time in this House?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

One new airline has expressed an interest to the Government in flying to and from Gibraltar since the last Question Time in this House.

The Government consider that discussions with airlines are sensitive. It is not considered to be in the best public interest to provide details of discussions with airlines such as are sought. What I can confirm is that discussions continue.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 708 AND 709 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

I do not think either question reflects asking for details on discussions. One of them is asking when was the last date that they had contact and through what medium they had that contact, a question which has been tabled before and answered before. The other one is asking whether any new airlines have expressed an interest and the answer is one, which we had, so can the Minister answer Question No. 708 of 2006?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I can confirm that we are in contact with three airlines. I cannot give a date when the last letter, or e-mail or meeting was held but I can say that these contacts are on-going.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The reason for the question is, the last time I remember tabling it, it had been in some cases months and in others even years from when the contact was made, so can I ask the Minister whether this is relatively recent? Are they talking about a month, a week or months and years?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

We are talking of three or four months.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

That is three or four months in each case, in each of the three?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Indeed.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The names of the three are the same ones, this was made public by the Government at the Trade Fair, so we know who those three are now.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Minister say which is the fourth one or do we have to wait for the next Trade Fair?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, I think it will not be in anybody's interest for me to spell out who the new airline is but I think it will be public knowledge quite shortly.

**NO. 710 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – AIR ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION**

Are Government aware of the conclusions of the Air Accidents Investigation Branch into the overflight of the town area by Monarch flight ZB068 a Boeing 757 carrying 184 passengers from Luton to Gibraltar on 17 March?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Government have not been made aware that there is to be any investigation by the Air Accident Investigation Branch.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 710 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Are the Government aware of reports that appeared which confirm that an investigation had been launched or was about to take place into that incident?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, but we have not been formally made aware of any investigation actually being done or the results of that anyway.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is it the case that an investigation could have happened and concluded and the Government are not aware of it?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, I think if they carried out an investigation and there were serious concerns, the Government would have been notified. The fact is that we have not but I never seem to be surprised sometimes when things happen and one is not informed, but I would say that in a serious matter such as this the Government would have been informed.

ORAL

**NO. 711 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – AIRPORT LANDING CHARGES**

Can Government say on what date they were approached by Monarch Airlines and asked to:

- (a) reduce the passenger tax which is payable to the Government;
- (b) make representations to the MOD in respect of the cost of landing charges paid to them?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 714 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 712 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – FLIGHTS FROM GIBRALTAR**

How many flights from Gibraltar to the following airports were delayed by more than half an hour on a monthly basis since March 2006 inclusive:

- (a) London Gatwick;
- (b) London Heathrow;
- (c) London Luton;
- (d) Manchester?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 713 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 713 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – FLIGHTS FROM GIBRALTAR**

How many flights between Gibraltar and the following airports were timetabled and how many were cancelled on a monthly basis to or from:

- (a) London Gatwick;
- (b) London Heathrow;
- (c) London Luton;
- (d) Manchester;

since March 2006 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought by the hon Member is being handed over in written format.

**Schedule to Question 713****Answer to Question 712****FLIGHTS FROM GIBRALTAR DELAYED FOR MORE THAN HALF AN HOUR**

March to May 2006

	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>
London Gatwick	5	2	4
London Heathrow	7	5	6
London Luton	5	2	6
Manchester	0	0	0

**Answer to Question 713****FLIGHTS TIMETABLED AND CANCELLED**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Flights Timetabled</u>	<u>Flight Cancellations</u>
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**March 2006**

London Gatwick	31	0
London Heathrow	31	0
London Luton	26	0
Manchester	18	0

**April 2006**

London Gatwick	30	0
London Heathrow	30	0
London Luton	30	0
Manchester	17	0

**May 2006**

London Gatwick	31	0
London Heathrow	34	0
London Luton	31	0
Manchester	17	0

**NO. 714 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – AIRPORT LANDING CHARGES**

Can Government say whether the second planned increase in MOD landing charges is going to take effect and if so from when?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 711 of 2006**

Government were first approached on these issues by Monarch during the course of a meeting held in Gibraltar on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005.

**Answer to Question No. 714 of 2006**

The MOD have indicated that they do not rule out other possible increases in landing charges in the near future. GB Airways and Monarch Airlines are still in close discussion with the Ministry of Defence, with a view to containing landing charges. The Government have not been informed of any specific date for a further increase in landing charges.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 711 AND 714 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Are the Government involved in the discussions with the MOD as well or is it only the airlines?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The airlines are actually involved with the MOD in discussions in respect of their own operation and their own arrangements as far as landing charges are concerned. The Government are in discussion with the MOD but on a completely separate forum, in respect of landing charges generally and of costs associated with the operations of running the commercial side of the airfield. These discussions are on-going.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The last time we discussed this issue, Government indicated the MOD had reviewed the 8 per cent increase and that review led to a second increase instead of a decrease which is what had been expected. A second planned increase which has not been put into effect. In the course of discussions which the Government are having, is the MOD rethinking the level of that increase or is it rethinking whether to increase it at all, what is the position?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

My understanding is that when the MOD increased their landing charges by 8 point something per cent at the beginning of the year, they put the airlines on notice to the effect that there would be a second increase later this year which could amount to in excess of 20-25 per cent. The airlines obviously have engaged the MOD in discussions to see how best they can minimise that increase and that is where we are at the moment, where both GB Airways and Monarch are in consultation, discussions or negotiations with the MOD to see whether they can try and mitigate that increase as much as possible. That is where we are at present.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

When the Government were first approached by Monarch on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005 regarding the passenger tax and regarding the landing charges, what was the response of the Government at that stage?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, when Monarch met me on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2005, it was in respect of the overall operational costs of operating out of Gibraltar, it was not purely passenger tax or landing charges, it was the overall cost base of operating out of Gibraltar of which passenger tax was just one small aspect of it. What I said to them, one must recall that at that point in September Monarch were enjoying a 50 per cent reduction in landing charges on the Manchester route, and basically they all of a sudden became conscious of the fact that two months down the road their landing charges would be increased by double. So what I said to them was that there was no point in us just addressing the passenger tax because it was just actually a very small component of the overall cost base, and what we needed to do was to try and convince the MOD to extend their 50 per cent reduction period beyond November, in order to enable them to continue on the current cost base for a longer period of time. I did the approach on the MOD to try and put that into consideration, the MOD turned round and said that they would not be able to accommodate that request and that once the two years of 50 per cent discount had expired, the full landing cost would have to be paid by Monarch on the Manchester route. That then progressed to the fact that when they turned me down I then decided to write to Adam Ingram as the Minister with overall responsibility for Defence, to see whether there was anything that he could do at his level because I was being told in Gibraltar that this was not an issue now and was outside the Gibraltar competence, that this needed to be taken up by us with the UK. They eventually did a complete assessment of the whole cost base and that is when they decided that they would not only go ahead and increase what they had already said they would do of 8 per cent but said that they would increase it even further. So,

that is how the sequence of events developed in the period between September 2005 and where we are today.

**ORAL**

**NO. 715 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB - UNIFORMS**

Has the tender for the supply of uniforms to the Gibraltar Tourist Board now been awarded and if so to whom, on what date and in what amount?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The tender for the supply of uniforms to the Gibraltar Tourist Board has not been awarded.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 715 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is the tender under consideration or has it been blocked?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, there were only two tenderers that submitted bids for this tender and they did not meet the criteria set out in the tender, so the Tourist Board had to seek supplies elsewhere.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Did the third supplier meet the criteria, were they purchased locally?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, we just had to seek supplies in the UK. We did not have any local supplier that could provide us with the full requirements of the uniforms.

ORAL

NO. 716 OF 2006

THE HON L A RANDALL

**GTB – BEACH PLAY AREAS**

Can Government state whether the play areas at our beaches may be used by people of all ages or is their use subject to an age limit?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The play areas at the beaches and bathing areas listed below, were designed for the following purposes:

(1)	Catalan Bay	Football Pen	All ages
(2)	Eastern Beach	Football Pen	All ages
(3)	Camp Bay	Football Pen	All ages
		Play Park	10 years and below
(4)	Little Bay	Football Pen	All ages

ORAL

**NO. 717 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – BEACH CONCESSIONS**

Can Government say how many tenders were received in respect of the tender for Beach Concessions, giving the name of the beach, the nature of the concession and showing what applicant was successful and in what amount?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 718 of 2006.



ORAL

NO. 718 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB – BEACH CONCESSIONS**

Can Government say how many tenders were received in respect of the tender for Beach Concessions Kiosks, giving the name of the beach, the location of the kiosk, and showing what applicant was successful and in what amount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

The information sought is being passed on to the hon Member in written format.

### **Schedule to Question 718**

### **Answer to Question 717**

Two tenders were received in respect of the Beach Concessions Tender. The details are as follows:

<b>Name of Beach</b>	<b>Tenderer</b>	<b>Nature of Concession</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Catalan Bay	Bond Leisure	Kayak Line Speed Boat Rides	Not successful	-
Eastern Beach	Latinos on the Beach	Beach Umbrellas and sunbeds	Awarded	£325 for the season

### **Answer to Question 718**

Four tenders were received in respect of the Beach Concessions Kiosk Tender. The details are as follows:

<b>Name of Beach/Leisure Area</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Tenderer</b>	<b>Name of Kiosk</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Little Bay	Car Park by toilet block	Mr Debono	Sunset Kiosk	£325 for the season	
Camp Bay	On the esplanade	Mr Parody	Willie's Return	"	"
Eastern Beach	South, by the play ground	Mr Sene	Sunrise Kiosk	"	"
Western Beach	South, by the entry point	Mr Chichon	No name registered	"	"

ORAL

**NO. 719 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – PERSONS INTERVIEWED**

Can Government say how many interviews have been carried out with persons who said:

- (a) that they had stayed at a hotel;
- (b) that they had not stayed at a hotel;

since February 2006 inclusive on a monthly basis, stating where they were interviewed and the number interviewed at each location, and in the case of those who stayed in hotels what was the average length of stay in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought is submitted to the hon Member in written format.

**Schedule to Question 719**

(a) Stayed at hotel:

	Interviews of Persons who stayed at Hotel	Place of Interview : Frontier	Average Length of Stay (days)
Feb 2006	1	1	5.0
Mar 2006	-	-	-

(b) Not stayed at hotel:

Place of Interview				
	Total Interviews of Persons who did not stay at Hotel	Airport	Port	Frontier
Feb 2006	1242	-	1	1241
Mar 2006	1116	1	2	1113

The information in respect of April and May 2006 is not yet available.

**NO. 720 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – GRADING OF HOTELS BY AA**

Can Government say what the RAC will charge for the grading of four of Gibraltar's hotels and how often will this be carried out?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The AA is managing the grading scheme for the four hotels in Gibraltar and not the RAC as stated in the Question.

It is estimated that the cost will be £11,000 for this financial year. The inspections will be carried out annually.

ORAL

**NO. 721 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – HOTEL ASSISTANCE SCHEME**

Can Government say what was the nature of the contribution to hotels for electricity charges amounting to £41,000 charged to the Improvement and Development Fund as shown in Statement of Reallocations No 1 of 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The payments amounting to £41,000 as shown in Statement of Reallocations No. 1 of 2005/2006 were in respect of the contribution made to hotels in respect of electricity and water charges and also in respect of legal fees connected with the hotel assistance scheme.

ORAL

**NO. 722 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – SEASONAL BEACH LIFEGUARD**

How many persons applied for the posts of seasonal beach lifeguard which was advertised on 5 April and how many vacancies were there?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 723 to 726 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 723 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – INFORMATION PATROL OFFICER**

How many persons applied for the vacancy for a Visitor Information Patrol Officer which was advertised on 30 March?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 722 and 724 to 726 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 724 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – INFORMATION PATROL OFFICER**

How many persons applied for the posts of Temporary/Seasonal Visitor Information Patrol Officers which was advertised on 5 April and how many vacancies were there?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 722, 723, 725 and 726 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 725 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MADRID OFFICE**

Has the post of Office Administrator at the Gibraltar Office in Madrid now been filled and if so on what date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 722 to 724 and 726 of 2006.

**NO. 726 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MADRID OFFICE**

Can Government give the dates in 2004, 2005 and 2006 when there has been a vacancy of one kind or another at the Gibraltar Office in Madrid, giving the name of the office that was vacant in each case?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 722 of 2006**

A total of 46 applications were received for the 28 posts of Seasonal Beach Lifeguards.

**Answer to Question No. 723 of 2006**

A total of 24 applications were received for the post of Visitor Information Patrol Officer.

**Answer to Question No. 724 of 2006**

A total of 54 applications were received for the 12 posts of Temporary/Seasonal Visitor Information Patrol Officers.

**Answer to Question No. 725 of 2006**

The new Office Administrator at the Gibraltar Office in Madrid took up his post on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2006.

**Answer to Question No. 726 of 2006**

In 2004, there were two vacancies at the Gibraltar Office in Madrid.

In 2005, a vacancy arose for Marketing Co-ordinator. The vacancy was advertised in February 2005.

In 2006, a vacancy arose for Office Administrator. The vacancy was advertised in March 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 727 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MINISTER’S OVERSEAS VISITS**

Can the Minister with responsibility for tourism give the dates when he has been away from Gibraltar on Government business since the last question time in this House, giving the event or function attended, the venue, the city and the country visited?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

On 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2006 to attend the UKGTA meeting in London.

From 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> June 2006 to attend the United Nations in New York.

ORAL

**NO. 728 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DTI - VACANCIES**

Can Government say how many persons applied for each of the following posts within the Department of Trade and Industry and how many vacancies there were for each post;

- (a) Funds Officer;
- (b) Funds Adviser;
- (c) Assistant Funds Adviser;
- (d) Business Development Officer;
- (e) Marketing Co-ordinator;
- (f) Assistant Support Officer?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 729 to 731 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 729 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DTI - VACANCIES**

Can Government say whether any of the following posts within the Department of Trade and Industry for which vacancies were announced are intended to fill a vacant post in the existing complement and if so which ones:

- (a) Funds Officers;
- (b) Funds Adviser;
- (c) Assistant Funds Adviser;
- (d) Business Development Officer;
- (e) Marketing Co-ordinator;
- (f) Assistant Support Officer;

and in the cases where there was a previous occupant of the post, can Government say whether the qualifications of the previous occupant were the same as those being requested now?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 728, 730 and 731 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 730 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DTI - VACANCIES**

Can Government say in relation to the Grade 3 GDC scale jobs for which vacancies have been advertised in the Department of Trade and Industry whether it has always been the practice to give preferential treatment to graduates?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 728, 729 and 731 of 2006.



**NO. 731 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DTI - VACANCIES**

Can Government say how many persons who applied for a Grade 3 scale post in the Department of Trade and Industry for vacancies that were advertised on or about 22 May had a degree, giving a breakdown by post?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Government are investing in our youth, providing more opportunities and more funding than ever for our students to pursue courses in the UK and obtain qualifications. We would like to offer job opportunities to students who are trained at public expense and wish to return to Gibraltar to work here. We also wish to offer opportunities to those young Gibraltarians who do not go to the UK to pursue further studies.

The vacancies for two new posts that have been created in the Department of Trade and Industry at GDC Grade 3 and Grade 2, consequent on a restructure of the department, are therefore targeted at young Gibraltarians. Due weight and recognition is given to a university degree obtained by an applicant, but this is not the sole criteria in determining suitability for appointment. It is nevertheless usual to state in advertisements that an applicant with a degree is at an advantage.

The Government are pleased with the response that there has been for these new GDC vacancies. The number of applications received for each post have been as follows:

GDC Grade 3 -	Funds Officer	21 applicants, including 10 graduates
	Funds Adviser	21 applicants, including 12 graduates
	Business Development Officer	24 applicants, including 11 graduates
	Marketing Co-ordinator	31 applicants, including 16 graduates
GDC Grade 2 -	Assistant Funds Officer	25 applicants
	Assistant Support Officer	24 applicants

There is one vacant post in each case, except that of Funds Officer, where there are two vacancies.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 728 TO 731 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are the degrees necessarily relevant to the nature of the work, or the fact that somebody has been to university is enough?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Having a university degree is not a minimum requirement, it is an advantage to have a degree. Whether the degree is relevant or not obviously it would be in the applicant's interest if for example they are applying for a marketing post and have a marketing degree. Obviously it would be an advantage against an applicant that may not have one but, as I have said in my answer, there are other criteria that will need to be borne in mind when considering the successful applicant.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but that was not quite the question. What I am saying is, if somebody is applying for marketing would the one with the marketing degree carry more weight than one with a degree say in engineering, that is the point I am making. Is the relevance of the degree, as well as the fact that they have done degree level studies, taken into account in the assessment?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Obviously I would tend to say that, using his example of the marketing post, somebody with a marketing degree would be at an advantage over somebody who does not have one and may have a degree in social sciences or whatever. But it does not necessarily follow that the other criteria that are going to be used, that is, the experience that they may have, their attitude towards others, how they performed at the interview, things like that may have a bearing in the overall successful applicant. So it is one of the determining factors but not the only determining factor.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the numbers that the Minister has given, is it that we are talking about people applying for only one job or are there multiple applications?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, there are multiple applications and some people have applied for all jobs but there are those who have specifically applied just for one as well. So there is a cross-section of applicants in that respect.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister say what was the total number of applicants and the total number of graduates which cannot be arrived at simply by adding them up?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am afraid I do not have that information available with me. In fact, when they were providing me with the information it was actually submitted in that form and I turned it back and asked for it to be given to me by posts themselves so we could actually assess the sort of response we had had by individual posts rather than generally. I would say that, I mean if we have had an average of about 25 applicants for posts, possibly we are talking of somewhere between 15 and 18 applicants in total. What I am saying is that those that have applied for one particular post and those that have overlapped, I would say that possibly out of 20 or 25 applications for one particular post, 10 have applied for others.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

There must be more than 31 because there is one particular job for which there have been 31 applicants. So presumably, in some of the other categories there are people who have not applied for the one that the 31 have, it means there are more than 31.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That would be the top number, yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the Minister know whether all the applicants are resident in Gibraltar or have there been applications from outside?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

All the applicants, with the exception of one, are Gibraltarians but let me say that a good majority of them are actually in employment at the moment, seeking possibly an improvement or a change of sector in which to work in.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So there has not been any application from anybody who is unemployed then?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am not saying that, all I am saying is that a good majority of them have actually said, 'I am currently in employment, I need my application to be considered on a private and totally confidential basis because I currently have a job and I do not want to jeopardise my position as a result of this application'. Therefore, I now that they

are in employment, I do not know if there is any unemployed but there possibly is, I do not know.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Would there be any graduates, for example, who might have come back and not found a job? Would the Minister know that, because I think we have asked before to find out what happens with the graduates when they finish? It would be interesting to know that there are graduates that are already working elsewhere but see better prospects in these vacancies, or whether in fact there are graduates coming back who are still in the market looking for something.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I cannot give him that information. Let me say that when I tried to get this information out of the Human Resources Manager, the computer system had broken down in a very bad way and all this information had to be dug up manually for me in order to meet the deadline of the House. I am sure that that information would be available when the system is up and running and that information will obviously be available as well as at the time of interviews, but I cannot give him that information at the moment.

ORAL

**NO. 732 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – SENIOR MARINE SURVEYOR/OPERATIONS ROOM OPERATIVE**

Can Government say whether the following posts have now been filled and if so on what date:

- (a) Senior Marine Surveyor;
- (b) Port Operations Room Operative?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 733 of 2006.

**NO. 733 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – CAPTAIN OF THE PORT**

How many applications have been received for the vacancy of Captain of the Port (Designate), and how many were from either persons who live in Gibraltar or from Gibraltarians?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 732 of 2006**

Following interviews, the post of Senior Marine Surveyor has been offered to a candidate, who is not yet in post.

The five Port Operations Room Operatives have now been selected. The posts will be filled after the persons concerned have carried out their training in the United Kingdom.

**Answer to Question No. 733 of 2006**

One application was received for the vacancy of Captain of the Port (Designate) from a non-Gibraltarian British national who lives in Gibraltar.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 732 AND 733 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is the Minister in a position to say in relation to the Port Operations Room Operatives post, what the age of those selected is?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Off the top of my head I would say they would be in their early to mid 20's but I am not absolutely certain because I know the short lists that were presented but I do not know who was finally selected. Most of them were in their mid 20's or early 20's.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can he say, in relation to those five and the Senior Marine Surveyor, whether they are Gibraltarians?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, the Senior Marine Surveyor is not Gibraltarian. I cannot really tell him where he is from. He is definitely not Gibraltarian and as far as the Port Operatives they are Gibraltarians, yes.

ORAL

**NO. 734 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – COACH VISITORS**

Can Government list the number of coach visitors to Gibraltar for each month of 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 to date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 735 and 736 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 735 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – REVENUE RAISED**

Can Government say how much revenue has been raised on a monthly basis from March 2006 inclusive:

- (a) by charging coaches that use the coach park;
- (b) in admission fees to the Upper Rock;
- (c) in admission fees to the Gibraltar Museum?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 734 and 736 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 736 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB – COACH PARK**

Can Government say what is the existing charge for coaches that use the coach park and give the date from which such a charge was implemented?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

The information sought by the hon Member is being submitted to him in written format.

**Schedule to Question 736****Answer to Question 734**

2003	
MONTH	PAX
JAN	19,273
FEB	25,200
MAR	36,718
APR	39,429
MAY	44,987
JUN	38,969
JUL	36,361
AUG	36,311
SEP	47,532
OCT	51,360
NOV	26,121
DEC	18,996
Total	421,247
2004	
MONTH	PAX
JAN	17,220
FEB	22,143
MAR	36,587
APR	35,199
MAY	39,305
JUN	38,489
JUL	33,448
AUG	30,909
SEP	45,224
OCT	47,026
NOV	23,418
DEC	17,876
TOTAL	386,844
2005	
MONTH	PAX
JAN	13,593
FEB	20,523
MAR	28,788
APR	36,342
MAY	34,805
JUN	32,885
JUL	28,214
AUG	29,273
SEP	41,515
OCT	43,536
NOV	23,900
DEC	15,971
TOTAL	349,345
2006	
MONTH	PAX
JAN	12,629
FEB	19,167
MAR	34,117
APR	32,593
TOTAL	98,506

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**CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 736**

**Answer to Question 735**

The revenue raised since March 2006 on a monthly basis by: -

- (a) charging coaches that use the Coach Park
  - March £7,460
  - April £7,230
  - May £9,120
- (b) in admission charges to the Upper Rock
  - March £178,078
  - April £239,162
  - Figures for May are not yet available
- (c) in admission charges to the Gibraltar Museum
  - March £2,213.70
  - April £1,054.50
  - Figures for May are not yet available

**Answer to Question 736**

The charge for coaches entering the Coach Park is £10, effective from Tuesday 19 July 2005.

ORAL

**NO. 737 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TENDER FOR ATM's**

Have the tenders for the provision of ATMs at the Cruise Terminal, the Coach park and the Air Terminal now been awarded and if so on what date, to whom and in what amount?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The tender was awarded on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2006 to Bancomat Europe in the sum of £1,000 and a monthly Licence Fee of £250.

**NO. 738 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**POSTAL SERVICES**

Can Government state what is the period covered by the payment of £189,100 by Postal Services for the backlog of invoices from Postal Authorities for Terminal Dues, which is shown in Statement of Reallocation No 6 of 2005-06?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The sum of £189,080 was the excess expenditure on Outgoing Mail and Bulk Mailing, above the original estimate of £315,000. The total expenditure was £504,080.

Terminal Dues accounts always run at least one calendar year in arrears, but usually such accounts do not properly constitute a backlog. The majority of the Terminal Dues payments made in the financial year 2005/2006 were in respect of 2004.

The only real backlog in Terminal Dues payments was £157,054 paid to the United States Postal Services in respect of 2001 and 2002.

ORAL

**NO. 739 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CAMMELL LAIRD**

What was the size of the spillage of oils at Cammell Laird in the month of May this year and what was the type of oil spilled?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question No. 740 of 2006.

**NO. 740 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CAMMELL LAIRD**

Who will be responsible for paying for the exercise of cleaning up the oil spill at Cammell Laird in the month of May this year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**Answer to Question No. 739 of 2006**

Approximately 30 tons of fuel oil were recovered from the sea. The type of oil spilled was E4-380.

**Answer to Question No. 740 of 2006**

It is the responsibility of the vessel concerned to pay for the cleaning up of the oil spill.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 739 AND 740 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What was the vessel concerned?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The vessel was undertaking works at Cammell Laird and this vessel apparently opened a wrong valve, which allowed the oil to basically flow into the system, the Cammell Laird system, which eventually entered an overflow which eventually ended up in the sea. The Government have a policy that the polluter pays and so therefore the ship concerned will be paying for the cost of undertaking the exercise of cleaning up the spill.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What is the name of the vessel?



**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am sorry, I cannot remember the name of the vessel concerned but it was a vessel that was there at the time when it initially started, and I am afraid I cannot give the name.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Minister give us the date of the spill?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not have the information but it definitely started over the weekend because I remember receiving a call from the Captain of the Port to inform me about it, and I remember being at home when I got the call. So it was over a weekend in May.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does the Minister know whether the vessel is still in Gibraltar or whether it has already departed?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I believe the ship has departed Gibraltar. Remember, when something like this happens we actually get the P&I Club to guarantee the payment of the cost of this to allow the ship to be able to continue. In this case I think this is what happened.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Minister confirm that or does he simply think it happened on this case?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That would be the normal procedure so if the ship has sailed it must have been on that basis. Alternatively, because the ship was actually inside the dry dock at Cammell Laird, it may be that Cammell Laird has agreed to cover the cost of this guarantee but normally it is the P&I Club that issues that guarantee before a ship is allowed to sail.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The amount of the costs are payable to the Government? The Government disburses the emergency to recover or remove the oil and it is the Government that get paid this amount, is it?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely, yes, it is the Government who receive the money.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Minister tell us what the cost of this particular removal is?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, when I actually asked it was still being assessed, we have got to realise that there are a number of strands that need to be costed and sometimes these costs do not come through as quickly as possible. In fact, I do not think in this particular case but in some cases when there have been incident of minor pollution, the private sector does actually help as well. We call on some of the private sector companies to help and that takes time for us to settle and assess the costs.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

For the first time the Minister has referred to this being a minor spillage but does that mean that there was no need for the contract that we have with experts from outside the UK to fly in when necessary to assist with the resolution of the spill, and that did not have to kick in in this particular case?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, to be able to call upon our agreement with Oil Response Limited it would have to be a tier three oil spill and that would be a major oil spill, and this was basically, really a minor oil spill, although the quantity may look bigger it was quite contained and the problem was that it kept on overflowing and overflowing, and when it looked as if it was going to end it came again till the system was able to be cleared. So it took much longer than would have been the case under normal circumstances.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

So was this in fact a tier one spill?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, that would be classified as a tier one.

ORAL

NO. 741 OF 2006

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**PORT – MARINE SAFETY CODE**

What are the conclusions of the review into the adoption of a port marine safety code similar to that in place in the United Kingdom?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS

The matter is still under review.

**NO. 742 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – SHIP VISITS**

How many ships have called at Gibraltar since March 2006 inclusive on a monthly basis for:

- (a) bunkering;
- (b) cargo;
- (c) repairs;

and how many tonnes of bunker fuel were sold each month?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Ships calling in at Gibraltar since March 2006 on a monthly basis for bunkering, cargo and repairs, are as follows:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Bunkering</b>	<b>Cargo</b>	<b>Repairs</b>
March 2006	446	3	5
April 2006	443	2	12

**Bunkers Sold**

March 2006	356,077 tonnes
April 2006	329,748 tonnes

**NO. 743 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PORT - SECURITY**

Can Government state what was the nature of the increased security at the Port that required an additional £53,800 supplementary funding in 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no increase in the security at the Port during the financial year 2005/2006.

The Government originally had other plans to cover the provision of security, but they were not proceeded with. The additional £53,800 of Supplementary Funding was required to pay the balance of the cost of providing security guards to man both barriers at the Port during the financial year.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 743 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If the original plans were to cover it in some other way, what other way could it have been covered that would not have cost money?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Without giving too much away, it is covering from resources which are currently being paid for already, and using these resources in an alternative way.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Was that on the basis that the Port Department would be doing the work?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, it was not.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is that part of what was intended when the Government were looking at the possibility of deploying Community Projects to other activities?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I think the hon Member is quite right.

**NO. 744 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DOMAIN NAME – WWW.GIBRALTAR.EU**

Can Government say whether the domain [www.gibraltar.eu](http://www.gibraltar.eu) was reserved for the Gibraltar Government in the same way as all the Member States of the EU had their domain names reserved after the recent launch of the .eu domain name?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The Government have not reserved the domain name [www.gibraltar.eu](http://www.gibraltar.eu) for the Gibraltar Government, in the same way as other domain names (like for example, [www.Gibraltar.int](http://www.Gibraltar.int)) were not reserved for the Government.

Gibraltar has its own top level domain, that is, “.gi” and this is the preferred domain which due to Gibraltar’s small size, grants certain exclusivity and clearly identifies addresses with Gibraltar.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 744 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The EU Member States also have their own domain names, as the Minister knows, but the idea of having .eu could have been something of a marketing ploy, a marketing tool and I think it may have been useful to have done so in this case. Is the Minister aware that the domain name has already been reserved by somebody else?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, I am not aware that anybody else has the domain.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The Minister might want to agree with me that it might be prudent for the Government to try and take the name Gibraltar.eu back, which we would be entitled to do because we have a prior claim to the web domain Gibraltar, but given that a number of Member States have found that private entities have wished to take the .eu names,

simply in order to cyber-squat on that site, then put up all sorts of material on that site which is then associated with the domain name, which is often not in the interests of the party that is most closely associated with that name to see on that site. Would he undertake to look into the possibility of taking for Gibraltar the Gibraltar.eu name, even if all that does is take people directly onto Gibraltar.gov.gi or to Gibraltar.gi?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, I am grateful to him for his views on the matter.



ORAL

**NO. 745 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EU FUNDING**

Can Government list the parties who have applied for:

- (a) EU funding;
- (b) Gibraltar Government funding;

since the last question time in this House, indicating the amount of funding that was requested and the purpose for which it was intended, listing those applications that have been successful, those that have been unsuccessful, and those applications that are still pending?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought is being passed on to the hon Member in written format.

**Schedule to Question 745/2006**

Since the last question time in this House, no applications have been received under ESF.  
The following applications have been received under ERDF:

Project No	Sponsor	Status	ERDF	GOG	Purpose of Grant
103	Calypso Tours Ltd	Active	£5,000.00 (12.86%)	£5,000.00 (12.86%)	Creation of Website & Booking Engine, Design & Printing & Distribution of Marketing Literature
104	WSRM Architects Limited	Active	£3,981.74 (15%)	£3,981.74 (15%)	Building Works
105	Castlepoint Construction Ltd	Pending Approval	£1,009.35 (15%)	£1,009.35 (15%)	Purchase of IT, Office, Building Equipment and Rent Subsidy Scheme
106	B Sacarello Ltd	Pending Consideration by JLAG	£15,954.76 (15%)	£15,954.76 (15%)	Building Works & Professional Fees, Advertising, Purchase of Catering Equipment & Furniture, & Payment of Freight & Import Duty

The following application has been received under the Interreg IIIA Gibraltar/Morocco Programme:

Applicant	Status	EU	GOG	Private Sector	Purpose of Grant
The Gibraltar Youth Service	Under Consideration	£28,500	£20,000	£8,500	Promotion of understanding through education, youth, tourism and artistic expression

The following application has been received under the Gibraltar Enterprise Scheme:

Applicant	Status	Total Cost	Grant sought	Purpose of Grant
Threshold Consulting Services Ltd	Under consideration	£2,331	£699	Setting up a therapy and consulting service

ORAL

**NO. 746 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP**

Can Government list the conferences that they have assisted with, sponsored or co-sponsored in Gibraltar or elsewhere since the last Question-Time in this House, showing the dates when the conferences in question were held, the cost and the department that was more directly involved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Only one conference has been sponsored or assisted: the 28<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of Medcruise.

ORAL

**NO. 747 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IMPORTS - COMPUTERS**

What was the value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar since February 2006 inclusive on a monthly basis?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 748 and 749 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 748 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IMPORTS – PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES**

What was the value and number of private motor vehicles imported by:

- (a) individuals;
- (b) licensed dealers;

on a monthly basis since February 2006 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 747 and 749 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 749 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IMPORTS – GOODS VEHICLES**

What was the value and number of goods vehicles imported by :

- (a) individuals;
- (b) licensed dealers;

on a monthly basis since February 2006 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The information sought in these Questions are being provided to the hon Member in written format.

**Schedule to Question 749****Answer to Question 747**

The value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since February 2006 was as follows:-

	<u>Value of Computers</u> <u>(£ thousands)</u>
February	402
March	397

**Answer to Question 748**

	<u>Private Motor Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Private Motor Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>(£ thousands)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>(£ millions)</u>
February 2006	23	44	389	5.1
March 2006	15	45	331	4.1

**Answer to Question 749**

	<u>Goods Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Goods Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>(£ thousands)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>(£ thousands)</u>
February 2006	3	3	1	12
March 2006	1	0.5	4	19

ORAL

**NO. 750 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT**

Can Government state when it expects to be in a position to provide the October 2005 Employment Survey Report?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR TRADE, INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**

The Report has now been tabled before the House.



ORAL

**NO. 751 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**BUILDING CONTRACTORS**

Can Government now state how much was paid to building contractors in the financial year ended 31 March 2005, giving a breakdown of the amounts paid to each contractor and in respect of which project?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested.

## ANSWER TO QUESTION 751

DATE	JV	PAID TO	PROJECT	COMPUTER CODE	AMOUNT	TOTAL PER PROJECTS*
06/05/2004	PV189	AMCO	Beaches Development Scheme	E105.8	£86,030.79	
01/04/2004	PV024	AMCO	Beaches Development Scheme	E105.8	£98,484.11	£183,514.90
15/03/2005	PV1447	AMCO	Bristol Hotel Drainage Extension	E103.3	£25,614.14	
29/03/2005	PV3130	AMCO	Bristol Hotel Drainage Extension	E103.3	£9,649.40	
07/03/2005	PV604	AMCO	Bristol Hotel Drainage Extension	E103.3	£17,898.36	£53,161.90
25/02/2005	PV2997	AMCO	Catalan Bay Beautification (67)	E105.2	£32,751.14	
16/12/2004	PV1353	AMCO	Catalan Bay Beautification (67)	E105.9	£32,538.92	
23/11/2004	PV2032	AMCO	Catalan Bay Beautification (67)	E105.9	£55,988.88	
01/02/2005	PV014	AMCO	Catalan Bay Beautification (67)	E105.9	£33,198.03	
17/03/2005	PV1865	AMCO	Catalan Bay Beautification (67)	E105.2	£33,001.00	£187,477.97
31/03/2005	PV3551	AMCO	City Centre Beautification v (32)	E105.2	£121.10	
06/07/2004	PV389	AMCO	City Centre Beautification v (32)	E105.9	£219,334.75	
23/08/2004	PV1678	AMCO	City Centre Beautification v (32)	E105.9	£36,406.74	
18/01/2005	PV848	AMCO	City Centre Beautification v (32)	E105.9	£87,294.09	
02/08/2004	PV0020	AMCO	City Centre Beautification v (32)	E105.9	£100,458.49	£443,615.17
18/01/2005	PV846	AMCO	City Centre Beautification vi (68)	E105.9	£48,778.51	
10/02/2005	PV999	AMCO	City Centre Beautification vi (68)	E105.9	£19,140.73	
23/11/2004	PV2031	AMCO	City Centre Beautification vi (68)	E105.9	£47,666.51	
09/03/2005	PV1025	AMCO	City Centre Beautification vi (68)	E105.2	£28,886.44	
30/03/2005	PV3371	AMCO	City Centre Beautification vi (68)	E105.2	£32,924.41	£177,396.60
22/03/2005	PV2328	AMCO	Cliff Stabilisation Sunset Close	E103.2	£56,436.67	£56,436.67
18/10/2004	PV1401	AMCO	Environment Projects	E103.1	£1,085.00	£1,085.00
23/03/2005	PV2678	AMCO	Environment Projects	E104.2	£18,274.99	£18,274.99
03/09/2004	PV344	AMCO	Europoint Roundabout Bus Stop	E101.1	£2,001.49	
03/11/2004	PV393	AMCO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£3,059.95	
18/05/2004	PV1219	AMCO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£17,572.12	
18/05/2004	PV1244	AMCO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£4,957.95	
13/12/2004	PV967	AMCO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£859.69	
22/12/2004	PV2126	AMCO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£1,575.50	£30,026.70
31/03/2005	PV3548	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.6	£48,409.00	
10/11/2004	PV941	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£2,907.05	
16/02/2005	PV1780	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£95,051.00	
16/02/2005	PV1782	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£4,825.75	
15/03/2005	PV1444	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£12,638.00	
01/07/2004	PV022	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£2,047.30	
29/07/2004	PV2885	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£1,446.90	
10/06/2004	PV919	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£19,361.00	
10/06/2004	PV920	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure	E102.7	£4,457.20	
29/03/2005	PV3129	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£12,446.00	
16/06/2004	PV1371	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£2,260.70	
12/05/2004	PV780	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£55,251.00	
29/11/2004	PV2812	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£3,987.57	
09/03/2005	PV1018	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£2,569.25	£288,512.17
10/12/2004	PV880	AMCO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£754.45	

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 751

DATE	JV	PAID TO	PROJECT	COMPUTER CODE	AMOUNT	TOTAL PER PROJECTS*
10/11/2004	PV964	AMCO	Paving in Main Street & Others	E104.2	£576.62	£576.62
12/07/2004	PV931	AMCO	Pot Holes in Main Street	E104.2	£496.08	£496.08
09/07/2004	PV838	AMCO	Public Bus Infrastructure	E104.2	£94.50	
16/02/2005	PV1783	AMCO	Public Bus Infrastructure	E104.2	£4,759.41	
17/02/2005	PV1871	AMCO	Public Bus Infrastructure	E104.2	£5,026.60	
22/03/2005	PV2329	AMCO	Public Bus Infrastructure	E104.2	£3,580.50	
16/04/2004	PV934	AMCO	Public Bus Infrastructure	E104.2	£78,162.67	
23/06/2004	PV2155	AMCO	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£11,133.74	
09/03/2005	PV1045	AMCO	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£825.00	
16/03/2005	PV1520	AMCO	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£2,459.54	
27/05/2004	PV2420	AMCO	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£42,282.61	
08/06/2004	PV581	AMCO	Works at John Mackintosh Square	E105.9	£84,605.67	
06/12/2004	PV397	AMCO	Works at Line Wall Road & Others	E104.2	£1,010.63	
10/06/2004	PV917	BLACKTOP	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£11.52	
29/11/2004	PV2826	BLACKTOP	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£7.50	
23/12/2004	PV2296	BLACKTOP	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£15.00	
04/02/2005	PV487	BLACKTOP	Norther Defences (42)	E105.9	£13,790.30	
02/03/2005	PV305	BLACKTOP	Norther Defences (42)	E105.2	£8,130.59	
30/11/2004	PV2820	BLACKTOP	Norther Defences (42)	E105.9	£15,000.00	
20/12/2004	PV1636	BLACKTOP	Norther Defences (42)	E105.9	£12,209.20	
09/07/2004	PV842	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£64.60	
10/11/2004	PV931	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£3,277.00	
19/11/2004	PV1888	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£320.00	
16/03/2005	PV1567	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£125.00	
27/05/2004	PV2454	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£42.12	
05/08/2004	PV0268	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£35.64	
19/10/2004	PV1505	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£30.00	
08/11/2004	PV779	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£30.00	
17/11/2004	PV1615	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£63.75	
26/11/2004	PV2719	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£60.00	
15/12/2004	PV1279	BLACKTOP	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£22.50	
26/11/2004	PV2730	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£39.56	
24/01/2005	PV1666	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£50.30	
15/07/2004	PV1297	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£26.00	
23/12/2004	PV2300	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£9.34	
20/10/2004	PV1772	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£11.59	
29/11/2004	PV2828	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£41.34	
10/06/2004	PV960	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£17.18	
30/06/2004	PV2988	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	£108.00	
10/11/2004	PV986	GL DIG - IT	Asphalt	E104.2	£450.00	
06/12/2004	PV381	GL DIG - IT	Demolishing of busstops and resurf	E104.2	£5,700.00	
31/01/2005	PV2626	GL DIG - IT	Emergency Asphalt Repairs	E104.2	£4,036.00	
31/01/2005	PV2627	GL DIG - IT	Emergency curb and railing repairs	E104.2	£271.00	
31/01/2005	PV2625	GL DIG - IT	Emergency Tile Repairs	E104.2	£511.00	
08/12/2004	PV694	GL DIG - IT	Replacing bollards	E104.2	£445.00	

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19/11/2004	PV1903	G L DIG - IT	Road markings	E104.2	£350.00	£350.00
01/11/2004	PV080	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£390.00	
04/02/2005	PV540	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£275.00	
25/02/2005	PV3032	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£1,237.00	
25/02/2005	PV3033	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£280.00	
25/02/2005	PV3064	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£760.50	
31/03/2005	PV3740	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£450.00	
15/11/2004	PV1311	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£500.00	
22/12/2004	PV2149	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£1,005.00	
25/02/2005	PV2996	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£3,074.00	
21/03/2005	PV2205	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£1,178.00	
21/03/2005	PV2206	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£150.00	
21/03/2005	PV2207	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£1,905.00	
21/03/2005	PV2208	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£105.00	
23/09/2004	PV1970	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£2,305.00	
23/09/2004	PV1984	G L DIG - IT	Sundry Works	E104.2	£19,674.56	£13,594.50
24/09/2004	PV2235	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£601.00	
24/09/2004	PV2236	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£509.40	
24/09/2004	PV2237	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£553.00	
15/11/2004	PV1314	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£420.00	
21/12/2004	PV1785	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£4,333.00	
25/02/2005	PV3031	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£548.00	
12/07/2004	PV906	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£281.00	
12/07/2004	PV908	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£6,489.36	£33,409.32
28/07/2004	PV2803	G L DIG - IT	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£40,580.01	£40,580.01
07/06/2004	PV498	G L DIG - IT	Civil Contingency - Equipment	E101.4	£30,000.00	
02/02/2005	PV202	G L DIG - IT	Construction of Parking Facilities	E104.4	£9,726.69	£39,726.69
24/03/2005	PV2786	G L DIG - IT	Fitting of two doors to Sorting Office Waterport Gate	E106.11	£9,433.99	£9,433.99
10/05/2004	PV492	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£1,285.00	
10/05/2004	PV493	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£125.00	
07/05/2004	PV361	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£2,104.50	
20/05/2004	PV1569	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£6,940.57	
20/05/2004	PV1639	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£540.00	
07/07/2004	PV607	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£3,497.00	
07/07/2004	PV559	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£344.20	
08/07/2004	PV712	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£42,126.67	
21/07/2004	PV1945	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£33,289.00	
21/07/2004	PV1946	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£21,345.47	
29/09/2004	PV2706	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£14,944.64	
30/09/2004	PV2862	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£38,314.20	
21/12/2004	PV1786	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£35,951.37	
30/12/2004	PV2670	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£8,451.48	
28/01/2005	PV2537	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£5,789.04	
15/02/2005	PV1385	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£17,381.62	
01/03/2005	PV020	G L DIG - IT	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2		

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01/03/2005	PV070	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£587.00	
04/03/2005	PV501	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£5,383.38	
08/03/2005	PV762	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£240.00	
10/03/2005	PV1113	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£17,295.98	
16/03/2005	PV1522	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£21,831.57	
24/03/2005	PV2785	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£27,604.25	
31/03/2005	PV3557	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£11,554.69	
08/06/2004	PV582	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£11,521.92	
15/04/2004	PV784	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£905.00	
27/05/2004	PV2509	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£1,722.00	
12/07/2004	PV909	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£3,403.36	
01/09/2004	PV019	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£99,274.86	
20/09/2004	PV1539	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£84,658.42	
08/10/2004	PV663	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£9,867.32	
11/02/2005	PV1198	GJBS	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£1,420.00	£489,619.51
18/02/2005	PV2107	GJBS	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	E103.5	£23,884.65	
30/06/2004	PV2996	GJBS	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	E103.5	£690.00	£25,994.65
10/06/2004	PV986	GJBS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£235.00	
24/06/2004	PV2296	GJBS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£380.00	
15/07/2004	PV1319	GJBS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£70.00	
29/09/2004	PV2764	GJBS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£260.00	
15/11/2004	PV1316	GJBS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£345.00	
23/12/2004	PV2210	GJBS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£2,468.00	
09/03/2005	PV1052	GJBS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£122.00	
10/06/2004	PV918	GJBS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£2,116.86	
26/07/2004	PV2486	GJBS	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£285.00	£6,281.86
08/10/2004	PV662	GJBS	Lady of Sorrows church	E105.9	£5,483.16	£3,483.16
21/04/2004	PV1402	GJBS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£35,596.11	
22/04/2004	PV1488	GJBS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£90,710.69	
20/05/2004	PV1566	GJBS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£86,270.03	
31/03/2005	PV3544	GJBS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£43,838.03	£236,414.86
09/03/2005	PV1019	GJBS	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£9,120.86	£9,120.86
06/07/2004	PV386	GJBS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£103,377.50	
14/07/2004	PV1158	GJBS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£104,000.00	
20/05/2004	PV1568	GJBS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£170,000.00	
23/08/2004	PV1677	GJBS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£81,002.00	
28/09/2004	PV2461	GJBS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£215,488.55	
23/07/2004	PV2322	GJBS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£105,121.00	
10/06/2004	PV915	GJBS	New School Buildings - St. Paul's Hall/St Martin's School Playground	E102.2	£180,915.00	£959,914.05
28/09/2004	PV2464	GJBS	Port Infrastructure Facilities and Equipment	E104.5	£14,364.50	£14,364.50
27/09/2004	PV2388	GJBS	Prison Equipment and Refurbishment	E101.5	£68.00	
12/07/2004	PV950	GJBS	Prison Equipment and Refurbishment	E101.5	£230.00	£238.00
27/10/2004	PV2671	GJBS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£3,666.02	
10/11/2004	PV940	GJBS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£5,525.10	
09/03/2005	PV1017	GJBS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£3,157.78	

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03/09/2004	PV347	GJBS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	E9,295.00
19/07/2004	PV1614	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E2,007.00
22/06/2004	PV1928	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E40.00
13/04/2004	PV598	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E70,880.67
19/05/2004	PV1481	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E2,371.80
15/12/2004	PV1246	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E11,446.22
22/12/2004	PV2147	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E625.00
13/01/2005	PV450	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E7,914.43
11/02/2005	PV1238	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E1,867.50
15/02/2005	PV1442	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E1,576.56
08/03/2005	PV706	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E18,282.05
22/03/2005	PV2327	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E8,895.36
31/03/2005	PV3546	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E50,000.00
19/07/2004	PV1675	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E250.00
26/07/2004	PV2485	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E770.00
07/08/2004	PV531	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E1,065.00
11/06/2004	PV1206	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E60.00
25/06/2004	PV2562	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E146.00
23/08/2004	PV1980	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E10,943.56
23/09/2004	PV1981	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E26,307.40
01/09/2004	PV088	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E475.00
30/03/2005	PV3362	GJBS	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	E6,532.70
31/03/2005	PV3545	GJBS	Social Services Agency - Capital Works	E101.8	E4,143.04
27/05/2004	PV2507	GJBS	Social Services Agency - Capital Works	E101.8	E174.00
30/06/2004	PV2967	GJBS	Sundry Items	E105.9	E5,954.00
15/11/2004	PV1317	GJBS	Tourist Beautification Projects	E105.9	E286.00
05/07/2004	PV302	GJBS	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	E2,510.01
24/09/2004	PV2234	GJBS	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	E18,938.06
16/12/2004	PV1351	GJBS	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	E1,864.43
12/07/2004	PV906	GJBS	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	E22,620.00
21/12/2004	PV1787	GJBS	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	E105.6	E6,339.12
01/07/2004	PV023	GJBS	Works to PO Boxes ex Sorting Office	E106.11	E17,947.82
01/07/2004	PV024	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	E5,107.80
30/09/2004	PV2863	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	E9,131.32
15/11/2004	PV1315	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	E435.00
07/12/2004	PV508	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	E1,446.29
07/12/2004	PV509	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	E497.00
07/12/2004	PV510	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	E1,235.00
23/02/2005	PV2713	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	E179.28
15/03/2005	PV1471	GJBS	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	E102.8	E65.00
06/12/2004	PV407	HAYMILLS	Fish Market Road & Devil's Tower Road	E104.2	E1,260.00
11/05/2004	PV541	HAYMILLS	Heritage Projects	E103.6	E21,000.00
03/06/2004	PV298	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E1,500.00
07/07/2004	PV556	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E35,372.68

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22/04/2004	PV1487	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E28,004.56
18/05/2004	PV1217	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E58,996.11
20/05/2004	PV1567	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E34,013.37
24/05/2004	PV1971	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E17,926.67
06/08/2004	PV0330	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E42,030.87
06/08/2004	PV0331	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E26,792.43
08/09/2004	PV700	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E12,643.87
07/02/2005	PV648	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E18,031.95
21/02/2005	PV2186	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E12,669.65
24/02/2005	PV2773	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E29,567.47
25/10/2004	PV2237	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E15,114.20
25/10/2004	PV2238	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E10,322.91
03/12/2004	PV308	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E11,657.99
29/07/2004	PV2871	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E13,688.05
23/06/2004	PV2151	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E11,606.70
30/06/2004	PV2997	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E374.40
01/04/2004	PV019	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E25,459.92
02/04/2004	PV080	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E11,797.74
19/04/2004	PV1102	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E35,639.29
19/04/2004	PV1103	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E30,567.88
25/08/2004	PV2121	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E16,459.55
03/09/2004	PV345	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E24,281.59
20/09/2004	PV1534	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E8,738.55
24/09/2004	PV2174	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E17,938.02
13/10/2004	PV1013	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E8,081.00
20/10/2004	PV1721	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E3,193.70
20/10/2004	PV1722	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E43,008.03
25/10/2004	PV2339	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E1,124.80
19/11/2004	PV1924	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E8,432.95
19/11/2004	PV1844	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E39,418.62
25/11/2004	PV2435	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E24,393.93
23/12/2004	PV2490	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E18,751.95
24/01/2005	PV1638	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E5,358.64
21/03/2005	PV2232	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E26,074.42
11/01/2005	PV242	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E2,428.62
18/06/2004	PV1677	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E31,547.55
13/01/2005	PV449	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E10,942.32
28/01/2005	PV2536	HAYMILLS	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	E30,950.84
10/06/2004	PV992	HAYMILLS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E101.1	E394.20
15/07/2004	PV1325	HAYMILLS	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	E337.50
03/03/2005	PV372	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Coaling Island	E105.10	E178,245.02
21/12/2004	PV1784	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Coaling Island	E105.2	E16,803.21
25/10/2004	PV2241	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Coaling Island	E105.2	E58,882.35
14/01/2005	PV633	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Coaling Island	E105.2	E191,143.45
15/03/2005	PV1449	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.10	E45,891.47
					<b>E802,913.79</b>
					<b>E731.70</b>
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20/09/2004	PV1537	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.2	£7,423.25	
24/12/2004	PV2506	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.2	£54,846.41	
14/09/2004	PV993	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.2	£90,483.00	
22/10/2004	PV2085	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.2	£32,998.00	
19/11/2004	PV1846	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	Gun Wharf	E105.2	£123,446.30	£355,088.43
05/08/2004	PV0232	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£39,898.30	
20/09/2004	PV1536	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£90,191.29	
26/11/2004	PV2654	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£115,979.50	
30/03/2005	PV3363	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£51,883.40	
31/03/2005	PV3549	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£59,283.42	
24/06/2004	PV2235	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£65,105.13	
24/06/2004	PV2236	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£103,293.07	
07/01/2005	PV116	MARR & CO	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£102,545.26	£628,179.37
30/06/2004	PV2999	MARR & CO	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£818.60	
13/08/2004	PV939	MARR & CO	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	E105.7	£142.35	£960.95
26/11/2004	PV2764	MARR & CO	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£214.90	
27/01/2005	PV2299	MARR & CO	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	E106.2	£105.40	£320.30
16/02/2005	PV1831	MARR & CO	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E101.1	£23.80	£23.80
07/01/2005	PV115	MARR & CO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£4,567.62	
22/04/2004	PV1549	MARR & CO	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£1,753.00	£6,320.62
15/07/2004	PV1333	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£243.30	
30/09/2004	PV2948	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£59.24	
20/10/2004	PV1793	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£90.70	
23/12/2004	PV2318	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£177.80	
23/12/2004	PV2319	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£116.70	
10/06/2004	PV998	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£262.63	
10/06/2004	PV1000	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£164.75	
26/11/2004	PV2765	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£839.95	
16/02/2005	PV1831	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£11.05	
15/09/2004	PV1220	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£56.85	
27/10/2004	PV2744	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£83.80	
10/11/2004	PV990	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£59.80	
03/09/2004	PV393	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£25.95	
24/06/2004	PV2308	MARR & CO	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E102.4	£142.75	£2,335.27
19/10/2004	PV1522	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Busstop shelters	E104.2	£600.00	£600.00
18/08/2004	PV1362	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£56.40	
16/02/2005	PV1830	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£68.75	
07/03/2005	PV656	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£54.90	
16/03/2005	PV1595	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£58.80	
30/03/2005	PV3433	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£80.50	
17/06/2004	PV1125	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£11.50	
07/09/2004	PV550	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£98.14	
12/08/2004	PV772	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£182.99	
05/10/2004	PV191	MARR & CO	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£35.40	
				E102.1	£127.85	£775.23

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DATE	JV	PAID TO	PROJECT	COMPUTER CODE	AMOUNT	TOTAL PER PROJECTS*
04/10/2004	PV088	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£14,095.74	
19/11/2004	PV1907	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£766.05	
14/02/2005	PV1296	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£11,608.67	
17/02/2005	PV1905	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£1,260.00	
09/03/2005	PV1022	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£1,760.77	
30/03/2005	PV3367	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£13,138.85	
29/06/2004	PV2774	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£225.00	
27/05/2004	PV2527	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£1,955.00	
08/11/2004	PV763	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£13,313.92	
10/11/2004	PV991	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£200.00	
20/01/2005	PV1206	MARR & CO	Road Markings - sundry	E104.2	£2,005.00	£60,329.00
15/03/2005	PV1478	MARR & CO	Sundry works	E104.2	£64.95	
31/01/2005	PV2680	MARR & CO	Sundry works	E104.2	£350.00	
31/03/2005	PV3773	MARR & CO	Sundry works	E104.2	£135.30	£550.25
23/03/2005	PV2677	ROTARY GIB LTD	Environment Projects	E103.1	£2,332.10	£2,332.10
01/04/2004	PV026	ROTARY GIB LTD	Sundry works	E105.2	£13,085.85	£13,085.85
01/09/2004	PV018	SELINA	Civil Contingency - Equipment	E101.4	£4,600.00	£4,600.00
10/06/2004	PV1029	SELINA	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£9.00	
23/02/2005	PV2739	SELINA	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£56.00	
10/08/2004	PV480	SELINA	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E101.1	£5,450.00	£64.00
20/08/2004	PV1638	SELINA	Provision and Refurbishment of Premises for Clubs and Associations	E101.1	£5.00	£5,450.00
01/11/2004	PV112	SELINA	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E102.4	£5.00	£5.00
31/01/2005	PV2694	SELINA	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	E104.2	£270.00	
11/06/2004	PV1228	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£750.00	£1,020.00
29/06/2004	PV2789	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£287.00	
27/05/2004	PV2554	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£50.00	
24/08/2004	PV1862	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£100.00	
05/10/2004	PV208	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£1,070.00	
10/11/2004	PV1008	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£340.00	
20/01/2005	PV1305	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£650.00	
21/01/2005	PV1559	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£970.00	
17/02/2005	PV1924	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£550.00	
23/03/2005	PV2679	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£50.00	
31/03/2005	PV3864	SELINA	Sundry works	E104.2	£1,200.00	
18/05/2004	PV1218	SHARROCK SHAND	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E104.2	£50.00	£5,317.00
18/05/2004	PV1220	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E101.1	£12,873.60	£12,873.60
16/02/2005	PV1781	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£124,440.00	
15/03/2005	PV1445	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£75,565.00	
20/09/2004	PV1535	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£22,528.00	
12/10/2004	PV837	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£157,725.00	
11/06/2004	PV1168	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£188,173.00	
22/07/2004	PV2031	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£91,725.00	
					£66,431.00	

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26/11/2004	PV2653	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£108,709.00	
25/08/2004	PV2122	SHARROCK SHAND	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£116,196.00	£952,482.00
14/09/2004	PV995	SHARROCK SHAND	New Frontier Canopy	E105.9	£68,553.00	
21/10/2004	PV1857	SHARROCK SHAND	New Frontier Canopy	E105.9	£41,093.00	
02/08/2004	PV0018	SHARROCK SHAND	New Frontier Canopy	E105.9	£49,139.00	
02/08/2004	PV0019	SHARROCK SHAND	New Frontier Canopy	E105.9	£89,440.00	
12/07/2004	PV904	SHARROCK SHAND	New Frontier Canopy	E101.1	£3,160.00	£248,225.00
15/07/2004	PV1365	STRAITS OVERSEAS LTD	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	E102.7	£82,298.00	£3,160.00
05/08/2004	PV0231	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£4,140.36	
04/02/2005	PV485	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£16,658.30	
25/02/2005	PV2995	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£2,939.70	
17/03/2005	PV1664	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£4,026.00	
23/07/2004	PV2323	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£22,749.00	
29/07/2004	PV2872	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£7,801.54	
17/08/2004	PV1074	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£8,550.00	
13/01/2005	PV591	TOPGEM	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.7	£5,124.00	£154,286.90
26/11/2004	PV2785	WESTERN ISLES	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities	E102.6	£624.00	£624.00
31/03/2005	PV3890	WESTERN ISLES	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	E102.1	£405.00	£405.00
30/12/2004	PV2695	WESTERN ISLES	Sorting Office Waterport Gate	E106.11	£1,052.16	£1,052.16
23/11/2004	PV2102	WESTERN ISLES	Sundry works	E106.8	£419.75	£419.75
					<u>£7,682,502.05</u>	<u>£7,682,502.05</u>

**ORAL**

**NO. 752 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**BUILDING CONTRACTORS**

Can Government now state how much was paid to building contractors in the financial year ended 31 March 2006, giving a breakdown of the amounts paid to each contractor and in respect of which project?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information requested in respect of the year just ended, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, is not yet readily available to the Government in the form that he has requested it. Therefore I cannot give it to him at this stage.

**NO. 753 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES ORDINANCE**

Has Government's consideration of the possibility of amending the Companies Ordinance to enable a company to provide financial assistance in the purchase of its own shares, now advanced at all?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The matter remains under consideration, but this may be a convenient moment to come back to the hon Member on the matter that arose between us the last time that he spoke to me about the so-called whitewash procedure. In answer to Question No. 390 of 2006 the hon Member may recall that I think he took a point of order. The hon Member will recall that I had said to him in answer to that question that I had told him before that it was Hassans who had raised the issue of whitewash with me and he denied this and we agreed that I would go off and check it and clarify it. In fact, in discharge of my outstanding undertaking to the House I should point out to him that in fact it was in the Budget Session last year when he had raised the question of whitewashing. At page 126 of Hansard of the Budget Session last year he says, 'much as the Government are now doing on updating gambling legislation must also be done and quickly on updating our companies funds and insolvency legislation. We need the whitewash procedure in our companies legislation'. When I came to respond to him, an address I seem to recall he did not very much enjoy, but still this is what I said to him and I am sorry if I have to read a larger chunk to make sure I quote him in context. This is what I said during my reply. 'When he was talking in relation to the Finance Centre about the things that the Government should do to be proactive he mentioned three items, listing of securities, pension legislation so that Gibraltar can become a pensions centre and the whitewash procedure. The hon Member being now once again a partner of the firm Hassans presumably knows, if not this is an extraordinary coincidence, that all these three are issues which the Government are presently discussing with one partner of Hassans or another', to which Mr Picardo got up as is his want to say, 'Mr Speaker on a point of order, certainly I did not know and I will tell the Chief Minister the pensions issue I took up last year when I was a partner of Hassans that the listing issue was in the final debate'. Mr Speaker intervened to ask what is the point of order. 'The point of order is very simple, that he has imputed to me knowledge of something from my practice which I do not have, I want to clarify that the pensions issue I took up last year and the final issue, the whitewash procedure, I have taken before in questions'. So that exchange took place at Budget Session last year when I then suggested to him that he had known that it had been raised by Hassans and he took the point of order to complain that I was imputing to him knowledge, and that when we had this exchange of questions earlier this year in effect he took the same position, suggesting that I

had not informed him before that it was Hassans presumably overlooking this exchange that we had had at the time of the pensions. So the hon Member will I hope agree that I was correct at the last Question Time in answer to Question No. 361, in my green copy one question may have dropped out of my number sequential. If Hansard says it is Question No. 361 my copy, which is what I read from on the day and took note on is Question No. 361. The hon Member will I am sure agree that I was correct not to succumb to his request however drawn because I had clear recollection that I had in the past had a discussion across the floor with him in which I had communicated to him that Hassans were indeed the source of interest with the Government in these issues. So when I raised it at the Question Time last time it was not contrary to what he believes was the first time I had done it.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 753 OF 2006**

##### **HON F R PICARDO:**

The Chief Minister obviously is quoting from Hansard and I will not dispute the Hansard. My recollection was that we had had that exchange in relation to the stock exchange issue but not in relation to the whitewash issue. I think we both have to accept we are both wrong because last time in answer to Question No. 391 when he was having this exchange with me, and it is not Question No. 360 or Question No. 361 it is Question No. 391, the Chief Minister referred to my having been given that information the last time that I asked such a question. So he was thinking about what he had said in the Budget debate, I was thinking about what I had said at Question Time and when I had asked questions and that part of the debate passed me by. As he said it is inconsequential. The Chief Minister says under his breath that it is not inconsequential, perhaps he can tell us why it is consequential. Also, when it is that the Government's consideration of the issue of whitewash is actually going to reach a determination. In the United Kingdom the Companies Act is likely to be amended to simply remove all references to financial assistance. It is about time that Gibraltar caught up not just with the practice in other offshore centres but also with the amendments that are likely to be incorporated into the English Companies Act.

##### **HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, he has had his answer to the last part of it, the matter remains under consideration. With respect it is neither a hanging offence nor is it inconsequential but if the hon Member stands up in the middle of my response to the Budget debate on a point of order saying that I had wrongly informed, that I had misled the House in effect by suggesting that he had been told before that this was a Hassans issue and then challenges me across the floor of the House to go away and check it and I take the trouble to do so and I come back to the House and demonstrate from Hansard that this in fact is not only the first time but in fact the conversation that we had at the last Question Time was in fact almost a tape recording of the one that we had had at Budget time, when I come back with that information to the House in answer to the taunt that he threw across the floor of the House at me, it is not inconsequential. Of course the fact that it is not inconsequential does not mean that it is a hanging offence either. It simply means that the hon Member should be more careful with the points of order that he takes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

If that is the case would the Chief Minister not agree with me that he has to be more careful with the language that he uses in this House, because if one looks at pages 610 to 611 of Hansard what he was saying in the last Question Time in this House is that he had given out the information in answers to questions. Now, either we are all very careful with the way that we approach our memories or it is not really that consequential to the arguments at hand. There are those who say that politics is too personal these days, that we should be looking at the substance of arguments. Should we not be looking at how soon we are going to change our legislation on financial assistance and not anything else?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Member can seek to reduce to those terms, it was he who challenged me to go and research it and come back to the House. With respect this is what I am now doing. He does not like the answer because it demonstrates that he was wrong in saying to this House that that was the first time. I can understand that he does not like the answer but the issue then was not whether it had arisen in questions or whether it had arisen in a motion, or whether it had arisen in a debate. The issue was whether I was the legitimate subject of a point of order on the basis that I was misleading the House, not on the basis that I had suggested that it was in Question Time when actually it was in Budget time, that was not his point of order. His point of order was not that I had said 'I told him in Question Time' and actually I had told him in Budget time. His point of order was that I was wrong and misleading the House in suggesting that I had so informed him before. That is the substance of the point of order, that is what I am trying to correct, I am perfectly happy to move on to the substance of the issue and I do not think it is far from being personalising anything, if the hon Member invites me across the floor of the House as a settlement of a point of order to go away and research a matter, and I do so and I come back and report to the hon Member in terms which can hardly be suggested to be excessively aggressive, I do not expect him to remind me the basis upon which new political parties have recently been floated, which is also quite naïve.

**ORAL**

**NO. 754 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 2 STATUS**

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 2 status in Gibraltar as at the end of each of the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 755 and 756 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 755 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 3 STATUS**

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 3 status in Gibraltar in each month from March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 754 and 756 of 2006.



**NO. 756 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 4 STATUS**

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 4 status in each month of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

	<b>Cat 2</b>	<b>Cat 3</b>	<b>Cat 4</b>
March	13	8	2
April	4	7	1
May	0	6	1

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 754 TO 756 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is the grant of Categories 3 and 4 status going to now be restricted after June in a manner that it is not presently restricted?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Equivalent provisions are being made.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Equivalent provisions or provisions equivalent to what?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not wish to give this information out publicly at this stage but if the hon Member will raise it with me privately I am happy to explain to him what the Government are doing.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I have no difficulty with that.

ORAL

**NO. 757 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**PROTECTED CELL COMPANIES**

Have any applications to form a Protected Cell Company been submitted in the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006 which remain pending consideration or which have been rejected?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 758 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 758 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**PROTECTED CELL COMPANIES**

Can Government state how many Protected Cell Companies were registered in Gibraltar in each of the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Three applications were submitted in the months of March 2006 to May 2006 and these remain pending consideration. No Protected Cell Companies were registered during that period.

ORAL

**NO. 759 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES**

Can Government state how many tax exempt company certificates have been issued in each month from March 2006 to May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 760 and 761 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 760 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES**

How many tax exempt companies have terminated their tax exemption certificates in each month from March 2006 to May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 759 and 761 of 2006.

**NO. 761 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES**

Can Government state how many companies have in each month from March 2006 to May 2006 applied to the office of the Finance Centre Director for the grant of exempt status and of these how many are presently awaiting the grant of said exempt status?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 759**

The number of tax exempt certificates issued in each month from March 2006 to May 2006 are as follows:-

March	20
April	14
May	<u>21</u>
Total:	55

**Answer to Question No. 760**

The number of tax exempt companies which terminated their tax exempt certificates in each of the months of March 2006 to May 2006 is as follows:

March	236
April	117
May	<u>53</u>
Total:	406

“Terminated” as I have told the hon Member before in answer to similar questions, is interpreted by the Government as being when the companies which have returned their certificates and no longer require exempt status.

**Answer to Question No. 761**

In the months of March 2006 to May 2006 the number of tax exempt applications received by the Finance Centre Licensing Unit is as follows:

March	23
April	12
May	<u>30</u>
Total:	65

At present the Licensing Unit have 11 of these applications pending the granting of exempt status.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 759 TO 761 OF 2006****HON F R PICARDO:**

Are the Government able to tell the House exactly how many certificates remain available for issue between the amount that was agreed with all the reducing amounts of certificates that would have been issued with the Commission, and all those surrendered and available for issue before 30<sup>th</sup> June which is the final date?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No I would not without notice of the question. Obviously the information is readily available in the Finance Centre Department but I do not have it here.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does the Chief Minister at least know, have we run out of exempt certificates before 30<sup>th</sup> June or are there still some available, in particular as the Chief Minister has told the House before, for individuals who might be wishing to come to Gibraltar and establish more than just a brass plate presence here?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, my understanding is that there are still certificates available, that they are being managed in that way. Certainly with a view to making sure that they all get out, in other words, that we do not end up come D-day holding any whilst there are still people managing down to the wire.



ORAL

**NO. 762 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

Can Government list the companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months of March 2006 to May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 763 and 764 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 763 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

How many companies have been removed from the companies register in each of the months of March 2006 to May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 762 and 764 of 2006.

**NO. 764 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

Can Government state how many companies have been re-domiciled out of Gibraltar in each of the months of March 2006 to May 2006 and how many of these asked for their registrations to be cancelled?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 762**

The following companies were formed in Gibraltar in the months of March 2006 to May 2006:

March	166
April	135
May	208

**Answer to Question No. 763**

The following companies were removed from the companies register in the months of March 2006 to May 2006:

March	223
April	169
May	116

**Answer to Question No. 764**

The following companies have lodged applications for consent to re-domicile out of Gibraltar in the months of March 2006 to May 2006:

March	19
April	16
May	18

I am told It is not possible within the time frame given of the notice of the Question to give an accurate figure on how many companies have asked for their registration to be cancelled within that period. I suppose they have to collate them and they do not keep a tally.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 762 TO 764 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

That answer is always given within the timescale set of five days. It is not up to me to tell the Chief Minister why this may not happened in this case but I do note that Companies House was migrating from one location to another the day that the questions were submitted. The answer that I have been given in respect of Question No. 764 of 2006 has been in respect of companies that have lodged requests for re-domiciliation whilst my question asked for the number of companies that had been re-domiciled. Can I assume that the 19, 16 and 18 figures are all related to consents which have been granted upon application or have some applications for consent been lodged which have not been granted?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I assume, I know for a fact that consent is almost without exception granted, I am not aware of any case in which it has not been granted, and in respect of all of these the 30 days of consent would have passed in the months to which the question relates. I think the hon Member should assume that all of these requests have been granted although I accept what he says that the way the answer is formulated it gives the number of applications made for re-domiciliation and the answer would be different only to the extent that any had been refused. I am told to tell him that consent is given almost without exception.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Chief Minister say on how many occasions consent has not been granted?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I have just told him that I am not aware of any case in which it has been which is not to suggest that it has not been but I am not aware of it.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I thought the Chief Minister said that he was not aware of consent not having been granted in respect of these three months.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I do not get a report of withheld consents in respect of any period.

ORAL

**NO. 765 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**BANKING SECTOR**

Can Government state how many persons were employed in the banking sector in Gibraltar, giving a breakdown by bank and by nationality (showing how many are Gibraltarian) in the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 766 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 766 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**INSURANCE INDUSTRY**

What is the total number of persons employed in the insurance industry in Gibraltar giving a breakdown by company and by nationality (showing how many are Gibraltarian) in the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information that the hon Member requests, save the breakdown by bank is in the information requested although why anybody feels that we cannot hand out the names of the banks but we can hand out the names of gaming companies is not immediately obvious to me.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 766/2006****Answer to Question 765****Banking**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
March-06	15	723	494	129	34	2	59	5
April-06	15	723	493	128	34	2	61	5
May-06	15	728	494	130	35	2	62	5

**Answer to Question 766****Insurance**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
March-06	31	212	128	74	2	0	4	4
April-06	31	212	127	74	3	0	4	4
May-06	31	207	128	68	3	0	4	4

ORAL

NO. 767 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

**BANKING LICENCES**

Can Government state whether any new banking licenses have been issued in the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No, none have.



**ORAL**

**NO. 768 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**FINANCIAL SERVICES - CONFERENCES**

Can Government give the cost, with a breakdown, of attendance at all and any conferences which related or were considered to relate to financial services in the months of March 2006 to the end of May 2006, giving the name of the conference and the offices of those who might have attended as part of the Government delegation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached schedule that I hand to him.

## **ANSWER TO QUESTION 768/2006**

The Finance Centre attended the following conferences in the months of March to the end of May 2006:

19th – 21st April 2006 - IMF Co-ordinated Portfolio Investment Survey (CPIS)  
– Annual Workshop, Isle of Man

Attended by: Mr Guy Canessa - CPIS National Compiler, Gibraltar

Hotel Accommodation (Gatwick)	£115.00
Expenses	£ 40.60
Total:	<hr/> £155.60

All other costs including flights and accommodation were paid by the International Monetary Fund.

24th - 27th April 2006 - RIMS Conference and Exhibition 2006 - Honolulu, USA

Attended by: Mr James Tipping - Finance Centre Director  
Mr Joseph Macano - Director Licensing Unit  
Mr Chris Collins - Head of Insurance Supervision, FSC

Flights	£8,757.00
Hotel Accommodation	£2,645.00
Subsistence	£ 570.00
Expenses	£ 818.64
Courier	£ 600.00
Exhibition Fees	£2,928.65
Conference facilities	£ 831.66
Total:	<hr/> £17,150.95

17th - 18th May 2006 - Luxembourg Rendezvous 2006 Conference and Exhibition - Luxembourg

Attended by: Mr James Tipping - Finance Centre Director  
Mrs Sabrina Ramagge - Executive Officer  
Mrs Maite Mir-Parody - PA to FCD/DLU

Flights	£1,017.00
Hotel Accommodation	£1,758.00
Subsistence	£ 610.72
Expenses	£ 646.22
Courier	£ 300.00
Exhibition Fees	£3,920.00
Total:	<hr/> £8,251.94

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 768 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Chief Minister confirm or tell the House who paid for the flights and accommodation of Mr Chris Collins in respect of attendance at the RIMS conference in Honolulu in the United States of America in late April? Whether that is funded by the FSC or otherwise?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am almost certain that it was paid for by the Government but I cannot be completely certain.

**ORAL**

**NO. 769 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CM'S VISITS OVERSEAS**

Can Government give a breakdown of the cost of all travel by the Chief Minister on Government business since the last answer in this House to date stating:

- (a) what the purpose of travel was;
- (b) who travelled with the Chief Minister;
- (c) who the Chief Minister intended to meet on each of the journeys undertaken;  
and
- (d) a breakdown of the travel expenses incurred?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested.

# ANSWER TO QUESTION 769

CM's travel since March 2006 to date

Date	Purpose	Persons Travelling	Met with	Chief Air Fares & Travel £	Minister's Travel Accommodation £	Costs Other £
14-Mar-2006	1) Constitutional Talks	CM/ Chief Secretary / Private Secretary (Legal) / Constitution Secretary (Ms S Guillem) / Minister Linaires / Hon A Canepa / Hon J J Bossano / Hon J Garcia / Hon A Azopardi / Mr D Feetham	1) UK Delegation	878.40	1166.79	138.76
21-Apr-2006	CM address to Forum Europa	CM / Media Director / Assistant Chief Secretary / Bodyguards / Driver	Forum Europa	9.92	-	37.60
21-May-2006	1) Trilateral Forum 2) Kyoto 3) Gibraltar Issues	CM / Chief Secretary / Chief Secretary (Designate)	1) Anthony Smith / Richard Crowder 2) Bill Stow 3) Geoff Hoon	Flight £884.00 Travel £245.73	307.21	80.96

ORAL

NO. 770 OF 2006

THE HON F R PICARDO

**ARREARS PAYMENT AGREEMENTS**

What action has been taken in respect of the 26 arrears payment agreements which should have terminated in 2005 but are in default of the agreement and which have been passed for legal action?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Six agreements are currently being re-negotiated;

Two agreements have been re-negotiated and payments are being made on time;

One agreement has been paid in full;

Nine Social Insurance agreements are in respect of companies which have been wound-up or which have been inactive for several years and the debt is considered irrecoverable. These debts are in the process of being written-off;

Four agreements are in respect of companies which are in the process of liquidation;

Four PAYE agreements are in respect of companies which have been wound-up, have been inactive for several years or where judgement has been obtained but the directors are out of the jurisdiction and the debt remains outstanding.

ORAL

**NO. 771 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**PENSIONER'S ASSOCIATION**

Has the Chief Minister now fixed a date for a meeting with the Committee of the Gibraltar Pensioner's Association?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No, Sir.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 771 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Will he do so?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Member is supposed to be asking me questions about Government business and about Government policy, my diary management is not a matter for which I am accountable to this Member in this House.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Indeed, is it the Government's policy not to meet with the Gibraltar Pensioners Association?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is demonstrably not the Government's policy not to meet with the Gibraltar Pensioners Association, several of my Ministerial colleagues have done so, particularly the one whose responsibility is the subject matter which they wish to raise has as a Ministerial portfolio.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is it therefore the Government's policy that the Chief Minister should not meet with the Committee of the Gibraltar Pensioners Association?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No it is not.



ORAL

**NO. 772 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**LEGAL ADVICE - FEES**

Can Government give a breakdown of the amounts paid so far in this financial year to each law firm (or Barrister) in respect of civil legal assistance and criminal legal aid, giving a breakdown by firm and showing what are legal fees and what are disbursements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member seeks is set out in the schedule that I hand over to him. In the case of legal assistance the firm of which he is a partner is in a substantial lead this month or this quarter anyway.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 772**

	<u>Legal Assistance</u>		<u>Legal Aid</u>	
	Disbursements	Fees	Disbursements	Fees
A MacDonald	£ 9.00	£ 91.20		
Attias & Levy				£ 2,397.00
C A Gomez & Co		£ 1,031.04		
College Clinic	£ 586.00			
Dr R Benians	£ 7,941.64			
Gold Law Firm	£ 72.00	£ 604.72		
Hassans	£ 8,726.00	£ 61,036.80		
Ian Watts			£ 20.00	£ 3,820.00
Isola & Isola	£ 783.00	£ 6,556.80	£ 2.50	£ 2,722.50
J D Rosado		£ 6,400.00		£ 857.50
Janis Evans	£ 4,581.00	£ 41,018.02		
Marrache & Co	£ 346.50	£ 81.20		£ 2,407.00
OAC plc	£ 15,358.00			
Phillips & Co	£ 13,050.00	£ 28,475.20		
Ray Pilley	£ 127.50	£ 720.00		
S J Bullock & Co	£ 162.00	£ 1,662.40	£ 18.20	£ 1,047.00
S R Bossino	£ 210.00	£ 1,856.56	£ 10.00	£ 1,653.40
Triay & Triay	£ 28,078.40	£ 55,536.00		£ 580.00
Triay Stagnetto Neish	£ 350.00			
Verrall Solicitors				£ 2,100.00
	£ 80,381.04	£ 205,069.94	£ 50.70	£ 17,584.40

**Total paid under Legal Aid/Assistance Fund to date 06/07**

**£ 303,086.08**

ORAL

**NO. 773 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**LEGAL ADVICE - FEES**

Can Government give a breakdown of the amounts paid in the financial year 05/06 to each law firm (or Barrister) in respect of civil legal assistance and criminal legal aid, giving a breakdown by firm and showing what are legal fees and what are disbursements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member seeks is in the schedule that I hand him and the firm that is not in need of any publicity is not in the lead on this occasion.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 773**

	Legal Assistance		Legal Aid	
	Disbursements	Fees	Disbursements	Fees
A Haynes	£			£ 150.00
A MacDonald	£ 679.50	£ 6,254.40		
Attias & Levy	£ 1,449.00	£ 1,213.60	£ 37.50	£ 12,553.00
C A Gomez & Co	£ 82,603.25	£ 14,401.19		£ 2,670.00
C Salter	£ 1,567.00	£ 5,866.67		£ 2,155.00
Central Clinic			£ 210.00	
G Wilson	£ 300.00			
Gold Law Firm	£ 3,222.80	£ 9,775.80	£ 11.00	£ 1,440.00
Hassans	£ 12,611.60	£ 61,837.80	£ 8.00	£ 14,658.20
Howard Cohen	£ 200.00			
Ian Watts				
Isola & Isola	£ 3,981.00	£ 32,505.88		£ 4,472.00
J Leighton Williams	£ 43,000.00			£ 7,876.93
J Lucas	£ 650.00			
Janis Evans	£ 8,356.75	£ 78,643.81		
M Bishop	£ 4,441.60			
M Henderson	£ 3,300.00			
Marrache & Co	£ 1,781.34	£ 5,285.20	£ 45.20	£ 5,201.00
Mary Callaghan (Phillips)	£ 1,600.00			
MM Consultancy	£ 360.00			
Mr C W Lees	£ 250.00			
Phillips & Co	£ 25,331.70	£ 229,153.67	£ 20.00	£ 1,132.00
Quest Services	£ 250.00			
Radcliffes LeBrasseur	£ 2,766.65			
Ray Pilley	£ 1,879.50	£ 17,704.00		£ 400.00
S J Bullock & Co	£ 2,624.00	£ 21,122.67		
S R Bossino	£ 2,412.00	£ 17,373.60		£ 19,253.00
Safety Services	£ 210.00			
Simon Levene	£ 500.00			
Triay & Triay	£ 3,290.15	£ 43,949.36	£ 3.30	£ 1,151.30
Triay Stagnetto Neish	£ 2,030.37			£ 1,320.00
Verrall Solicitors				£ 3,667.00
	£ 211,648.21	£ 545,087.65	£ 335.00	£ 78,099.43

**Total paid under Legal Aid/Assistance Fund to date 05/06**

**£ 835,170.29**

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 773 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am very grateful. May I just make the point that the firm of which the Chief Minister used to be a partner is far in the lead in respect of the answer to Question No. 772 of 2006 when it comes to disbursements. I am sure they too do not need any publicity.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Alas, I wish I was still a partner.

ORAL

**NO. 774 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1984**

Has enabling legislation now been drafted for the implementation of parts of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 and what parts of that Act is it anticipated will be implemented into the laws of Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 775 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 775 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**POLICE AND CRIMINAL EVIDENCE ACT 1984**

Has Government now been able to determine what will be the full financial implications of the implementation of parts of the Police and Criminal Evidence Acts 1984, in particular the cost of establishment and maintenance of a Duty Solicitor scheme?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Legislation in this area is at an advanced stage of drafting. Government hope to be able to publish a Bill soon. The Government are not yet aware of the full financial implications of implementing the legislation and this is still the subject of consideration.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 774 AND 775 OF 2006**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I hear what the Chief Minister says in relation to the full financial implications of implementation but do the Government now have an idea of the part figure of the cost of establishment and maintenance of the Duty Solicitor scheme, of that aspect of implementation?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, nor will that be specifically provided for in the principal Ordinance although there will be a power enabling such a scheme to be established subsequently by regulation.

**ORAL**

**NO. 776 OF 2006**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COURT PLEADINGS**

Has a date for an oral hearing now been fixed or what, if any, further progress has been made in the legal proceedings (Court of First Instance register number 240836 and allocated case number T-211/04) against the EU Commission?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The position remains as it was when he last asked the question and I answered it, namely, that the Court of First Instance has not yet fixed a date for the oral hearing.



**ORAL**

**NO. 777 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TENDERING FOR ARRESTED SHIPS**

Can Government confirm whether the EU directive 92/50 for the tendering of services, which would allow tendering for ships that have been arrested, applies to Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes, it does indeed and it was transposed in the Public Finance (Control and Audit) Ordinance Public Services Contracts Regulations 1996 by Legal Notice No. 5 of 1996.

ORAL

**NO. 778 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IMPORT DUTY – BUILDING MATERIALS**

What was the amount of import duty paid on building materials on a monthly basis since March 2006 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 779 of 2006.

**NO. 779 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IMPORT DUTY – LAND FRONTIER**

How much import duty has been collected from persons entering Gibraltar through the non-commercial gate at the land frontier on a monthly basis since March 2006 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The amount of import duty paid on building materials on a monthly basis since March 2006 is as follows:

March -	£ 66,330.65
April -	£ 54,672.26
May -	£114,369.99

The amount of import duty collected from persons entering Gibraltar through the non-commercial gate at the land frontier on a monthly basis since March 2006 is as follows:

March -	£13,809.64
April -	£13,508.98
May -	£18,244.55

**ORAL**

**NO. 780 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**BETTING INDUSTRY**

Can Government provide the latest available figures for the number of persons employed in the betting industry in Gibraltar, giving a breakdown by company and nationality, showing how many are Gibraltarian and the date when the figures apply?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

A total of 1,634 persons were employed by 15 companies as at 31 May 2006, based on information supplied by the gaming companies themselves. This compares to 1,502 employed by the 15 companies on 28 February 2006 (Question No. 418/2006). The breakdown requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule that I now hand to him.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 780**

**OFFSHORE GAMING COMPANIES - EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AS AT 31 MAY 2006**

	<u>Gibraltarian</u>	<u>Other British</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ladbrokes (Gibraltar) Limited	24	55	7	2	88
Victor Chandler (International) Limited	64	152	15	56	287
Stan James (Gibraltar) Limited	8	111	8	32	159
BAW International Limited	18	30	16	69	133
Eurobet (Gibraltar) Limited	6	0	0	3	9
Carmen Media Group Limited	18	11	3	14	46
32 Red Plc	15	18	0	0	33
St Minver Limited	24	19	5	17	65
Digibet Limited	0	2	2	3	7
888 Holdings Plc	77	173	13	118	381
Globet.com Group Limited	0	2	0	6	8
International Betting Association Limited	0	0	0	4	4
PartyGaming Plc	38	117	10	77	242
Mansion (Gibraltar) Limited	9	111	1	37	158
Futuresbetting.com Limited	2	12	0	0	14
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>438</b>	<b>1634</b>

Source : Office of the Financial & Development Secretary

**NO. 781 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**NATURALISATION**

Can Government confirm whether it has adopted or intends to adopt a policy of providing a quota of 60 naturalisations a year in the granting of British Nationality to Moroccan applicants?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No, there is no quota system in operation.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 781 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The Government do not intend to adopt one?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The answer to the whole question is no and the next part is that there is no quota system in operation.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It is no there is not and there are no plans to introduce one, is that right?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, no there is not and no exactly.

ORAL

**NO. 782 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SENIOR FIRE OFFICERS**

Can Government state whether they have now looked at and/or come to a policy decision in respect of the claim from retired Senior Fire Officers regarding backdated pay and conditions?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes, the Government have now concluded their re-consideration of this claim, given that it was considered and rejected some time ago and will be communicating their reply shortly to the individuals concerned.

ORAL

**NO. 783 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVANTS**

Can Government state whether any additional posts in Government departments have become vacant since the answer to Question No. 379 of 2006, and if so, show the grade and department?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information requested is set out in the schedule that I hand the hon Member.



**ANSWER TO QUESTION 783/2006**

19 posts have become vacant and are in the process of being filled. The details are set out below:

<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>GRADE</u></b>	<b><u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u></b>
BUILDINGS & WORKS	MASON	2
	M/T DRIVER	1
CUSTOMS	SEO (CUSTOMS)	1
	EO (CUSTOMS)	2
EDUCATION & TRAINING	EO	1
	CLEANER	2
MAGISTRATES	AA	1
POLICE	CLEANER	1
PROCUREMENT	EO	1
SHIP REGISTRY	SENIOR MARINE SURVEYOR	1
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	CLASSROOM AIDE (SPECIAL NEEDS) – ST BERNADETTE'S	1
TECHNICAL SERVICES	HPTO (CIVIL ENGINEER)	1
	PTO (CLERK OF WORKS)	1
	CRAFTMAN MATE SPECIAL	1
	M/T DRIVER	1
TRADE & INDUSTRY	HEO	1
		<u>19</u>

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 783 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I note that in the answer it says that there are 19 posts that have become vacant and are in the process of being filled. The question was whether there were any vacant but given the additional information, is that true of all 19?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, I am not aware that any of those 19 posts are posts of which it can be said that it is Government policy not to refill them and therefore the Personnel Manager's recruitment process will continue in the normal way. I can see one, a Civil Engineer post in the Technical Services Department, which is a case of difficulty in filling it because there are not a lot of civil engineers about. Unfortunately, the Government is desperately short of civil engineers, but the answer is yes even in respect of the three at the top of the list.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well I do not see why the figure at the top of the list should be treated with any discriminatory fashion from the rest of the list. Can I remind the Chief Minister that when he gave me this information originally, the first time I asked him, there were posts that had been vacant for as long as three years and it was not that the Government had taken a policy decision not to fill them, as I was told in a supplementary in that particular occasion, so does in the process of being filled mean anything at all or are we talking that in the process could be a couple of years?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

These are not the posts which are the subject matter of the last Question and Answer because the question said, 'whether any additional posts in Government Departments had become vacant since the answer to Question No. 379 of 2006?', so this information therefore, presumably, are not the posts that may have been included in answer to Question No. 379 of 2006. When there is no obstacle from Government policy to the refilling of posts, the length of time that it takes is a matter entirely for the administrative machinery, it does not require reference to anybody in the political level of Government. I cannot tell the hon Member how long it takes to fill different posts, I suspect that it takes different amounts of time to fill different types of posts depending on the nature of the selection process and whether they are PSC posts or not PSC posts, I do not know. The ordinary course of business should not be two years I hope. I think the hon Member is not suggesting that that is how it normally takes. In previous answers there may have been posts that had been outstanding for such time because they do not fall into the category of posts that the Government policy is to refill. This is why I emphasised, this Question asked for additional posts that have arisen since then.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I do not have the original answer of the first time I put the question here with me but speaking from memory I can assure the House that my recollection was that there were posts some of which are here, posts like cleaners that have been empty for a very long time. I remember asking the Chief Minister what the policy was because it seemed to me that if there is a post in the Government that does not get filled for a very long time, one would have thought that either the work is being done in some other fashion or it is questionable whether the work exists. I would have thought. If a long time goes by and the job does not get filled. I am surprised that within the timescale of the job becoming vacant the process of filling them seems to have happened much more rapidly on this occasion than in the past, that is why I am asking a supplementary.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not think it is a question of his memory or mine, or indeed of his recollection of what I said last time or not recollection. Of course there may have been cleaners in the previous list but cleaners come and go all the time. This is not what this particular question asks. In this particular question he has asked, 'can Government state whether any additional posts in Government Departments have become vacant since the answer to Question No. 379?' and therefore these are posts which have become vacant since and therefore were not vacant at the time that I answered the last question. So there are for example two cleaners in the Education Department, there may have been cleaners of the Education Department listed in the previous answer but it was not these two posts. In other words, two cleaners, two additional cleaners have left the Education Department since he asked the question. What I cannot tell him is whether if there were any cleaners in the previous question and answer, whether those posts have been filled yet. I think so because cleaners in the Education Department I think are done on the basis of lists and things of that sort but I cannot tell him whether the ones that I previously told, or how many of the ones that I previously told him were vacant have now been filled. These have become vacant since our last Question and Answer Session and they are in the process of being filled but obviously not yet.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am well aware of all that. My question was how many additional posts and we learn that since the last question 19 jobs have become vacant. The point is that although I did not ask for it the Chief Minister has volunteered the additional information saying that these particular 19 posts are in the process of being filled. I can tell him, even if he does not remember I am sure we can go back and check, that when I got the original list there were dates when the jobs had become vacant. Therefore, if there is a job of a cleaner vacant since 2004 unfilled in 2006, I am surprised that the job of cleaner that became vacant two months ago is in the process of being filled. This is why is there an acceleration in the filling of posts which did not seem to be reflected in previous answers?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Certainly not to my knowledge. I can see some posts for which there are waiting lists. For example, there are people wait-listed to be cleaners, they normally require

a selection process, it is a question of the next one on the waiting list. If there were not any on the waiting lists certainly the practice is not to put out a vacancy for one EO that really sometimes there may be an inclination on the part of the administration or the Personnel Manager to wait until there are a couple of vacancies so that there is one set of interviews rather than several sets of interviews. But there is neither a conscious acceleration or a conscious deceleration, nor any agenda or policy that determines the speed. Either the Government want the position filled, in which case the ordinary system gets into operation, which may or may not be as efficient as it should be, I do not know, or the Government decide that they do not want the post filled in which case different considerations apply, including consultation with Unions.

**ORAL**

**NO. 784 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVANTS**

Can Government state whether any of the posts vacant in Government departments following Question No. 1409 of 2005 have been filled since the 20 February 2006 and if so identify which and indicate whether the post has been filled from within the service or by external recruitment?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information requested is set out in the schedule that I hand the hon Member.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 784/2006**

10 posts have been filled as follows:

<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>GRADE</u></b>	<b><u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE FILLED</u></b>	<b><u>RECRUITMENT</u></b>
EDUCATION & TRAINING	CLEANER	2	27-Mar-06	INTERNAL
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	SOCIAL WORKER	1	01-Apr-06	INTERNAL
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	ASST. MANAGERESS ST BERNADETTE'S	1	06-Mar-06	INTERNAL
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	CLEANER	2	20-Feb-06	INTERNAL
SOCIAL AFFAIRS	SCHOOL ATTENDANT	1	24-Apr-06	INTERNAL
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY	SPTO	1	03-Apr-06	INTERNAL
TREASURY	MESSENGER	1	08-May-06	INTERNAL
GIBRALTAR HEALTH AUTHORITY	HOSPITAL ATTENDANT	1	07-Feb-06	INTERNAL

ORAL

**NO. 785 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY**

Can Government state what has been the amount collected in each of the months of March, April and May 2006 from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The amount collected from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues is as follows:

March	£1,905
April	£1,260
May	£2,380

ORAL

**NO. 786 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY – PROPERTY SALES**

Can Government now state what has been the revenue yield per month of the 1.65 per cent Stamp Duty on property sales since its introduction?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 787 and 788 of 2006.



ORAL

**NO. 787 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY – PROPERTY SALES**

Can Government now state how many properties have been approved as qualifying for Zero Stamp Duty on its sale in each month since the relevant provision was introduced in the Stamp Duties Ordinance?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 786 and 788 of 2006.

**NO. 788 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY**

Can Government state how much has been collected as Stamp Duty in the months of March, April and May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 786**

The revenue yield in respect of the 1.6 per cent (not 1.65 per cent) duty that was paid is as follows:-

January 2006	-	£13,072.25
February 2006	-	£22,649.60
March 2006	-	£23,763.00
April 2006	-	£ Nil
May 2006	-	£28,179

**Answer to Question No. 787**

A record of this kind of statistical information is not kept. They do not keep a record of the number of properties in respect of which they are not required to do a stamp duty calculation.

**Answer to Question No. 788**

Stamp Duty collected in March, April and May 2006 is as follows:

March	-	£114,296.93
April	-	£137,151.42
May	-	£395,049.33

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 786 TO 788 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the Government agent not have to evaluate the application for zero stamp duty on the basis of a number of criteria that were put in the Ordinance and a number of safeguards that were put there so as to ensure that people were not avoiding the stamp duty, through some break-up of the value or other things? I remember the Chief Minister explaining all these things so surely this is more than just simply rubber stamping. It is an exercise that surely they must know how many times in a month they have done that.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, the hon Member is partly right in his recollection. Having exempted properties below the threshold there were then anti-avoidance provisions to ensure that a property that was above the value of the threshold was not assigned in parts, each of which was worth less than the threshold. What I can boldly tell the hon Member is that in view that no duty was payable in respect of property which qualified for zero stamp duty, Land Property Services say they have no way of identifying how many of these property transactions were processed. Upon receipt of these documents as part of the registration process, LPS mainly certified that no duty is payable and because there is no need to keep a financial trail of these zero rated transactions for audit purposes, there is no way of going back in time to arrive at the statistic requested. The hon Member will be happy to know that in view of the interest shown in the matter LPS has undertaken to in future separately keep a record of the number of such transactions which are zero rated.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am sure that it would be helpful to both sides of the House to know.

**NO. 789 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – SOUTH DISTRICT**

Can Government state if the 10 year residence criteria for the purchase of affordable housing in the south district applies to British nationals only or also to other nationalities?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There is no eligibility criteria for the purchase of affordable housing in the South District.

The eligibility criteria to purchase a flat at Nelson's View, Cumberland Terraces and Bayview Terraces refers to "a person who has been residing in Gibraltar for at least ten consecutive years". There is therefore no reference to nationality.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 789 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

That is why I am asking the question.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes I understand that and I have given the answer accurately. The question asks whether there is a ten year residence criteria for the purchase of affordable housing in the South District, as a generic thing in relation to properties located in the South District, there is not. As I assume the answer was not general but the three projects presently in the news, which happen to be in the South District, I have given him that answer too but also made clear that it is not a thing that applies generally in the South District.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

I do take the Chief Minister's point, I should have been that little bit more specific. The South District affordable housing that has been publicised by Government and which apparently is now on sale, in the document that I have read it says that a ten year residence criteria is required. The point of my question is to some extent linked

to a previous question asked last year where I asked the Chief Minister what exactly was the meaning of 'established residence in Gibraltar'. The answer that the Chief Minister gave me was not really very clear because I think at the time he was not sure of the answer himself, if I may politely point out, from the answer I have in Hansard here. Now, when an application is made for the purchase of affordable housing where the Government are involved and where the Government are helping out with the 50/50 schemes, does it apply just to British nationals or also to other nationalities?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Member has simply re-asked the question to which the answer was that the publicity material in relation to the three projects in question says a person who has been residing in Gibraltar for at least ten consecutive years, there is no reference therefore to nationality and therefore he should assume that there is not any. Indeed, I do not think that all the houses in Waterport Terraces were sold to people of British nationality but I would have to check that. If he is particularly interested to have the answer to that I would have to check it, but certainly cases are dealt with on their merits and nationality by itself is not a bar.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are there any differences between EU Nationals and non-EU Nationals or does this not enter into the equation at all?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Members can think of as many ways as they like of asking the question and I can of course think of as many different formula of words to give the same answer. There is no reference to nationality. I am certainly not aware that anyone or that the Government are interpreting that to mean that non-British but EU Nationals are being treated in one way and non-British non-EU Nationals are being treated in another. I do not think that distinction has been made.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Presumably this thing was the result of a negotiation between the Government and the developer of this project so it is not a question of the Government speculating as to what the developer intended by putting something in the brochure. Was not this ten year residence criteria something that was agreed by the Government, that the Government gave their approval to?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This is not a question of negotiation, the eligibility criteria were decided by the Government not in negotiation with anybody, and indeed the allocation process is being done by the Government for these projects as they did for Waterport Terraces. So it is not a question of negotiating a settled criteria with the developer, nor indeed even the developer now doing the allocation process in accordance with that supposedly agreed eligibility criteria. Both, the decision as to what the criteria should

be and the evaluation of applications against that eligibility criteria, have been unilaterally decided in the first case and is in the process of being done in the second case, namely the allocation by Government officials.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In introducing this new concept of eligibility for this type of housing does that mean that this now applies to re-sales of those properties? That is, that people can sell them to others as long as the prospective purchaser is also somebody with ten years?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

So far in this exchange the hon Members have not made a distinction between eligibility criteria to purchase the flat on the one hand, and on the other with what I think is probably in their minds, accessibility to the Government's co-ownership scheme. In establishing who is eligible the Government are not necessarily saying that everyone that is eligible to buy a flat will necessarily be favourably considered to participate in the Government's co-ownership scheme. Therefore, the rules applicable to somebody who buys for example 100 per cent may be different to the eligibility criteria application decisions in cases where the Government are participating through a co-ownership scheme. I am trying to remember whether there are any such cases in Waterport Terraces, I am afraid I cannot recollect. It is much less likely that the Government would agree co-ownership terms in respect of a non-British person and therefore, as I recall, although there are some re-sale restrictions the re-sale restrictions on people buying 100 per cent I recall are less stringent than the re-sale restrictions on people who buy on co-ownership. I think there are still some re-sale restrictions but they are less stringent, I just cannot recollect now precisely what they were.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Have the Government thought through in terms of persons that may have ten years of residence here and buy, what would this mean in terms of their right of continued residence in Gibraltar? We have got a lot of people who are here on annually renewable residence permits. If they are told that after ten years they are entitled to buy here, for the average person would that not suggest that he has acquired a right of residence and has got a right to live here, if he is being encouraged to buy other than in the open market?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, it is one of the factors that the Government keep in mind when making these decisions. There is no formal, I accept that there could be a sort of signal type of link, but there is actually no formal legalistic link between owning property and having the right to reside, which in the case he knows of non-EU Nationals is linked to employment and that would not alter simply because such a person were allowed to own a property, not legally to any degree. The hon Member and I could, if the law otherwise permitted us to buy a flat, could buy property in a place that we are not allowed to live. I cannot think of any places where that might be so but I am sure there must be some. Of course people are allowed to live, the question is how

frequently they have to renew their residence permits. The issue is here between not being allowed to live and allowed to live, the question is being allowed indefinite leave to remain on the one hand and being allowed to remain on the basis of constantly renewing a permit, albeit that there is no legal right to the renewal. But theoretically each application for a renewal is theoretically subject to consideration and is technically capable of being rejected for some reason or other.

ORAL

**NO. 790 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**HOUSING – SIR WILLIAM JACKSON GROVE**

Can Government now state when they propose to proceed with the sale to the tenants of the available parking spaces at Sir William Jackson Grove (Gib V)?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

This has not yet been decided.



ORAL

**NO. 791 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – ROSIA COURT**

Can Government say if house No. 10 Rosia Court has now been sold?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 792 of 2006.

**NO. 792 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – ROSIA COURT**

Can Government state whether control over the management company of Rosia Court has now been passed on to the owners?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No. 10 Rosia Court unit has indeed been sold in the sense that an agreement has been signed, a reservation fee has been paid, the 5 per cent deposit is due to be received shortly, unless it has been received in the day or two since this answer was drafted, and completion will follow shortly thereafter. As soon as that takes place the control of the estate will be passed to the management company.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 791 AND 792 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Can Government say whether stamp duty has been paid or will be paid on the purchase?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I suppose it depends on whether it is above or below the threshold.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Can the Chief Minister say whether it is above or below the threshold?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Honestly I have no idea from recollection or indeed the information may have been on a sheet of paper that is technically in my possession, but I am not conscious of the price at which this unit has been sold. I do not know whether it has been sold for more or less than the threshold figure. The hon Member may know in which case I will be happy to have my memory refreshed.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

No, I do not know but I will ask the question at the next available opportunity in this respect.

**NO. 793 OF 2006**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – 50/50 SALES**

Can Government state if there has been any sale of the Government 50 per cent share of co-ownership homes in the months of March, April and May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There have been ten such sales over the period as follows:

March 2006	4
April 2006	4
May 2006	2

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 793 OF 2006**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Would the Chief Minister be kind enough, I admit it is not included in the Question, to supply the details that he always does when I ask this question?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Certainly. Well, it is a very generous admission on his part. I know that they ask the same questions all the time but this Question Time cannot become so repetitive that we now need to assume that the question is the same as it has always been in the past. I am very happy to give the hon Member the information which some quick-witted official in my office has had the foresight to pre-empt that the hon Member would be asking by way of supplementary. If I do give him this he cannot ask me any supplementaries on it because in fact they have not had the foresight to have a copy for me so I am giving him the only one that there is.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In respect of the ten properties that have been sold, are these now being sold on the open market? That is, are the Government now selling their share at open market prices or is there still some formula in place? I am assuming that these are all past the nine year mark, is that correct?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I did a deal with the hon Member that if I passed him the sheet I would not be asked any supplementaries. If they wish to renege on that they will have to give me back the paper so that I can look at it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I doubt whether he will be able to tell from the figures on the paper given to my hon Colleague which is the value, by how much it has gone up.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think most of them are nine years.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think that given that all these estates date back to sort of 1996, 1997 at the latest, even in the latest batch they must be now in the tenth year.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I was hoping to be able to deduce from the figures whether by the size of the figures whether they were obviously not market value, or obviously market value, but not even that I can do because I have a note here that tells me that we must not assume that they were all 50 per cents. Some of these may be just 10 per cent, or even 10 per cent if it is before the sale. Therefore, there is just no way of knowing. I do not think that sales are being done at market value but I can find that out and let him know.

ORAL

**NO. 794 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EUROPA BUSINESS CENTRE**

Can Government state what was the date of the transfer of the ownership of the Europa Business Centre to Gibraltar Commercial Property Limited and what was the consideration, if any, paid to Government by the company?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

There was no consideration and a lease dated 18<sup>th</sup> November 2003 transferred the property with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2003.

**NO. 795 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HOUSING – 50/50 SALES**

Can Government now state what resale restrictions currently apply in each co-ownership estate in respect of homes which are:

- (a) 100 per cent owned; and
- (b) part owned by the occupant?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

In all the co-ownership estates the underleases provide that prospective purchasers must be eligible to be on the Government waiting list.

Where flats are 100 per cent owned by the occupants this provision has been reduced to also allow British Citizens who have been residing in Gibraltar permanently and continuously for a minimum period of three years to become purchasers.

Where flats are still partly owned by the occupants, prospective purchasers are additionally required to purchase an extra 10 per cent share ownership from the Government. So in the case of 100 per cent owners they can sell to British Citizens who have been continuously resident for three years.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 795 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I know the extra 10 per cent was in the original lease but does the three years apply to the people who buy the extra 10 per cent or not at all, it has to be 100 per cent does it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, the eligibility rule is relaxed apparently only in the case of 100 per cent so the question of buying back part of the Government's share would not arise.

**ORAL**

**NO. 796 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**LAND PROPERTY SERVICES**

Can Government state whether the new contract with Land Property Services has now been finalised?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The new contract with Land Property Services has been finalised and I am told is simply awaiting signature. I would like to just qualify that by saying that I am aware that a letter from the Managing Director of Land Property Services has reached my office, which I have not yet seen, I do not know what it contains so if he is raising some contentious issue there I am not yet aware of it and it would qualify the answer that I have just given him.



ORAL

**NO. 797 OF 2006**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBTELECOM**

Can Government provide an update on the status of the sale of Gibtelecom shares?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The position largely remains as I said in answer to Question No. 385 of 2006 earlier this year. Verizon are still in discussions with what they call a preferred purchaser. As these negotiations are still under way it would not be appropriate for the Government to identify this party publicly at this stage, nor for that matter any of the other bidders to whom Verizon have not yet closed the door.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 797 OF 2006**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Is it now more likely than before or likely at all that the Government will sell part of their equity in the company?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is neither more nor less likely than before. The Government are not engaged in discussions with anybody about selling any of the shares.

**NO. 798 OF 2006**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**EASTSIDE DEVELOPMENT**

Can Government say what payments have been made to them by the developers of the East Side project giving the amount of the payment, the date when the payment was made and what it was in respect of?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No payments have been made to the Government under the terms of the agreement with MCB (Gibraltar) Limited, the payments are made to Gibraltar Land (Holdings) Limited. Subject to that clarification, the payments made to Gibraltar Land (Holdings) Limited have been the sums of £2,500,000 and £2,242,500. So those were the two payments made at the time of the signature of the Master Agreement in January 2005. On 28<sup>th</sup> December 2005 a further payment of £10,000,000 was made and on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 a further £8,000,000 were paid.

All amounting to £22,742,500 which the Government hope to put to excellent use to fund many of their excellent projects presently in the pipeline.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 798 OF 2006**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The statement issued by the Government at the time did not refer to Gibraltar Land (Holdings) Limited as the company that would receive the payments but it is a technical point, it simply referred to the Government receiving it. In relation to the beaches project which is connected to the East Side project and which is taking place at the same time or by the developer acting as a contractor for the Government, which is what the statement actually said, can the Chief Minister say which company has been contracted to carry out the beaches project or is that information not yet known?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Just dealing with the first point he made by way of clarification, the hon Member knows that when it comes to accounting to this House for reserves the Government do not distinguish between the Government and Government companies. Indeed it can be seen from the Estimates booklet that the reserves are reserves combined and

separately given so that one can see how much is where of the companies and the Consolidated Fund reserve. I was not trying to correct him in the answer I was just trying to communicate to him the information, which I am sure he has been able to work out already from looking at the Improvement and Development Fund receipts that this money actually did not go into the Consolidated Fund or rather the Improvement and Development Fund, it went into the companies. The Government have contracted with the developer to do this project, it is part of the infrastructure agreement so it is a question of which contracting company the developer appoints but the Government are contracted with the developer to do this project on behalf of the Government.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can I ask the Chief Minister which company is doing the preparatory works at the moment, there seems to be some kind of activity going on in that area?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am not aware that there is. I know that there has been some work done in relation to the environmental impact assessment study, there may be people taking samples or surveys or things of that sort. Certainly Community Projects is still on site doing whatever they have been doing for the number of years that they have been doing it, but I am not aware that there is any work yet being done for the execution of the projects.

ORAL

**NO. 799 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**PROPERTY SALES - COMMISSION**

Can Government state whether the Treasury has charged a commission on property sales of the Government's share of co-ownership homes in the months of March, April and May 2006, and if so, provide the dates, the amounts received and the estates where each of the relevant properties is located?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes indeed, the information relating to the Government's well-deserved sales commission is contained in the schedule I now hand to him.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 799**

	SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Brympton	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
<b>Mar 06</b>	Monies Received	£25,329.00			£65,776.36		£91,105.36
	5% charge paid	£1,266.45			£3,288.82		£4,555.27
<b>Apr 06</b>	Monies Received	£24,285.70		£77,852.36		£28,673.22	£130,811.28
	5% charge paid	£1,214.29		£3,892.62		£1,433.66	£6,540.57
<b>May 06</b>	Monies Received	£22,192.29				£32,493.65	£54,685.94
	5% charge paid	£1,109.62				£1,624.68	£2,734.30

SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Brympton	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
£49,614.70	£22,192.29		£77,852.36	£65,776.36	£61,166.87	£276,602.58
£2,480.74	£1,109.62		£3,892.62	£3,288.82	£3,058.34	£13,830.14

**Total Monies Received**  
**Total 5% charges paid**

**NO. 800 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**AUDIT OFFICE**

Can Government explain what was the nature of the compensation payment which required supplementary funding of £14,600 in the financial year 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

This related to the termination of employment of a contract officer in the Gibraltar Audit Office.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 800 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I take it this is not, or is it the same contract officer that was the subject of a previous question where there was also a compensation payment met by Supplementary Funding? Is this a different officer?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Assuming the hon Member is referring to the reallocation within Head 11 of the Audit Office's Consolidated Fund Reallocation Statement No. 8 of 2005/2006, that was a virement of £40,600 from Head 1A Salaries to a new Subhead 6 – Ex-Gratia Payments and not Supplementary Funding. The payment was in respect of an Audit Manager and was based on 10 per cent of the officer's salary during the period served in the Audit Office. I cannot remember last time although I recall that we did discuss a previous case. My recollection, but it is only recollection, of this case is that that one related to an officer and then subsequently another officer left and said would we deal with him in the same way and he was dealt with in the same way and this is why it has cropped up again.

ORAL

**NO. 801 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX**

Can Government provide in respect of the financial year 2004/05 the breakdown of receipts of Income Tax showing:

1. PAYE;
2. Self-Employed persons;
3. Section 67; and

refunds paid?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 802 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 802 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX**

Can Government provide in respect of the financial year 2005/06 the breakdown of the forecast outturn of the receipts of Income Tax showing:

1. PAYE;
2. Self-Employed persons;
3. Section 67; and
4. Refunds paid?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested.



**ANSWER TO QUESTION 802****Answer to Questions 801 and 802 of 2006**

	Financial year 2004/2005 £m	Financial year 2005/2006 £m
PAYE Tax (paid by employers)	69.4	79.3
PAYE Assessments	1.2	1.4
Self-Employed (ie.other than PAYE payers)	7.3	9.2
Section 67 Sub Contractors Tax	<u>0.8</u>	<u>1.1</u>
	78.7	91.0
Refunds	<u>3.7</u>	<u>3.9</u>
	75.0	87.1
	=====	=====

ORAL

**NO. 803 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

Can Government state for each month of the financial year 2004/05 what was the gross amount collected in Corporation Tax and the refunds paid?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 804 to 806 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 804 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

Can Government state for each month of the financial year 2005/06 what was the gross amount collected in Corporation Tax and the refunds paid?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 803, 805 and 806 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 805 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX - ARREARS**

Can Government state what was the age structure of known PAYE arrears as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 for each tax year since 1988/89 and the total amount?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 803, 804 and 806 of 2006.

ORAL

NO. 806 OF 2006

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

What was the amount of Company Tax collected in each month since February 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 806****Answer to Question 803 of 2006**

	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Refunds</b>	<b>Net</b>
April 2004	3.59	0.03	3.56
May 2004	0.89	-	0.89
June 2004	2.26	0.01	2.25
July 2004	1.25	0.01	1.24
August 2004	0.25	0.03	0.22
September 2004	1.03	0.02	1.01
October 2004	1.53	0.04	1.49
November 2004	0.22	0.04	0.18
December 2004	3.06	-	3.06
January 2005	0.92	-	0.92
February 2005	2.33	0.01	2.32
March 2005	<u>10.69</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10.69</u>
	28.02	0.19	27.83
	=====	=====	=====

**Answer to Question 804 of 2006**

	<b>Gross</b>	<b>Refunds</b>	<b>Net</b>
April 2005	2.54	0.02	2.52
May 2005	0.83	-	0.83
June 2005	0.92	-	0.92
July 2005	1.02	-	1.02
August 2005	0.36	-	0.36
September 2005	0.21	0.06	0.15
October 2005	0.26	-	0.26
November 2005	0.37	0.01	0.36
December 2005	0.60	0.02	0.58
January 2006	0.26	0.22	0.04
February 2006	0.57	-	0.57
March 2006	<u>17.47</u>	<u>0.04</u>	<u>17.43</u>
	25.41	0.37	25.04
	=====	=====	=====

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**CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 806**

**Answer to Question 805 of 2006**

PAYE Tax outstanding as at 31 March 2006

<b>Year</b>	<b>£M</b>
1988/1989 & prior years	0.018
1989/1990	0.028
1990/1991	0.075
1991/1992	0.052
1992/1993	0.113
1993/1994	0.094
1994/1995	0.093
1995/1996	0.111
1996/1997	0.179
1997/1998	0.289
1998/1999	0.480
1999/2000	0.360
2000/2001	0.389
2001/2002	0.726
2002/2003	0.914
2003/2004	0.933
2004/2005	1.622
<b>Total</b>	<b>6.476</b> =====

**Answer to Question 806 of 2006**

The Corporation Tax collected (net of refunds) for the months of March 2006, April 2006 and May 2006 is:

	<b>£ m</b>
March 2006	17.44
April 2006	0.56
May 2006	0.74

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 803 TO 806 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can I draw the Chief Minister's attention to the figure for March 2006 and the figure for March 2005? Last year we had on two occasions different explanations as to what the significance of the fact that the March figure was so much higher than that of the rest of the year and I think we finished up being told that part of their explanation was an element of a one-off payment which was not recurrent. Now I note that this year in fact instead of being £10 million it is £17 million, is there anything that is not recurrent in the £17 million?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, in any tax year there are always companies that are paying more than one year but it is nothing extraordinary. The hon Member may recall that at the last meeting of the House he debated an issue related to this when we passed an amendment to the Income Tax Ordinance bringing this date by which the Corporation Tax is due to February. Remember that the law had been changed, that Corporation Tax was now due in March, we brought it forward to February. No, that is the figure for the year.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I do remember the argument and in fact we supported it because it made a lot of sense. My point is that the Chief Minister will recall that in respect of the £10 million last year, that is March 2005, the estimate for 2005/2006 was lower than the actual for the preceding year on the basis that there had been one particular bank involved in one particular payment. Given that the explanation was partly the bunching of payments at the last minute and partly this other element, now I am asking does the £17 million contain anything like that payment that was referred to in March of the previous year or is it just the bunching of the tax that would normally have been spread throughout the year if there had been no bunching?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I believe it is the latter. I thought that we had left the issue of the bank in question resolved and not open. I do not remember exactly now the detail of the answer that I gave him then, unless the answer that I gave him then said that part of it would fall into this financial year I do not know if he has got the answer to hand, he possibly has not either. I do not think so but the answer that I gave him then I recall explained the matter in full, it is just that I do not remember what the answer was I am afraid.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think also in the last Question Time when I asked about some of the collection in one of these months being unusually low, I was told that this was due to the fact that there had been a higher level than usual of refunds, but that does not seem to be reflected in the explanation unless the £22,000 was the one for January and it was thought to be higher than usual. Would that be the case?



**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

What question is the hon Member talking about?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am talking about Question No. 804 of 2006. I think in the last meeting of the House I asked if there was a reason for the drop in the amount collected which was £0.4 million and I was told that it was a higher level. Was the higher level the Chief Minister was talking about the £22,000 shown as refund for that month, is that it? £220,000 actually.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is £220,000. Well £220,000 is certainly, as he can see from the figures for the other months, higher than it usually is. There must have been, I am only speculating but I would guess, that that is one situation. It would be most unusual if there was a cluster, I suppose it is not impossible. I do not know the answer, it is not actually impossible that when they are administering these things in the Income Tax Office they put all files with refunds to one side and then they come in January or at some month and say 'well now let us deal with these files', so one ends up writing a lot of cheques that month, it could be that too.

ORAL

**NO. 807 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX - PAYE**

How much was collected in PAYE each month since February 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 808 to 810 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 808 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX - PAYE**

Can Government state, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, how many employers had failed to submit an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the Tax Year 2004/05?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 807, 809 and 810 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 809 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX - PAYE**

Can Government state, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, how many employers had submitted an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the Tax Year 2004/05?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 807, 808 and 810 of 2006.

**NO. 810 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX - PAYE**

Can Government state, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, how many of the employers who had submitted an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the Tax Year 2004/05 had amounts outstanding and what was the total of such amounts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 807 of 2006**

PAYE Tax collected (net of refunds) in March 2006 was £7.83 million. The estimated figures for April 2006 and May 2006 are £6.05 million and £6.50 million. I suppose it is estimated because it has not yet been reconciled at Treasury.

**Answer to Question No. 808 of 2006**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, 298 employers had not yet returned their 2004/2005 Employers Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

**Answer to Question No. 809 of 2006**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 a total of 1,727 employers had submitted their 2004/2005 Employers Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

**Answer to Question No. 810 of 2006**

Based on the 2004/2005 annual PAYE Employers Returns received at the Income Tax Office by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006, 163 employers are owed PAYE Tax totalling £1.62 million.

**NO. 811 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – SELF-EMPLOYED**

Can Government state how many submissions of tax returns from self-employed persons had taken place by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 in respect of the tax year 2004/05 and the comparable figures for the tax year 2003/04 as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and 2002/03 as at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I am told that the information requested is not available. The Income Tax Office does not consider it necessary to maintain a numerical record of tax returns issued and returned or not returned. The system in place for issuing assessments on the 'Self Employed' category or on taxpayers in any other category, centres on files held and not on returns lodged at the Income Tax Office. I am told however, in preparation for a supplementary which I will volunteer, that if what the hon Member meant or sought to ask, or was seeking, is the number of self-employed taxpayers that have been assessed for the years and as at the date stated, the answer would be as follows. In other words, I think the distinction being drawn is as between submission of returns and assessments. Approximately 900 taxpayers were assessed for the tax year 2002/2003 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004; 1,100 taxpayers had been assessed for the tax year 2003/2004 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005; and approximately 1,300 taxpayers had been assessed for tax for the tax year 2004/2005 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

**NO. 812 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

As at the end of May 2006 how many companies had been assessed by the Commissioner of Income Tax without having made a return of taxable profit:

- (a) above £35,000; and
- (b) below £35,000

for each of the tax years 1998/1999 to 2003/2004, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case for each category and each year and what were the amounts assessed and paid by qualifying companies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I hand the hon Member a schedule that provides, in part, the information he seeks. The information that he requires regarding Qualifying Companies is no longer held electronically as the Tax Office discontinued that particular classification in their computer system when the Qualifying Companies legislation was repealed.

I am advised by the Commissioner that the figures sought could be extracted manually but it would take quite some time and certainly not in the time available. If the hon Member is particularly keen to have it, it could be obtained but on the other hand if it is not central to the information I am sure it would be appreciated that work could be saved.

**Answer to Question 812 of 2006**

**COMPANIES ASSESSED WITHOUT HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS**

Year of Assessment	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03	2003/04
	£	£	£	£	£	£

**Under £35,000**

No. of Companies assessed	753	566	286	311	364	494
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	1.5M	0.9M	0.5M	0.6M	0.9M	1.1M
Total Paid	1.3M	0.7M	0.2M	0.3M	0.2M	0.2M

**Over £35,000**

No. of Companies assessed	42	34	10	12	29	37
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.2M	0.8M	1.4M
Total Paid	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.2M	0.4M	1.1M



**NO. 813 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX - PAYE**

Based on the 2004/05 employers annual statement, declaration and certificate submitted to date what was the PAYE payable by area of employment and number of employees as follows:

- (a) MOD;
- (b) Gibraltar Government;
- (c) Government owned/JV companies; and
- (d) Private sector employment?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Based on the 2004/2005 Employers Annual Statement, Declaration and Certificate submitted up to 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006 the information sought is as follows:

	£M	Approximate No of Employees/Deduction Cards
a) MOD	5.0	2,650
b) Gibraltar Government	23.3	6,500
c) Government owned & joint venture Companies	3.2	650
d) Private Sector Employment	37.9	18,600
	<u>69.4</u>	<u>28,400</u>

**NO. 814 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state what is the estimated Gross Domestic Product for the financial year 2004/05 and give the breakdown of the calculation using a) the Income and b) the Expenditure methods?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The GDP estimates for 2004/2005 are not yet available. The National Income Accounts are compiled when finalised and thus more accurate data is available in relation to the main components in respect of both public and private sector organisations. In respect of the financial year 2004/2005 this will occur during the remainder of this year.

To this effect, the Government have already given this House an indication that the GDP figure would be computed and published in respect of any given financial year by December of the following year. That is what we did in respect of 2003/2004 when the figure was published in December last year. So some time between now and December it will be available.

ORAL

**NO. 815 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state whether estimates of Sales to Visitors based on the Tourism Expenditure Report are reflected in the Expenditure Method calculation of the GDP under Consumer Expenditure or under Exports of Goods and Services?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Expenditure by tourists is included under Exports of Goods and Services.

**ORAL**

**NO. 816 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government explain what were the elements of the adjustments made to the figure of £155.5 million in respect of Government Recurrent Expenditure in the financial year 2000/01 to arrive at the figure of £134.9 million for Government Final Consumption in the Expenditure Method calculation of GDP?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 817 to 819 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 817 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government explain what were the elements of the adjustments made to the figure of £170.2 million in respect of Government Recurrent Expenditure in the financial year 2001/02 to arrive at the figure of £152.3 million for Government Final Consumption in the Expenditure Method calculation of GDP?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 816 and 818 to 819 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 818 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government explain what were the elements of the adjustments made to the figure of £178.9 million in respect of Government Recurrent Expenditure in the financial year 2002/03 to arrive at the figure of £160.0 million for Government Final Consumption in the Expenditure Method calculation of GDP?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 816, 817 and 819 of 2006.

**NO. 819 OF 2006****THE HON J J BOSSANO****GDP FIGURE**

Can Government explain what were the elements of the adjustments made to the figure of £196.6 million in respect of Government Recurrent Expenditure in the financial year 2003/04 to arrive at the figure of £169.5 million for Government Final Consumption in the Expenditure Method calculation of GDP?

**ANSWER****THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

As the hon Member will be able to deduce from the answer that I am about to give him, his questions misidentify the number that is adjusted. The figures in respect of Government Recurrent Expenditure which are subsequently adjusted to arrive at the estimates of Government Final Consumption are as follows:

	<u>£ Million</u>			
	<u>Departmental Expenditure</u>	<u>Consolidated Fund Expenditure</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Government Final Consumption</u>
2000/2001	114.3	23.1	<b>137.4</b>	<b>134.9</b>
2001/2002	121.6	22.6	<b>144.1</b>	<b>152.3</b>
2002/2003	133.0	32.5	<b>165.5</b>	<b>160.0</b>
2003/2004	139.0	26.2	<b>165.2</b>	<b>169.5</b>

For each of the years in question, departmental expenditure as itemised in the Estimates of revenue and Expenditure, is adjusted to include total expenditure on the Health Service, GDC, Elderly Care Agency and the Electricity Authority and to exclude grants, subventions, contributions to funds and other such transfer payments.

Similarly, Consolidated Fund Recurrent Expenditure is adjusted to exclude transfer payments in the form of pensions and contributions to Social Insurance stamps as well as public debt interest charges. Therefore, the figure that the hon Member should have mentioned in his questions as being the figure subject to adjustment would have been £155.5 million, £170.2 million, £178.9 million and £196.6 million.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 816 TO 819 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So in fact what the Chief Minister is saying is that the figure of £196.6 million which he has just mentioned for 2003/2004 is reduced to the figure that he has given me of £165 million by the removal of things like pensions payments and Social Insurance stamps.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

By the addition first of some items and the removal in others.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Those changes would produce the £165 million that he has given me as the figure prior to adjustment?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Correct.



**ORAL**

**NO. 820 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state in respect of the £4 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 1996/97 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 821 to 827 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 821 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state in respect of the £5.03 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 1997/98 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 820 and 822 to 827 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 822 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state in respect of the £4.55 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 1998/99 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 820, 821 and 823 to 827 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 823 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state in respect of the £4 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 1999/2000 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 820 to 822 and 824 to 827 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 824 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state in respect of the £3.25 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 2000/01 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 820 to 823 and 825 to 827 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 825 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state in respect of the £4.36 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 2001/02 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 820 to 824 and 826 to 827 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 826 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state in respect of the £5 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 2002/03 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 820 to 825 and 827 of 2006.

**NO. 827 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state in respect of the £6.04 million in the component Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises in respect of the Income Method calculation of the GDP for 2003/04 how much was attributable to the surplus of receipts over expenditure in the Savings Bank for that financial year?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The surplus of receipts over expenditure in respect of the Savings Bank included in the Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises by year is as follows:

	<u>£ million</u>
1996/1997	3.97
1997/1998	2.77
1998/1999	2.28
1999/2000	1.48
2000/2001	1.11
2001/2002	0.95
2002/2003	0.64
2003/2004	1.45

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 820 TO 827 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I think when I asked about the 2003/2004 figure the Chief Minister was not very sure whether this was a new element that was added to the Savings Bank as a result of the creation of the Electricity Authority, can he tell me whether in fact the difference between the £1.45 million and the £6.04 million in answer to Question No. 827 of 2006, is because of the results of the Electricity undertaking and is it only since it has ceased to be a Government Department?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I am not in a position to tell him that, I am afraid, not because it may not be the case but because I simply do not know whether it is the case. What I can tell him is that the figure for 2003/2004 is actually £6.94 million and not £6.04 million as



mentioned in the question. I cannot tell him the impact that the Electricity Authority may have had on those figures, if any. If he is particularly interested in knowing that I can find out. Is it something I have agreed in the past to find out?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, in the last meeting of the House when I asked about the components of the Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises the Chief Minister told me it was the Savings Bank and the Electricity undertaking. If he has now given me the figure for the Savings Bank I am assuming that the difference between the two is the Electricity undertaking, but I did ask 'is this something that is peculiar to this element of the GDP since the Electricity activity was taken out of the Government as a separate entity?', and he was not sure whether this was the case or it was something that had been there throughout.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Gross Trading Surplus.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The performance of the Electricity Undertaking as a separate entity on the basis of the information provided in this answer and in the last meeting of the House would suggest that in fact the difference between £1.45 million and £6.94 million, which is of the order of £5.5 million, would be the profit made on electricity sales, given that in 2003/2004 there was a colossal loss I have difficulty in reconciling.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not think it could be, if what we are discussing is the order of the difference, in other words, the extent of the Gross Trading Surplus of Government Enterprises that is attributable to the Electricity Authority and also the extent of it. Well obviously the existence of a gross trading surplus is not attributable because as the hon Member understands from the fact that he has asked for years going back long before the establishment of the Authority, has existed long before the establishment of the Authority. How much of it is attributable to the Electricity Authority I do not actually know. To my knowledge the Electricity Authority and before it the Electricity Department have not had trading surpluses of that or any magnitude. If one compares the differences in the figures, so for example, for the year 1997/1998 it is £5.03 million as against £2.77 million; in 1998/1999 it is £2.28 million as against £4.55 million; in 1999/2000 it is £2.28 million as opposed to £4 million so certainly the order of magnitude of the difference is getting bigger, so by 2000/2001 it was already in excess of £3 million. When did the Authority start? – after that. In 2002/2003 it was already £4 million in 2002/2003 nearly; £4.36 million against £0.95 million in 2001/2002 so certainly there is a clear trend because it is now £6.94 million not £6.04 million, so it is now in excess of £5 million. I would be interested in the answer to that myself. I will write to him on this.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Perhaps the Chief Minister might note that in fact in 1996/1997 the total figure is £4 million and the Savings Bank element is £3.97 million, which in fact rounded up comes to £4 million.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

There must be other enterprises.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

There is nothing else there except the Savings Bank in 1996/1997. The other element would have been £0.03 million out of the £4 million.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will write to the hon Member setting out in respect of each of those years what in addition to the Savings Bank counts for the figure.

ORAL

**NO. 828 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES**

Can Government give the breakdown by companies of the estimated total of cash holdings for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 held by Government owned companies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 829 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 829 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES**

Can Government give the breakdown by companies of the estimated total of cash holdings for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 held by Government owned companies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I hand the hon Member a table showing the breakdown.

**Answer to Question 829 of 2006**

Breakdown of the cash holdings held by Government-owned companies as at 31 March 2005 and 31 March 2006 is as follows:

<b><u>Government-owned Company</u></b>	<b><u>Year Ended 31/03/05 £'M</u></b>	<b><u>Year Ended 31/03/06 £'M</u></b>
Gibraltar Land (Holdings) Ltd	2.6	18.9
GRP Investment Company Ltd	0.8	20.2
Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Ltd	1.7	1.3
Gibraltar Co-Ownership Company Ltd	4.7	0.8
Westside Two Co-Ownership Company Ltd	9.1	0.2
Brympton Co-Ownership Company Ltd	1.3	0.1
Gibraltar Information Bureau Ltd	0.3	0.3
Gibraltar Shiprepair Ltd	0.9	0.9
Gibraltar Industrial Cleaners	-	-
Gibraltar Community Projects Ltd	-	-
Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Ltd	-	-
Gibraltar Bus Company Ltd	0.2	0.2
KIJY Parkings Ltd	0.0	0.1
	<u>21.6</u>	<u>43.0</u>

ORAL

**NO. 830 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GENERAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE**

Can Government state what was the total Government General Revenue and the total Government General Expenditure for 2004/05?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 831 of 2006.

**NO. 831 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GENERAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE**

Can Government state what is the forecast outturn for the total Government General Revenue and the total Government General Expenditure for 2005/06?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

This information is set out in the Draft Estimates Book which has been provided confidentially to the hon Member in advance of the forthcoming Budget debate.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 830 AND 831 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Certainly that is not my understanding because the Government's General Expenditure and the Government's General Revenue is made up by aggregating different elements which are not in the Estimates for approval, in the Consolidated Fund, and it is a different figure that is produced which is much higher, which is the one that eventually appears.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The question has been interpreted to mean estimated revenue and forecast revenue as in the Consolidated Fund. The figure that the hon Member mentioned which I sometimes give in my Budget address by aggregating has not yet been calculated.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I would point out that I am asking for historic information and not for the forecast of the current financial year, I am talking about 2004/2005 which finished a long time ago and 2005/2006 which finished on 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Although I do a rough figure, I remember in the last year when we had the debate about the true extent of the surplus and the true extent of the deficit I added things

together which I do not know if I called general revenue or general expenditure or total revenue or overall, I think was the phrase I used, but if he is using the word general revenue and general expenditure in its technical public accounting sense, that is actually not calculated until the accounts for these respective years are prepared by the Accountant General and then published after. The formal concept of general revenue and general expenditure I think is a Government accounts concept which comes out at that time. It is actually disclosed in the Accountant General's report, which of course we see before they get published because they do not get published until they are audited.



**NO. 832 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY**

Can Government state whether any steps have been taken to establish how much of the near £1 million in electricity arrears in respect of inactive accounts in 2004/05 required write-off action?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Of the about £8 million of electricity arrears outstanding as at the end of March 2005, around £3 million is in respect of accounts which are now inactive. So the figure of inactive accounts appears to have risen. The Gibraltar Electricity Authority currently estimates that around £2.5 million of this is bad debt and will have to be written off. So basically what I have done is update the figure that the hon Member used in the question, which must be the last one that we gave him.

**ORAL**

**NO. 833 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**REVOLVING LOAN FACILITIES**

Can Government state what has been the amount of outstanding Government debt in respect of the revolving loan from local banks in March, April and May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The amount of outstanding Government debt in respect of the revolving loan from local banks in March, April and May 2006 is as follows:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Barclays</b>	<b>Natwest</b>	<b>Total</b>
March 2006	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£10,000,000
April 2006	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£10,000,000
May 2006	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£10,000,000

ORAL

**NO. 834 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK**

Can Government provide the level of non-Government deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank giving a breakdown of on-call accounts, debentures, bonds and ordinary accounts as at the end of May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 835 of 2006.

**NO. 835 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR SAVINGS BANK**

Can Government provide the level of Government deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of May 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Tentative figures for non-Government deposits held in the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of May 2006 is £138.9 million as follows:

	£'m
On-Call Investment Accounts	17.0
Debentures	92.4
Bonds	7.1
Ordinary Accounts	22.4
	<u>138.9</u>

Tentative figures for Government deposits in the Gibraltar Savings Bank as at the end of May 2006 is £97.5 million as follows:

	£'m
Government Liquid Reserves	74.9
GDC – Insolvency Fund	3.3
Special Funds	19.3
	<u>97.5</u>

ORAL

**NO. 836 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RECURRENT EXPENDITURE – PAYROLL COSTS**

Can Government state how much of the Government Recurrent Expenditure in 2004/05 was in respect of Payroll and Payroll related costs and how much was in payment for services that had to be contracted out?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 837 to 840 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 837 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RECURRENT EXPENDITURE – PAYROLL COSTS**

Can Government state how much of the Government Recurrent Expenditure of £141.7 million in 1999/00 was in respect of Payroll and Payroll related costs and how much was in payment for services that had to be contracted out?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 836 and 838 to 840 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 838 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RECURRENT EXPENDITURE – PAYROLL COSTS**

Can Government state how much of the Government Recurrent Expenditure of £132.4 million in 1998/99 was in respect of Payroll and Payroll related costs and how much was in payment for services that had to be contracted out?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 836, 837, 839 and 840 of 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 839 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RECURRENT EXPENDITURE – PAYROLL COSTS**

Can Government state how much of the Government Recurrent Expenditure of £126.9 million in 1997/98 was in respect of Payroll and Payroll related costs and how much was in payment for services that had to be contracted out?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 836 to 838 and 840 of 2006.



**NO. 840 OF 2006**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**RECURRENT EXPENDITURE – PAYROLL COSTS**

Can Government state how much of the Government Recurrent Expenditure of £123.2 million in 1996/97 was in respect of Payroll and Payroll related costs and how much was in payment for services that had to be contracted out?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Payroll costs and contracted-out services included in the statement of 'overall' recurrent expenditure in the financial years 1996/1997 to 1999/2000 and 2004/2005 were as follows:

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Total Payroll</b>	<b>Total Contracted-out Services</b>
	<b>£'m</b>	<b>£'m</b>
2004/2005	94.6	17.8
1999/2000	62.4	14.0
1998/1999	58.1	14.0
1997/1998	52.5	17.0
1996/1997	45.5	0.0

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 836 TO 840 OF 2006**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The 1998/1999 figure then is lower than the 1997/1998 is that correct? It goes down from £17 million to £14 million, did I get those figures right?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

**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.



ORAL

**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.

ORAL

**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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>£137,174.58</b>

**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.

**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**

<b>POTABLE WATER BILLED AND COLLECTED (Primary)</b>		
	<b>Billed £</b>	<b>Collected £</b>
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**

<b>POTABLE WATER BILLED BY UNITS (Primary Units)</b>	
June 2006	390,589
July 2006	383,286
August 2006	387,562
September 2006	390,104

#### **Answer to Question 871**

<b>POTABLE WATER BILLED BY VALUE (Primary Units)</b>	
June 2006	82,023.69
July 2006	80,490.12
August 2006	81,388.08
September 2006	81,921.84

#### **Answer to Question 872**

<b>No Of Customers invoiced for Domestic Primary Units</b>	
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**

<b>No. of Customers of Domestic Primary Units</b>	
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
<b>Total for 2006</b>	<b>106,039</b>

**Answer to Question 874**

<b>Standing Charges (Domestic)</b>	
	<b>£</b>
June 2006	35,358
July 2006	35,529
August 2006	35,400
September 2006	35,331

**Answer to Question 875**

<b>No. of Customers of Domestic Secondary Units</b>	
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
<b>Collected</b>	£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
<b>Collected</b>	£1,335,773.86	£1,401,272.55	£1,097,092.63	£1,395,880.25
<b>Billed</b>	£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
<b>Invoiced</b>	£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
<b>Invoiced</b>	£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
<b>Invoiced</b>	£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
<b>Units</b>	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
<b>Consumers</b>	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

**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**

<b>YEAR 2006</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Districts affected</b>	<b>Cause</b>
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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



**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 30<sup>th</sup> May 2006, the Heritage Action Committee met on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2006. The next meeting is scheduled for the 31<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> October, is that correct?

**HON F VINET:**

The 31<sup>st</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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

**Answer to Question No 904 of 2006****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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**Contd Answer to Question 904 of 2006**

**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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**Contd Answer to Question 904 of 2006**

**GRANTS TO SPORTS ASSOCIATION**  
**OFFICIAL COMPETITIONS – 2002/2003**

<b>ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>AMOUNT £</b>
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**

<b>ASSOCIATION</b>	<b>AMOUNT £</b>
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

**Contd Answer to Question 904 of 2006****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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**Contd Answer to Question No. 904 of 2006**

**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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**Contd Answer to Question No 904 of 2006**

**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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**Contd Answer to Question No 904 of 2006**

**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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**Contd Answer to Question No. 904 of 2006**

**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 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

<b>Project / Source received</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Date Payment</b>
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 & Tavora - 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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**Contd Answer to Question 906 of 2006**

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,503,597.72</b>	

**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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**Contd Answer to Question 907 of 2006**

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 \*  
Pizzaghetti 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 13<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

**Answer to Question No. 910 of 2006**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> 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
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>£41,790.00</b>

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 11<sup>th</sup> 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:

<b>June 06</b>	1
<b>July 06</b>	1
<b>August 06</b>	2
<b>September 06</b>	3

**Answer to Question 921 to 924**

<b>As at September 2006</b>	<b>Long Stay Ward</b>	<b>Acute Ward</b>
<b>Bed Provision</b>	30	24
<b>Bed Occupied</b>	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 :-

	June		July		August		September	
Age	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:-

	June		July		August		September	
Age	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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,813</b>	<b>11,758</b>	<b>12,921</b>	<b>13,691</b>	<b>52,183</b>

\*Calls received during working hours are recorded until 4pm. Night calls do not form part of these statistics

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PHYSIO	188	203	179	129	699
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	245	190	163	214	812
DISTRICT	2283	2362	2757	1839	9,241
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,716</b>	<b>2,755</b>	<b>3,099</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>10,752</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>16,529</b>	<b>14,513</b>	<b>16,020</b>	<b>15,873</b>	<b>62,935</b>
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**N.C.H. = NO CLINIC WAS HELD THAT MONTH**

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**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:

<b>Speciality</b>	<b>June 2006</b>	<b>July 2006</b>	<b>August 2006</b>	<b>September 2006</b>
<b>General Surgery</b>	58	71	65	66
<b>General Surgery Initiative</b>	4	-	8	-
<b>Gynaecology/Obstetrics</b>	21	13	25	15
<b>Ophthalmology</b>	29	32	23	24
<b>Oral Surgery</b>	35	13	13	22
<b>Orthopaedics</b>	36	25	69	41
<b>Knee Initiative</b>	10	20	10	-
<b>Otorhinolaryngology</b>	13	22	18	11
<b>Otorhinolaryngology Initiative</b>	5	-	3	-
<b>Pain Relief</b>	8	2	18	9
<b>Plastic Surgery</b>	-	-	-	15
<b>Psychiatry</b>	5	5	6	7
<b>Spinals</b>	-	-	4	-
<b>Total</b>	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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006 is as follows:

Primary Care Centre referrals	48
Other referrals	6
<b>Total Referrals</b>	<b>54</b>

**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	44ADVANCE / 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	Holine 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	ITI 5400	1	£30,180.00
Neonatal Ventilator	Neonatal	20/01/2006	IV 100B	1	£8,609.60
Jaundice Treatment Equipment	Neonatal	02/06/2006	Blilblanket	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
<b>Total Donation</b>					<b>£769,813.00</b>
					<b>Projected expenditure to date</b>
					<b>Balance</b>
					<b>£1,333.69</b>

**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.

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**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		
Pallative 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.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



**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 diseases 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	Accommodation	Legal Claims
As at 30 <sup>th</sup> September	£83,188.52.	£167,417.01	
1 <sup>st</sup> June – 30 <sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

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2004/2005 Balance brought forward	-	£73,012.55
Funds donated During 2005/2006	-	£9,989.52
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>£83,002.07</b>
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

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**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**

<b>2004/5 SUSPENSIONS</b>	<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>SPRING TERM</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM</b>
<b>SCHOOL</b>			
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

<b>2005/6 SUSPENSIONS</b>	<b>AUTUMN TERM</b>	<b>SPRING TERM</b>	<b>SUMMER TERM</b>
<b>SCHOOL</b>			
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.

**ORAL**

**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**

<b>Question Number</b>		<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>
<b>1004</b>	<b>Number who applied</b>	45	63
<b>1004</b>	<b>Male</b>	27	35
<b>1004</b>	<b>Female</b>	18	28
<b>1003</b>	<b>Successful applicants, male</b>	22	30
<b>1003</b>	<b>Successful applicants, female</b>	18	25

<b>Question Number</b>		<b>2006/07</b>
<b>1005</b>	<b>Number of students applying for discretionary grants</b>	41
<b>1005</b>	<b>Discretionary applications, male</b>	16
<b>1005</b>	<b>Discretionary applications, female</b>	25
<b>1006</b>	<b>Successful discretionary applications, male</b>	8
<b>1006</b>	<b>Successful discretionary applications, female</b>	8



**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.

**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**

<b>2006</b>	<b>MALES</b>	<b>FEMALES</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18/25</b>	<b>26/35</b>	<b>36/45</b>	<b>46/60</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	160	285	445	56	151	113	125
<b>JULY</b>	157	285	442	54	147	116	125
<b>AUGUST</b>	161	286	447	53	149	115	130
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	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>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£4,107,304.08	£4,060,879.46	£4,027,847.04	£3,984,032.11
<b><u>Add</u></b>				
Receipts	£21,302.75	£26,010.77	£21,449.13	£2,919.76
	£4,128,606.83	£4,086,890.23	£4,049,296.17	£3,986,951.87
<b><u>Less</u></b>				
Payments	(£67,727.37)	(£59,043.19)	(£65,264.06)	(£66,315.27)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	£4,060,879.46	£4,027,847.04	£3,984,032.11	£3,920,636.60

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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>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£1,198,450.78	£1,209,925.88	£1,238,593.47	£1,232,798.55
<b><u>Add</u></b>				
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>
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<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>
<b>Fund Account -</b>				
<b>Opening Balance</b>	<u>£386,139.66</u>	<u>£390,689.18</u>	<u>£301,184.56</u>	<u>£465,307.15</u>
<b>"Local Account"</b>				
Opening Balance	£226,523.82	£170,346.33	£94,234.92	£123,735.89
<b>Add</b>				
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>
	£1,128,529.88	£1,021,697.76	£1,045,904.65	£1,023,836.15
<b>Less</b>				
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>
<b>"Spanish Account"</b>				
Opening Balance	£159,615.84	£220,342.85	£206,949.64	£341,571.26
<b>Add</b>				
Receipts from DFID	<u>£1,020,000.00</u>	<u>£190,000.00</u>	<u>£160,000.00</u>	<u>£980,000.00</u>
	£1,179,615.84	£410,342.85	£366,949.64	£1,321,571.26
<b>Less</b>				
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>
<b>Fund Account</b>				
<b>Closing Balance</b>	£390,689.18	£301,184.56	£465,307.15	£971,176.21

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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>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£13,289,736.76	£13,122,280.63	£13,280,908.22	£13,076,829.49
<b><u>Add</u></b>				
Receipts	£835,817.43	£1,123,499.15	£857,353.02	£828,709.85
	£14,125,554.19	£14,245,779.78	£14,138,261.24	£13,905,539.34
Payments	(£1,003,273.56)	(£964,871.56)	(£1,061,431.75)	(£1,009,793.71)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<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>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£1,198,450.78	£1,209,925.88	£1,238,593.47	£1,232,798.55
<b><u>Add</u></b>				
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>
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<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>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<u>£386,139.66</u>	<u>£390,689.18</u>	<u>£301,184.56</u>	<u>£465,307.15</u>
<b><u>"Local Account"</u></b>				
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>
<b><u>"Spanish Account"</u></b>				
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>
<b><u>Fund Account</u></b>				
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<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>30-Jun-06</u>	<u>31-Jul-06</u>	<u>31-Aug-06</u>	<u>30-Sep-06</u>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£13,289,736.76	£13,122,280.63	£13,280,908.22	£13,076,829.49
<b><u>Add</u></b>				
Receipts	£835,817.43	£1,123,499.15	£857,353.02	£828,709.85
	£14,125,554.19	£14,245,779.78	£14,138,261.24	£13,905,539.34
Payments	(£1,003,273.56)	(£964,871.56)	(£1,061,431.75)	(£1,009,793.71)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<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

	<b>Jun-06</b>	<b>Jul-06</b>	<b>Aug-06</b>	<b>Sep-06</b>
<b><i>Pre-1969 Spanish Pensioners</i></b>	5896	5874	5855	5817
<b><i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i></b>	5120	5116	5113	5125
<b><i>Moroccan Pensioners</i></b>	1730	1733	1732	1731
<b><i>Other Nationalities</i></b>	478	475	475	478
<b>Total</b>	<b>13224</b>	<b>13198</b>	<b>13175</b>	<b>13151</b>

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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.

	<b>Jun-06</b>	<b>Jul-06</b>	<b>Aug-06</b>	<b>Sep-06</b>
<b><i>Spanish Pensioners</i></b>	116	117	117	119
<b><i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i></b>	2397	2405	2406	2426
<b><i>Moroccan Pensioners</i></b>	642	643	643	643
<b><i>Other Nationalities</i></b>	34	35	35	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>3189</b>	<b>3200</b>	<b>3201</b>	<b>3223</b>

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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.

	<b>Jun-06</b>	<b>Jul-06</b>	<b>Aug-06</b>	<b>Sep-06</b>
<b><i>Spanish Pensioners</i></b>	109	109	109	111
<b><i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i></b>	2385	2393	2394	2413
<b><i>Moroccan Pensioners</i></b>	642	643	643	643
<b><i>Other Nationalities</i></b>	34	35	35	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>3170</b>	<b>3180</b>	<b>3181</b>	<b>3202</b>

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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>SEX</b>	<b>Ages 60-70</b>	<b>Ages 70-80</b>	<b>Ages 80-90</b>	<b>Ages 90+</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Male</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Female</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>36</b>

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)

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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)

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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 30<sup>th</sup> 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)
<b><u>Employees on GoG Terms:</u></b>					
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			
<b><u>ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE</u></b>					
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)
<b><u>DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</u></b> Drug strategy Co-ordinator	1	1			
<b><u>Employees on SSA terms:</u></b> Counsellor	1		1		
Social Workers (Out of Hrs)	2		2		
Community Service Officer	1		1		
<b><u>Accounts/Admin</u></b> 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)
<b><u>DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL</u></b>					
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	
<b><u>CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL</u></b>					
Senior Care Workers (40hrs)	6		6	3	
Care Workers (37.5hrs)	26		26	10	
Care Workers (31hrs)	10		10	5	
<b><u>Industrial Staff</u></b>					
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 8<sup>th</sup> August 2002, and

Mrs Angela Lukas – Appointed on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2004;  
Mr Mario Gomila – Appointed on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

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**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>Employees on GOG terms:</b>								
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			
<b>ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE</b>								
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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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			
		1.6.03	1		1			
Handyman/Driver	1	5.2.97	1		1			
Vehicle/Escort	1							
<b>DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</b>								
Drug strategy Co-ordinator	1	21.1.84	1		1			
<b>Employees on SSA terms:</b>								
Counsellor	1							
Social Workers (Out of Hrs)+A30	2	4.10.04		1	1	1		
		21.8.06		1		1		
		21.8.06		1		1		
Community Service Officer	1	12.12.05		1		1		
<b>Accounts/Admin</b>								
Finance Officer	1	2.12.02		1	1			
Administrative Officers	3	7.4.03		1	1			
		1.3.04		1	1			
		1.1.04		1	1			
Personal Assistant	1	16.10.06		1	1			
Receptionist	1	1.8.05		1	1			
Day Centre Support Worker	1	30.8.05		1	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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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
<b>DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL</b>								
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	1			
Support Workers (40hrs)	13	1.1.97		1	1			
		2.6.97		1	1			
		16.7.00		1		1		
		26.6.01		1				
		2.4.01		1	1			
		4.10.04		1	1			
		11.11.97		1	1			
		9.9.01		1	1			
		21.7.98		1	1			
		4.1.00		1	1			
		22.12.97		1	1			
		6.7.00		1	1			
		23.2.98		1	1			
Support Workers (39hrs)	1	1.3.96		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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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				
		12.6.06		1		1	1	
		12.6.06		1		1		
		12.6.06		1		1		
		12.6.06		1	1			
		12.6.06		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			
		30.8.05		1		1		
		25.9.06		1		1		
		25.9.06		1		1		
		20.6.06		1		1		
Support Workers (30hrs)	2	1.1.00		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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 (20hrs)	7	28.11.03		1		1	1	
		11.11.97		1				
		1.3.03		1	1		1	
		22.11.04		1				
		17.2.03		1				
		1.3.04		1				
		1.11.02		1				
Domestic Support Worker (22.5hrs)	1	9.10.95		1				
Domestic Support Workers (20hrs)	5	31.5.00		1				
		1.6.03		1				
		1.2.98		1				
		30.9.00		1				
		25.9.00		1				
		29.1.96		1				
Domestic Support Worker (15hrs)	1							
<u>CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL</u> Senior Care Workers (40hrs)	6	23.11.01		1				
		2.3.02		1				
		8.10.99		1				
		26.4.03		1			1	
		26.10.01		1				
		9.1.96		1				
		8.10.03		1			1	
Care Workers (37.5hrs)	26	3.8.01		1				
		10.5.02		1				
		13.9.04		1				
		14.9.02		1				
		1.4.05		1				
		29.12.03		1			1	
		6.6.95		1				
		17.6.03		1				
		3.12.03		1			1	
		17.2.03		1				
		3.7.03		1			1	
		9.3.04		1				

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**Answer to Question 1048 of 2006**

Grade	Number of Employees	Date of First Appointment to service of GdG or SSA	Eligible for Civil Service/GdG Pension	Eligible to join Provident Fund PS	Gibraltarian	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			
		25.3.96		1	1		1	
		3.5.02		1	1			
		17.6.03		1	1			
	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			
<b>Industrial Staff:</b>								
Cleaner - 37 hrs per week	2	5.10.85	1		1			
		20.2.06	1		1			
Cleaner - 25 hrs per week	1	20.2.06	1		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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

Grade	Number of Employees	Female	Male	Gibraltarian	UK National	Span National	Dutch National	Resident Gibraltar	Resident Spain
<b><u>EMPLOYEES on GOG Terms</u></b>									
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	
<b><u>ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE</u></b>									
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	
<b><u>DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</u></b>									
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 30<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

Grade	Number of Employees	Female	Male	Gibraltarian	UK National	Span National	Dutch National	Resident Gibraltar	Resident Spain
<b>EMPLOYEES on SSA Terms</b>									
Counsellor	1	1		1				1	
Social Workers (Out of Hrs)	2	2			2			1	1
Community Service Officer	1		1		1				1
<b>Accounts/Admin</b>									
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	
<b>DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL</b>									
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	
<b>CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL</b>									
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	
<b>Industrial Staff</b>									
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					
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 10<sup>th</sup> 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>
<b>Fund Account -</b>					
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£4,420,450.44	£4,382,396.77	£4,239,349.83	£4,164,114.86	£4,107,304.08
<b><u>Add</u></b>					
Receipts	£24,200.94	£20,218.42	£21,930.07	£21,447.72	£21,302.75
	£4,444,651.38	£4,402,615.19	£4,261,279.90	£4,185,562.58	£4,128,606.83
<b><u>Less</u></b>					
Payments	(£62,254.61)	(£163,265.36)	(£97,165.04)	(£78,258.50)	(£67,727.37)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	£4,382,396.77	£4,239,349.83	£4,164,114.86	£4,107,304.08	£4,060,879.46

	<u>31-Jul-06</u>	<u>31-Aug-06</u>	<u>30-Sep-06</u>
<b>Fund Account -</b>			
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£4,060,879.46	£4,027,847.04	£3,984,032.11
<b><u>Add</u></b>			
Receipts	£26,010.77	£21,449.13	£2,919.76
	£4,086,890.23	£4,049,296.17	£3,986,951.87
<b><u>Less</u></b>			
Payments	(£59,043.19)	(£65,264.06)	(£66,315.27)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	£4,027,847.04	£3,984,032.11	£3,920,636.60

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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 all	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers returned	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Pending
Qtr.1/01	1237	15141	234	243	1110	10305	188	156	4305	23	24	63
Qtr.2/01	1247	15515	326	246	1117	10648	258	159	4332	40	24	63
Qtr.3/01	1258	15764	370	251	1111	10891	296	164	4340	35	24	63
Qtr.4/01	1266	15845	393	252	1118	10790	307	164	4324	39	25	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.

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**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	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers returned	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns
Qtr.1/02	1284	16022	359	359	1125	11095	320	234	4392	17	34	535
Qtr.2/02	1302	16177	350	355	1138	11210	303	229	4424	23	35	543
Qtr.3/02	1311	16440	347	357	1141	11457	274	231	4432	41	35	551
Qtr.4/02	1319	16216	400	356	1148	11180	318	229	4480	43	36	556

**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
Qtr.1/03	1345	16542	261	536	1163	11447	222	341	4534	23	75	561
Qtr.2/03	1364	16931	400	528	1177	11716	335	332	4647	45	76	568
Qtr.3/03	1377	17187	435	527	1178	11913	372	332	4705	33	75	569
Qtr.4/03	1390	16812	552	532	1179	11565	472	338	4686	40	75	561

**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.

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**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	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers returned	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.

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**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 all	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers returned	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns
Qtr.1/05	1478	16410	804	2017	1210	11689	643	1162	4122	142	685	599
Qtr.2/05	1491	16758	1159	2002	1189	11934	968	1147	4229	149	685	595
Qtr.3/05	1515	16792	1711	2001	1181	11907	1515	1149	4285	127	682	600
Qtr.4/05	1515	16167	2183	2006	1143	11357	1931	1152	4221	163	684	589

**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

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**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				Number of Employers returned				Returns				Returns			
	Returns	Non-Return	Pending		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**

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Employed</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>Pensioner</b>	<b>Total</b>
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	282	2	22	0	0	0
Wholesale/Retail Tr.	1,020	653	490	350	117	80	104	12	243	190	25	12	41	9
Hotels/Restrnts.	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

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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	3	3	0	12	12
1,000 - 1,499	0	30	30	0	11	11	0	11	11	0	19	19
1,500 - 1,999	0	40	40	0	5	5	0	5	5	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	16	21	37	20	114	134
3,000 - 3,999	61	471	532	43	115	158	43	115	158	18	356	374
4,000 - 4,999	124	433	557	76	294	370	76	294	370	48	139	187
5,000 - 5,999	57	213	270	30	44	74	30	44	74	27	169	196
6,000 - 6,999	100	164	264	33	36	69	33	36	69	67	128	195
7,000 - 7,999	200	124	324	58	20	78	58	20	78	142	104	246
8,000 - 8,999	280	113	393	129	28	158	129	28	158	151	84	235
9,000 - 9,999	791	91	882	342	19	361	342	19	361	449	72	521
10,000 - 10,999	598	62	660	345	10	355	345	10	355	253	52	305
11,000 - 11,999	585	35	620	375	9	384	375	9	384	210	26	236
12,000 - 12,999	668	43	711	416	6	422	416	6	422	252	37	289
13,000 - 13,999	696	28	724	483	4	487	483	4	487	213	24	237
14,000 - 14,999	614	20	634	418	2	420	418	2	420	196	18	214
15,000 - 17,499	1,448	44	1,492	846	4	850	846	4	850	602	40	642
17,500 - 19,999	970	17	987	626	5	631	626	5	631	344	12	356
20,000 - 22,499	678	15	693	453	7	460	453	7	460	225	8	233
22,500 - 24,999	596	10	606	423	1	424	423	1	424	173	9	182
25,000 and over	2,127	14	2,141	1,724	2	1,726	1,724	2	1,726	403	12	415
TOTAL	10,633	2,179	12,812	6,838	658	7,496	6,838	658	7,496	3,795	1,521	5,316

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Cont Answer to Question 1067 of 2006  
 Answer to Question 1066

£ PER ANNUM	GIBRALTAR GOVERNMENT					
	ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS			ALL MALE JOBS		
	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total	Full-Time	Part-Time	Total
0 - 999	0	1	1	0	0	0
1,000 - 1,499	0	1	1	0	0	0
1,500 - 1,999	0	3	3	0	0	0
2,000 - 2,499	0	1	1	0	0	0
2,500 - 2,999	0	4	4	0	1	1
3,000 - 3,999	0	3	3	0	0	0
4,000 - 4,999	0	3	3	0	0	0
5,000 - 5,999	0	4	4	0	2	2
6,000 - 6,999	5	8	13	1	1	2
7,000 - 7,999	3	177	180	0	0	0
8,000 - 8,999	4	13	17	0	1	1
9,000 - 9,999	4	10	14	0	0	0
10,000 - 10,999	8	25	33	1	1	2
11,000 - 11,999	24	15	39	4	1	5
12,000 - 12,999	34	11	45	10	0	10
13,000 - 13,999	67	5	72	25	0	25
14,000 - 14,999	101	5	106	45	1	46
15,000 - 17,499	292	9	301	162	0	162
17,500 - 19,999	165	7	172	68	0	68
20,000 - 22,499	217	9	226	113	0	113
22,500 - 24,999	208	4	212	99	0	99
25,000 and over	1,594	4	1,598	1,107	1	1,108
TOTAL	2,726	322	3,048	1,635	9	1,644
			2			1,091
						313
						1,404
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Cont Answer to Question 1067 of 2006  
Answer to Question 1067

£ PER ANNUM	<u>MOD</u>			<u>ALL MALE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL FEMALE JOBS</u>		
	<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	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	2	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	84	4	88	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
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1,014</b>	<b>661</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>348</b>

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ORAL

**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>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
25,000 - 29,999	1,196	10	1,206	839	4	843	357	6	363
30,000 and over	2,850	9	2,859	2,289	0	2,289	561	9	570
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,046</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4,065</b>	<b>3,128</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3,132</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>933</b>

**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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2006 until 16<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2006     | - Visit to Tangier Med Port and Ministerial meetings in Rabat |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2006                  | - Meeting of the UKGTA in London                              |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2006  | - United Nations with Chief Minister                          |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>£15668.67</b>

**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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2006 the Tourism Advisory Council has not met.

Since 9<sup>th</sup> March 2006 the Port Advisory Council has met once on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

Since 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006, the Business & Commerce Advisory Council has met once on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2006.

Since 11<sup>th</sup> April 2006, the E-Business Advisory Council has met once on 13<sup>th</sup> 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.



**ORAL**

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

ORAL

**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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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**

	<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>September</b>
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.

**ORAL**

**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.

**ORAL**

**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.

ORAL

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 was £939,656.

The figure in respect of net assets as at 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

ORAL

**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:-

	<b>Passenger</b>	<b>Fares</b>
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-imbursement 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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-imbursement 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2006, as follows:

13<sup>th</sup> June 2006  
27<sup>th</sup> June 2006  
11<sup>th</sup> July 2006  
15<sup>th</sup> August 2006  
31<sup>st</sup> August 2006  
1<sup>st</sup> September 2006  
27<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>AppID</b>	<b>ApplicantName</b>	<b>DescOfWorks</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>SiteAddress</b>
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 K I 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	26.0.4 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/Badlam Court
10416	Craig Sacarello	Proposed interior alterations to residential unit and replacement of windows.	Approved	18/2&3 Hospital Hill
10417	Philip 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
10430				
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		Pending	Engineer Lane
10435	Mr Angel Saugar Gil	Proposed internal alterations.	Approved	Unit F6 ICC Casemates Square
10436	Mr and Mrs A Park	Additional floor over part of the residential unit and conversion of part of existing roof into terrace.	Approved	15/3 Gardiner's Road
10437	WSRM Architects	Crematorium, medical waste incinerator.	Approved	Governor's Cottage Europa Advance Road
10438	M E Bello & Partners	Proposed Demolition of vacant Ready Mix site	Pending	Devils Tower Road Ready Mixed Concrete Site
10439	Miss G Searle	Proposed conversion of window to door and blocking up of separate window.	Approved	24/1 Withams Road
10440	Amalgamated Builders Merchants	Proposed change of use from car showroom to builder's merchants showroom and associated offices. Internal alterations, replacement	Approved	18B Former Mitsubishi showroom Halifax Road
10441	Aeolic Gib Ltd	Proposed wind monitoring mast	Pending	Car Park Lathbury Barracks
10442	Mr AE & Mrs VE Connor	Installation of Air Conditioning unit	Approved	19 Barham Tower Brympton
10443	Mr D Francis	Proposed extension & alterations to boundary wall	Pending	59 Europa Road
10444	J B Engineering Consultants	Proposed Demolition	Pending	60 Devils Tower Road
10445	Mark Sellors	Proposed office extension	Approved	851 Europort
10446	Landholdings 1988 Ltd	Proposed change of use from office to shop use	Withdrawn	37/39 Line Wall Road
10447	J B Engineering Consultants	Proposed new communal swimming pool	Pending	Windmill Hill Road Sunset Close
10448	Form-A-Co Gibraltar Ltd	Proposed internal alterations/door/window	Approved	Victoria House 26 Main Street
10449	OEM International Ltd	Installation of air conditioning unit	Approved	Vault 13 Casemates Barracks Casemates Square
10450	J B Engineering Consultants	Proposed internal alterations, refurbishment, removal of pitched roof and conversion to roof terrace with roof top extension.	Pending	36/38 crutchett's Ramp/1-4 Demaya's Ramp
10451	Chris and Corinne Riddell	Proposed part enclosure of one of four car ports with a shed.	Refused	13 Catalan Gardens
10452	Barclay's Bank	Internal and external alterations.	Approved	Barclay's Bank Main Street

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**Contd. Answer to Question 1107 of 2006**

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	Europart 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	2-5 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 Giblecom	Extension to existing station to house additional telecommunication equipment needed for the area	Pending	Rosla RCU South Pavilion 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 Rosla Court Rosla Road
10468	Mr Omprakash Mirpuri	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 annexe 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	Elliot's Rco Europa Point
10472	Michael Cornello	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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**Contd. Answer to Question 1107 of 2006**

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 Bello & 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 Bello & 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. Demolition of existing roof to build a new extension over property to include a terrace and additional bedroom accommodation.	Pending	Barclay's Bank Main Street
10486	Dr and Mrs P Richard Roberts		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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**Contd. Answer to Question 1107 of 2006**

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 Guillianio	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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and is due to be considered again on 31<sup>st</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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:

23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006;  
29<sup>th</sup> July 2006;  
26<sup>th</sup> August 2006;  
23<sup>rd</sup> September 2006; and  
13<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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	
18/08/2005	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	
28/07/2005	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	
11/08/2005	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	
28/05/2005	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	£768.00	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 1129

DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
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	£788,350.00
23/01/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£152,950.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	£33,891.00
14/03/2006	GJBS	£33,931.00	Demolition Works	£734.50
03/05/2005	GJBS	£734.50	Elderly Care Agency - Equipment and Works	
04/08/2005	GJBS	£380.00	Environment Projects	
28/03/2006	MARR CO LTD	£1,261.00	Environment Projects	
18/02/2006	GJBS	£1,350.00	Environment Projects	
03/05/2005	MARR CO LTD	£81.15	Environment Projects	
18/04/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£132.00	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	£2,891.00
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	
18/05/2005	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	£11,606.50	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

DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
17/02/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£56,452.69	EU Objective II - 2000/2006 Programme	£410,226.38
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	
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	£98.37	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	£1,763.00	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			£374,390.91
15/03/2006	GJBS	£9,850.41	Government Buildings, Works and Structures			
17/03/2006	GJBS	£11,094.69	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			
29/09/2005	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	£21,316.38	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	£22,937.58	Government Buildings, Works and Structures			
16/08/2005	GJBS	£23,508.01	Government Buildings, Works and Structures			
24/01/2006	GJBS	£30,424.60	Government Buildings, Works and Structures			
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			
12/08/2005	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	£28,288.68	Government Furniture and Equipment			
16/05/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£58,587.48	Government Furniture and Equipment			
22/12/2005	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£237.10	Heritage Projects			£205,120.90
17/11/2005	GJBS	£2,311.27	Improvements to Cultural Facilities			£237.10
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			
22/11/2005	GJBS	£55.00	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities			£72,305.51
22/06/2005	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£55.00	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities			

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 11/2				PROJECT		Project Total
DATE	PAID TO	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	£38,658.00	Improvements to Sport and Leisure Facilities			
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			
						£124,963.50

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1123			PAID TO		PROJECT	Project Total
DATE				AMOUNT		
28/04/2005	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			£8,245.10	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
27/03/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD			£8,540.70	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
28/04/2005	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			£14,451.31	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
28/02/2006	GJBS			£14,928.42	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	
03/08/2005	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	£49,182.86	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	£69,852.03	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	
03/08/2006	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	
09/03/2006	GJBS	£3,989.72	MOD Relocation Costs	£1,773,599.57
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	
11/10/2005	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£312.70	MOD Relocation Costs	
08/12/2005	GJBS	£335.00	New Bayside Sport and Leisure Facilities	£261,875.84
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	£6,483.78	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	£12,854.00	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	
08/02/2006	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	
16/08/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£17,686.04	Other Development Projects	£583,896.95
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	£64.00	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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DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
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	£614.85	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	
09/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£123.60	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
06/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£131.85	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
28/09/2005	MARR CO LTD	£143.31	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
16/06/2005	GJBS	£517.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
10/11/2005	GJBS	£877.00	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	£1,865.00	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	GJS	£10,027.99	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£757,648.37
01/12/2005	GJS	£10,672.21	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
12/05/2005	GJS	£10,752.26	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
11/10/2005	GJS	£13,285.31	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/03/2006	GJS	£13,604.85	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
28/07/2005	GJS	£14,996.05	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
09/02/2006	GJS	£16,178.82	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
06/10/2005	GJS	£16,732.15	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
17/01/2006	GJS	£16,744.18	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
30/12/2005	GJS	£20,317.26	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/09/2005	GJS	£22,628.14	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
07/02/2006	GJS	£25,187.29	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
15/09/2005	GJS	£25,792.32	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
25/09/2005	GJS	£29,614.08	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
26/05/2005	GJS	£37,760.02	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
06/10/2005	GJS	£38,018.46	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
08/02/2006	GJS	£40,756.76	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
01/11/2005	GJS	£47,465.08	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/11/2005	GJS	£50,946.14	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
25/09/2005	GJS	£61,449.56	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/12/2005	GJS	£84,179.66	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
04/10/2005	GJS	£86,646.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
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 1128

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	£406.00	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	£585.00	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	£680.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
20/10/2005	GL DIG-IT LTD	£686.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
16/06/2005	MARR CO LTD	£730.78	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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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1129				Project Total
DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	
20/10/2005	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	GJS	£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	£60,859.53	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
24/01/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£63,063.45	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
24/03/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£76,538.86	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 Maintenance and Resurfacing	
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	
19/03/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£69,052.00	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	£658.10	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
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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 1128

DATE	PAID TO	AMOUNT	PROJECT	Project Total
23/09/2005	MACKLEY TRICON WILKIE	£14,362.15	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
18/06/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£969.68	Tourist Beautification Projects	
28/07/2005	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£18,797.00	Tourist Beautification Projects	
11/09/2005	SELINA LTD	£152.00	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	£19,796.68
30/03/2006	CIAP CONSTRUCTION LTD	£450.00	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	
11/09/2005	GJS	£1,355.25	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	
23/06/2005	GJS	£1,400.00	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	
11/09/2005	GJS	£2,716.86	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	
07/03/2006	MARR CO LTD	£3,728.49	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	
02/08/2005	GJS	£45.28	Upper Rock Improvements and Maintenance	£9,804.60
09/06/2005	GJS	£97.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
22/11/2005	GJS	£209.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
02/08/2005	GJS	£368.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
23/06/2005	GJS	£458.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
20/12/2005	GJS	£630.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
11/10/2005	GJS	£967.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
06/12/2005	GJS	£1,415.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
20/12/2005	GJS	£1,531.94	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
20/09/2005	GJS	£1,682.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
05/01/2006	GJS	£2,027.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
28/07/2005	GJS	£3,005.75	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
27/02/2006	GJS	£11,668.68	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	£41,213.46
15/03/2006	GJS	£17,130.83	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
	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
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Gibraltar Chronicle</b>	3,748.15	4,254.05	6,940.15	5,675.12	6,146.71	7,149.45	4,045.33	6,173.55	
<b>Panorama</b>	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
<b>Vox</b>	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
<b>Gibsport</b>								125.00	
<b>7 Days</b>							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)	763.58	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) 88.69 (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 <sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2006:

6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

19<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

**13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> April Tax year-end.

### **Answer to Question 1143**

In the months of February 2006 to 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**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 <sup>rd</sup> October	0
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<b><u>Total:</u></b>	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 <sup>rd</sup> October	0
<b><u>Total:</u></b>	<hr/> 174

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 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2006 is as follows:

February	84
March	236
April	117
May	53
June	97
July	45
August	24
September	49
23 <sup>rd</sup> 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**

<b>Month</b>	<b>No. of Employers</b>	<b>No. of Employees</b>	<b>Gib</b>	<b>Other British</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Moroccan</b>	<b>Other EEC</b>	<b>Other Non- ECC</b>
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 Piley	£ 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
				<b>£ 441,041.93</b>



**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.

ORAL

**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 31<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Ladbrokes (Gibraltar) Limited**

**Victor Chandler (International) Limited**

**Stan James (Gibraltar) Limited**

**bwin.com**

**Eurobet (Gibraltar) Limited**

**Carmen Media Group Limited**

**32 Red Plc**

**St Minver Limited**

**Digibet Limited**

**888 Holdings Plc**

**Globet.com Group Limited**

**International Betting Association Limited**

**PartyGaming Plc**

**Mansion (Gibraltar) Limited**

**Futuresbetting.com Limited**

<b>Gibraltarian</b>	<b>Other British</b>	<b>Spanish</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
24	59	6	6	95
68	165	15	56	304
7	125	8	39	179
17	33	14	78	142
7	0	0	3	10
18	11	3	27	59
16	21	0	1	38
24	20	8	27	79
0	1	0	5	6
75	164	15	104	358
0	5	0	7	12
0	0	0	5	5
40	147	13	98	298
15	127	1	41	184
2	12	0	0	14
<b>313</b>	<b>890</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>1763</b>

**Overall Total**

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	
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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
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>214</b>

**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.

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**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.

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**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**

<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Floor Area (FT<sup>2</sup>)</u></b>		<b><u>Current Housing Rent Per Week</u></b>	<b><u>Premium assessed at 40% of open market value</u></b>
	<b><u>Built Up</u></b>	<b><u>Open</u></b>		
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.

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**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**

<b>Estate</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>% Held by Company</b>	<b>% Sold</b>	<b>% Balance still held by Company</b>
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
<b>Jun 06</b>	Monies Received				£36,197.46	£30,052.25	£66,249.71
	5% charge paid						
<b>Jul 06</b>	Monies Received	£74,111.84			£1,809.87	£1,502.61	£3,312.48
	5% charge paid	£3,705.59				£7,450.00	£81,561.84
<b>Aug 06</b>	Monies Received	£98,418.54			£26,665.18	£372.50	£4,078.09
	5% charge paid	£4,920.93			£1,333.26		£6,254.19
<b>Sept 06</b>	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
<b>Total Monies Received</b>		£172,530.38			£93,404.79	£37,502.25	£303,437.42
<b>Total 5% charges paid</b>		£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:

	<b>£M</b>
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**

<b>Estate</b>	<b>No. of flats sold to British Citizens</b>	<b>No. of flats sold to persons eligible for Government housing</b>
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
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Under £35,000</b>								
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
<b>Over £35,000</b>								
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
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Under £35,000</b>								
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
<b>Over £35,000</b>								
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 2006**

**THE 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?

**ANSWER**

**THE 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
	56.5	61.3	65.3
Refunds	1.6	1.6	1.6
	54.9	59.7	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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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
<b>April 2006</b>	6.69
<b>May 2006</b>	6.63
<b>June 2006</b>	6.30
<b>July 2006</b>	8.08
<b>August 2006</b>	5.09
<b>September 2006</b>	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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 - £7.7 million; arrears of self-employed as at 31<sup>st</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

ORAL

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:

	<b>£m</b>
Government Liquid Reserves	51.2
GDC – Insolvency Fund	2.2
Special Funds	20.2
	<hr/> 73.6 <hr/>

**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:

	<b>£m</b>
On-Call Investment Accounts	23.2
Debentures	89.6
Bonds	7.7
Ordinary Accounts	24.0
	<hr/> 144.5 <hr/>

**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:

<b>March 2005</b>	<b>Actual £m</b>	
Government Liquid Reserves	30.7	
GDC – Insolvency Fund	3.3	
Special Funds	19.8	
	<u>53.8</u>	

  

<b>March 2006</b>	<b>Forecast Outturn £m</b>	<b>Actual £m</b>
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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 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:-

<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>GRADE</u></b>	<b><u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u></b>
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**

<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>GRADE</u></b>	<b><u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u></b>	<b><u>DATE FILLED</u></b>	<b><u>RECRUITMENT</u></b>
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 30<sup>th</sup> September and it is the 27<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.