

**NO. 1 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**OESCO**

Has Government's consideration of the consultant's report into the noise insulation of OESCO now resulted in a decision on what action Government will take to deal with the issue of the noise pollution caused by this installation?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

Government have accepted the recommendations of the consultant's report and will undertake those works listed which are their responsibility under the terms of the contracting agreement. Government will shortly be making a public statement about what those works entail.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 1 OF 2007**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

We were told by the Chief Minister at the last sitting of the House that the report was technical as to the methods of noise insulating. Where there different methods proposed for noise insulation or just one particular method?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Standing on my feet, I think there were a couple of different methods of insulation and the Government have accepted the consultant's preferred option.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What is the contracting agreement to which the Minister referred in his initial answer?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Well we covered this, I think the last time, in the sense that as a result of the contract between the Government and OESCO, there are duties which fall on the Government, for which the Government are responsible, and there are those which

fall on the contractor, OESCO in this case. Mainly, that the building, the outside of the building, the roofs, those are the kind of things which form part of the Government's responsibility but what falls on the OESCO company's responsibility is the engines inside the plant.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is the contract the Minister is referring to the lease?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

When is it that the Government anticipate making an announcement?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Soon.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I know from experience in this House, in this Parliament, I know from my experience in the House and now that it has become a Parliament I doubt whether it will change, but the term "soon" is fairly elastic when it comes to precision by the Minister. Can he give us an indication of whether soon means before the end of next month, this side of Easter, first quarter, second quarter, in the manifesto?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The Government will not give that indication to the hon Member. The Government will make statements when they are ready and wish to make it and when it suits the Government to make it. The hon Member cannot, through holding the Government to account, extract from the Government a commitment as to a particular timing of what is, after all, a Government announcement. So, shortly means shortly. Obviously it does not mean a long time but nor does it necessarily mean one or two days only. It means in a period of time which he and I, in the ordinary use of the English language, would regard as shortly. Now, it is a pretty common word, it does not mean imminent but it does not mean much delayed either. So he will just have to be patient for a while longer whilst the Government are in a position to make the necessary public statement. There are a number of factors which drive the making of the statement, which I am sure he knows, and that is when the statement will be made.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Given the contradiction on the Government benches about whether the statement will be made soon or whether it will be made shortly, perhaps one of the hon Gentlemen might give us an indication of what the method of insulation entails. I accept that, of course, it is up to the Government to give more detail in the statement but perhaps they can tell us a bit more. In the last Question and Answer on this particular subject, one of the issues was the ceiling or roof of the structure that was under the microscope, is that where the works will be concentrated?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, the Government will not give technical details but I will indicate the following. The Government will not give technical details of these works but I will say this to the hon Member to enlighten the knowledge of the House about it. The Government do not envisage an electricity generating facility remaining on that site indefinitely. Therefore, the Government's approach to the restoration of this building is designed both to curtail the noise emission whilst the facility remains on that site, but also to ensure that the building is water-tight and otherwise appropriate to be used for whatever may be its future use once the electricity facility finishes. The Government's approach to this project is not just silencing the noise. If that were the only motivation, important as it is for the people who live nearby, one should say, 'well there are a few years left of the contract, is it worthwhile?'. But the fact is that that is a historical building and, therefore, it requires investment in order to restore the envelope and the structure, including sound insulation but not limited to sound insulation, the integrity of the structure for whatever Government in the future may decide is its future use. So the investment is wider than just noise insulation.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is it envisaged as a result of that that all electricity generation in Gibraltar will occur from the proposed new power station at Lathbury Barracks?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I have said that the Government do not envisage that there will be a generating facility there and I think I have already said that we do not envisage that there will be a generating facility at Waterport either going forward into the future. The policy of the Government is to extricate heavy industrial activity, such as electricity generation, from concentrated residential areas. Therefore, we do not envisage that there will be a generating facility in either of the two current locations. The rest, the hon Member will have to deduce for himself, but there are several alternative deductions that he could make.

**ORAL**

**NO. 2 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ROAD WORKS**

Can Government state the areas of Gibraltar's public highways that were resurfaced during the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The following areas have been resurfaced during the period October 2006 to January 2007:

1. Major patchwork repairs along Cumberland Road;
2. The southern section of South Barracks Road by Brympton Estate. This was started in January 2007 and completed during the first week in February.

In addition to these, the Engineer Lane and Bell Lane beautification works were completed and fully opened to pedestrians and traffic.

The Orange Bastion road project continues to progress, with work having started on the third phase at Market Place in January.



**NO. 3 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SMITH DORRIEN BRIDGE**

Can Government state the date by which the works to Smith Dorrien Bridge will now be completed by and whether they expect the works to be completed within the estimated cost of £430,000, as provided in answer to Question No. 842 of 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT**

The works to Smith Dorrien Bridge are programmed for completion by late April 2007. At present it is anticipated that the works will be within the estimated cost of £430,000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 3 OF 2007**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Can Government provide a reason for the delay in completing the works which was previously estimated to be in mid December?

**HON J J NETTO:**

I think I have said that the work will be within the estimated cost of £430,000.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I am referring to the delays to the works.

**HON J J NETTO:**

I beg your pardon. Yes, the works have been prolonged to late April 2007 due to problems experienced with the diversion of an existing sewage pumping main suspended from below the eastern walkway. The fact that work can only be undertaken during weekends, means that any delay is magnified. In addition, due to the nature of the work, which involves welding, three weekends have been lost due to inclement weather.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Was this not envisaged before the works began, that the question of the sewage pump would have to be addressed and the subsequent time it would take to do that?

**HON J J NETTO:**

This is new additional work in laying a new main sewage pump underneath the walkway. This was not envisaged at the beginning of the programme. It has given cause for concern to the technical officials and they sought to replace the whole of the pipe which goes under the walkway, which is additional.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

This additional work will, obviously, as the Minister said, not incur costs above the £430,000 estimated?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Correct.

ORAL

NO. 4 OF 2007

THE HON L A RANDALL

**SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT**

Can Government provide an update on 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.

ORAL

NO. 5 OF 2007

UNALLOCATED

**NO. 6 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL**

Can Government state when they envisage that Dudley Ward Tunnel will be open for vehicular traffic and provide the estimated cost for 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 is re-established. A preferred solution was identified from the various alternatives that were submitted. However, before a final decision could be taken on this, ground investigation works needed 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.

All programmed exploratory works have now been completed and the results are currently being analysed. Until this is completed, we will not be in a position to confirm the full viability of the preferred option and as such will be unable to prepare an estimated cost for the project. The site of the ex-MOD water tanks through which a new road re-alignment could be established is being in-filled.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 6 OF 2007**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Are Government expecting the consideration of all items to be concluded by this first quarter of 2007, as I was told in answer to Question No. 480 of 2006?

**HON J J NETTO:**

Yes.

**ORAL**

**NO. 7 OF 2007**

**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 November 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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

**Answer to Question No. 7 of 2007**

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

- (a) 78 phone calls have been received;
- (b) 18 were found to be correct with a further three pending further investigation.

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

	Alameda	South	Upper Town	Laguna	Varyl Begg	Total
November	-	-	1	-	-	1
December	1	-	2	-	-	3
January	2	1	1	-	1	5
February	-	1	-	3	-	4

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 7 OF 2007**

### **HON C A BRUZON:**

For the benefit of Hansard and for those who are listening, the answer contains 78 phone calls received, 18 were found to be correct with a further three pending further investigation. Can the Government state what kind of investigation is being carried out and what has happened, as a result of the answers, to improve the lowering of the people on the housing waiting list? So that as a result of the policy of the Government substantial good has been done regarding the housing policy.

### **HON C BELTRAN:**

Well, there are various procedures involved. Housing Inspectors, for example, investigate immediately that we receive one of these anonymous calls and it is taken on from there. It is not easy to investigate, it also involves the Electricity and Water companies for example, to find out whether in fact there are people living in the flat that appears not to be lived in, or has been taken over by somebody else who should not be there. It is not a straightforward case – it is just empty – there are various possibilities. Of course, if it is in fact found that there is somebody there who should not be, then legal proceedings are taken to evict them.



**NO. 8 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – ROSS HOUSE**

Can Government state if the Ross House external refurbishment contract has gone out to tender, and if so, what has been the response?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

The Ross House contract went out to tender late last year and tenders were evaluated on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2006. In total two tenders were received.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 8 OF 2007**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Has the Minister any information concerning the date when refurbishment works will commence?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

I understand that the works have commenced. I believe that there is scaffolding up already, or either up or going up as we speak.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Thank you but I can confirm that no scaffolding has appeared, as yet, because I live quite close to Ross House. So can the Minister at least look into it so that the repair works are carried out as quickly as possible?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

The hon Member seems to be giving the impression that somehow Government are not interested or are dragging their feet in the refurbishment of Ross House and other buildings in the estate, which he and I live in and which obviously have works done to them. The works were supposed to have started about two weeks ago, but actually the area where the tree fell in Rosia Road was the area allocated by the contractor for keeping materials and equipment. Therefore, there was a delay in that respect

but if the scaffolding is not up it should be going up as we speak, very shortly, very soon.

**ORAL**

**NO. 9 OF 2007**

**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. 10 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 10 OF 2007**

**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. 9 of 2007**

There are currently 28 properties in the hands of Buildings and Works for refurbishment.

**Answer to Question No. 10 of 2007**

The number of tenants awaiting work to be done by Buildings and Works currently stands at 1,381.

**ORAL**

**NO. 11 OF 2007**

**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. 851 of 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 12 to 19 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 12 OF 2007**

**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 breakdown by month, since Question No. 852 of 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 11 and 13 to 19 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 13 OF 2007**

**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. 11 to 12 and 14 to 19 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 14 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – PRE-LIST**

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

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 11 to 13 and 15 to 19 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 15 OF 2007**

**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. 855 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. 11 to 14 and 16 to 19 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 16 OF 2007**

**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. 856 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 11 to 15 and 17 to 19 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 17 OF 2007**

**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. 11 to 16 , 18 and 19 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 18 OF 2007**

**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. 11 to 17 and 19 of 2007.

**NO. 19 OF 2007**

**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**

**Answer to Question No. 11 of 2007**

No applicants for housing have been rejected on the grounds that they were homeowners who had chosen to sell their homes since Question No. 851 of 2006.

**Answer to Question No. 12 of 2007**

A total of five applicants for housing were accepted because in the judgement of the Housing Allocation Committee the sale was genuinely necessary, since Question No. 852 of 2006. The monthly breakdown is as follows:

November 2006	-	1
December 2006	-	3
January 2007	-	1
February 2007	-	Nil

**Answer to Question No. 13 of 2007**

There are 602 applicants currently on the Housing Waiting List. The breakdown of their flat requirement is as follows:

1RKB	-	274
2RKB	-	44
3RKB	-	176
4RKB	-	95
5RKB	-	10
6RKB	-	3

**Answer to Question No. 14 of 2007**

There are currently 323 applicants on the pre-list for housing. The breakdown of their flat requirement is as follows:

1RKB	-	217
2RKB	-	13
3RKB	-	57
4RKB	-	32
5RKB	-	4

**Answer to Question No. 15 of 2007**

None.

**Answer to Question No. 16 of 2007**

None.

**Answer to Question No. 17 of 2007**

There are 42 applicants on the Housing Waiting List, to date, that are medically recommended. The breakdown of the medical category is as follows:

A+	-	2
A	-	11
B	-	16
C	-	13

**Answer to Question No. 18 of 2007**

There are 233 persons, to date, who are medically recommended, apart from those who are described as applicants on the Housing Waiting List. The breakdown of their medical category is as follows:

A+	-	17
A	-	68
B	-	62
C	-	86

**Answer to Question No. 19 of 2007**

There are currently 79 persons on the Social Category "A" list

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 11 TO 29 OF 2007**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

In answer to Question No. 13 of 2007 did the Minister say that the total was 602?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

Correct.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Do the Government have any positive and good explanation as to why there are still so many people on the Medical Category lists? I know that it may not be possible for the Minister to give an exact analysis but it seems to me that due to the Government's policy on housing, the lists are not coming down in sufficient speed in order to help those, particularly on the Medical Category "A".

**HON C BELTRAN:**

Everything is done by Government to allocate housing, particularly to people who are in extreme need such as medical categorisation. I would add that since the last question, which is really what this question refers, merely four months ago, the total has gone down by 14. It was 56 two months ago, it is 42 now, so it is going down. It is really thanks to the work that is being done by people in the refurbishment programme that these houses come on line. Unless the hon Member is saying that that is not fast enough. The workmen are doing their jobs.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

So it is not due to the poor Government policy on housing since they came into power?

**HON C BELTRAN:**

I think that this Government's policy on housing is about the best that there has been with regard to any previous Governments. If one considers that 700 houses will be built within the next 18 months or two years.

**HON C A BRUZON:**

I cannot possibly accept that but if that is the answer, that is the answer.

**HON C BELTRAN:**

I do not expect him to accept that.

**ORAL**

**NO. 20 OF 2007**

**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 November 2006, providing a breakdown by month?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 21 and 22 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 21 OF 2007**

**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. 861 of 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 20 and 22 of 2007.

**NO. 22 OF 2007**

**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. 862 of 2006, giving a breakdown of pre-war and post-war?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

**Answer to Question No. 20 of 2007**

A total of three post-war housing units have been allocated to social cases since November 2006. The breakdown by month is as follows:

November 2006	-	2
December 2006	-	0
January 2007	-	1

**Answer to Question No. 21 of 2007**

A total of nine pre-war housing units have been allocated, to date, since the answer given to Question No. 861 of 2006.

**Answer to Question No. 22 of 2007**

A total of two post-war flats and no pre-war flats have been repossessed, to date, since the answer given to Question No. 862 of 2006.

**ORAL**

**NO. 23 OF 2007**

**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 October, November and December 2006 and January 2007, and what is the total of arrears covered by such agreements?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 24 to 28 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 24 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

Can Government state how many households have applied for rent relief in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007 and how many were approved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 23 and 25 to 28 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 25 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

Can Government state how many households have received rent relief in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 23, 24 and 26 to 28 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 26 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

Can Government state how many households were on full rent relief in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 23 to 25, 27 and 28 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 27 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

Can Government state how many households have had the level of rent relief reduced in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 23 to 26 and 28 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 28 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – RENT RELIEF**

Can Government state how many households on rent relief have had this benefit terminated in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

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



**Answer to Question No. 23 of 2007**

The number of tenants that have entered into agreements to pay arrears of rent in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007, and the amount of arrears covered by such agreements is as follows:

Month	No. of Tenants entering Agreements	Amount
October 2006	26	£74,346.30
November 2006	24	£58,008.92
December 2006	6	£21,861.95
January 2007	12	£42,016.77
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>£196,233.94</b>

**Answer to Question No. 24 of 2007**

The number of households that have applied for rent relief in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007, and the number that were approved is as follows:

October 2006	-	7 (5 approved)
November 2006	-	7 (6 approved)
December 2006	-	1 (1 approved)
January 2007	-	5 (4 approved)

**Answer to Question No. 25 of 2007**

The number of households that have received rent relief in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007 is as follows:

October 2006	-	678
November 2006	-	664
December 2006	-	660
January 2007	-	665

**Answer to Question No. 26 of 2007**

The number of households on full rent relief in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007 is as follows:

October 2006	-	53
November 2006	-	51
December 2006	-	49
January 2007	-	47

**Answer to Question No. 27 of 2007**

The number of households that have had the level of rent relief reduced in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007 is as follows:

October 2006	-	53
November 2006	-	42
December 2006	-	28
January 2007	-	46

**Answer to Question No. 28 of 2007**

The number of households on rent relief that have had this benefit terminated in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007 is as follows:

October 2006	-	16
November 2006	-	9
December 2006	-	12
January 2007	-	22

**ORAL**

**NO. 29 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – 31 SCUD HILL**

Can Government state how much has been spent, to date, on repairs to a flat at No. 31 Scud Hill and what is the estimated total cost of the repairs?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 30 to 32 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 30 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – 31 SCUD HILL**

Can Government provide a schedule of the repairs being carried out at No. 31 Scud Hill?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29, 31 and 32 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 31 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – 31 SCUD HILL**

Can Government say whether the works at No. 31 Scud Hill are being carried out by the Buildings and Works Department or a private contractor?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

Answered together with Question Nos. 29, 30 and 32 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 32 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – 31 SCUD HILL**

Can Government state whether No. 31 Scud Hill will be added to the housing stock for allocation by the Housing Allocation Committee to persons on the Waiting List, once the current repairs are completed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING**

All four flats at 31 Scud Hill form part of the Government housing stock for allocation following established procedures. I am informed that flat No. 4 at that address, which I assume is the one the hon Member is referring to, is with Buildings and Works for refurbishment. I am further informed that this flat will be tackled once other prioritised dwellings have been completed. No specific works have yet been planned or costed therefore.

ORAL

**NO. 33 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – REVENUE COLLECTED AND AMOUNTS BILLED**

Can Government state what were the amounts collected and the amounts billed in respect of water in the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 34 to 39 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 34 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – UNITS BILLED**

Can Government state the number of units of Domestic Primary Units of water invoiced in the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 33 and 35 to 39 of 2007.



ORAL

**NO. 35 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – VALUE BILLED**

Can Government state the value of Domestic Primary Units of water invoiced in the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 33, 34 and 36 to 39 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 36 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 33 to 35 and 37 to 39 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 37 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – VALUE BILLED (STANDING CHARGES)**

Can Government state the values in respect of Water Standing Charges invoiced to Domestic Customers in the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 33 to 36, 38 and 39 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 38 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – VALUE BILLED**

Can Government state the value of Domestic Secondary Units of water invoiced in the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 33 to 37 and 39 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 39 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**AQUAGIB – UNITS BILLED**

Can Government state the number of units of Domestic Secondary Units of water invoiced in the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

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

**Answer to Question No. 33 of 2007**

	<b>Collected (£)</b>	<b>Billed (£)</b>
October 2006	456,054.86	421,264.01
November 2006	375,942.72	401,340.47
December 2006	392,500.40	368,359.15
January 2007	460,815.40	428,631.24

**Answer to Question No. 34 of 2007**

	<b>Primary Units</b>
October 2006	375,017
November 2006	379,297
December 2006	368,690
January 2007	381,875

**Answer to Question No. 35 of 2007**

	<b>Primary Units (£)</b>
October 2006	78,753.57
November 2006	79,652.37
December 2006	77,424.90
January 2007	80,193.75

**Answer to Question No. 36 of 2007**

	<b>Number of Customers</b>
October 2006	5,174
November 2006	5,270
December 2006	5,056
January 2007	5,653

**Answer to Question No. 37 of 2007**

	<b>Water Standing Charges (£)</b>
October 2006	35,409
November 2006	35,379
December 2006	35,496
January 2007	35,538

**Answer to Question No. 38 of 2007**

	(£)
October 2006	96,466.83
November 2006	103,981.18
December 2006	92,606.05
January 2007	117,420.90

**Answer to Question No. 39 of 2007**

	Secondary Units
October 2006	185,513
November 2006	199,964
December 2006	178,089
January 2007	225,809

ORAL

NO. 40 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**AQUAGIB – WATER CONSUMPTION BY HOUSEHOLDS**

Can Government state on the basis of water consumption by households in the last financial year, what was the estimated average consumption in litres of water per household, per day?

ANSWER

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

A total of 164 litres per day.



ORAL

**NO. 41 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – REVENUE COLLECTED**

Can Government state what were the amounts collected in respect of electricity in the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 42 to 49 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 42 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 41 and 43 to 49 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 43 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – VALUE 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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 41, 42 and 44 to 49 of 2007

ORAL

**NO. 44 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – VALUE BILLED (STANDING CHARGES)**

Can Government state the total value invoiced to Domestic Customers in respect of Electricity Standing Charges in the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 41 to 43 and 45 to 49 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 45 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – VALUE BILLED**

Can Government state the total value invoiced to customers in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 41 to 44 and 46 to 49 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 46 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – UNITS BILLED**

Can Government state the number of T3 (Domestic Consumers) units of electricity invoiced to customers in the month of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 41 to 45 and 47 to 49 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 47 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 41 to 46, 48 and 49 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 48 OF 2007

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 October 2006 to January 2007?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 41 to 47 and 49 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 49 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**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 No. 41 of 2007**

Amounts collected in respect of electricity:

	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
<b>Collected</b>	£1,518,398.20	£1,446,419.94	£1,134,509.35	£1,453,912.41

**Answer to Question No. 42 of 2007**

Amounts collected and billed in respect of electricity:

	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
<b>Collected</b>	£1,518,398.20	£1,446,419.94	£1,134,509.35	£1,453,912.41
<b>Billed</b>	£1,226,128.66	£1,355,243.48	£1,243,895.32	£1,391,314.53

**Answer to Question No. 43 of 2007**

FCA invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
<b>Invoiced</b>	£115,916	£132,632	£133,123	£178,428

**Answer to Question No. 44 of 2007**

Standing Charges invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
<b>Invoiced</b>	£50,336	£50,340	£50,296	£50,762

**Answer to Question No. 45 of 2007**

Total value invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
<b>Invoiced</b>	£425,657	£479,973	£481,516	£628,741

**Answer to Question No. 46 of 2007**

Units invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
<b>Units</b>	3,505,480	4,013,524	4,028,342	5,399,334

**Answer to Question No. 47 of 2007**

Number of Consumers invoiced under Tariff 3 Domestic

	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
Consumers	12,647	12,681	12,703	12,676

**Answer to Question No. 48 of 2007**

Purchases from the MOD

	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
Units (kWh)	278,959	333,916	452,891	542,020
Value	£28,653.18	£33,640.78	£46,543.77	£56,124.59

**Answer to Question No. 49 of 2007**

Purchases from OESCO Ltd

	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
Units (kWh)	7,632,450	7,545,080	7,974,140	8,940,120
Value	£900,889.99	£878,827.58	£861,649.36	£871,746.69

ORAL

**NO. 50 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**ELECTRICITY – POWER FAILURES**

Can Government state the number of power cuts that affected whole districts in the months of October 2006 to January 2007, 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 five power cuts affecting whole districts in the months of October 2006 to January 2007. The detailed information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule I now hand to him.

**Number of Power Cuts affecting whole districts in the months of October 2006  
to January 2007**

<b>YEAR 2007</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Districts affected</b>	<b>Cause</b>
1	Tue 31 Oct 06 10.30 hrs	4 mins to 9 mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	OESCO No. 3 generator tripped on load due to low pressure in lubricating system
2	Thu 16 Nov 06 13.26 hrs	8 mins to 10 mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	Generator set No. 1 at WPS. Lub. Oil pump failure activated low pressure trip.
3	Sun 19 Nov 06 18.09 hrs	10 mins to 29 mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 12, 13, 14, 18 Two districts supplied from OBDC, 1, 9	Generator set No. 2 at WPS. 4B Connecting rod counter weight bolts sheared. Emergency manual trip.
4	Sun 3 Dec 06 16.40 hrs	5 mins to 57 mins	Eight districts supplied from WPS, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18 Four districts supplied from OBDC, 1, 7, 9, 21 Four districts supplied from JBDC, 5, 6, 16, 19, 20	Fault in cable from S9 Substation at Rosia Road to S31 Sandpits Substation.
5	Tue 19 Dec 06 23.40 hrs	7 mins to 10 mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	Generator set No. 1 at WPS. Faulty over-speed protection sensor caused engine trip.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 50 OF 2007**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

The information that has been provided does not seem to provide the power cuts that affected areas which are supplied by the MOD but which the residents of those areas pay to AquaGib. For example, Elliott's Battery and the area of Europa Point where there are many local residences there that are supplied by the MOD, frequently suffer power cuts yet are not shown in this report. Can the Minister explain?

**HON F VINET:**

The question seeks information on the number of power cuts that have affected whole districts and it is on that basis that I have been provided the information. I have not checked the information given to me, I assume it is correct, but I will certainly go back to the Chief Executive of the Electricity Authority who does provide the information to me and query him further. The information I have at present is that these are the total number of power cuts for the period asked for.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I would be obliged if the Minister would do that because there is a Member on this side of the House that frequently suffers power cuts in the area of Europa Point and is somewhat bewildered as to why it is not listed here.

ORAL

**NO. 51 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – AMOUNTS DUE BY CUSTOMERS**

Can Government state the amount that was due to the Gibraltar Electricity Authority in respect of electricity supplied to customers as at the end of the financial year 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 52 and 53 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 52 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – AMOUNTS DUE BY CUSTOMERS**

Can Government state the amount that was due to the Gibraltar Electricity Authority in respect of electricity supplied to customers as at the end of the financial year 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 51 and 53 of 2007.



ORAL

**NO. 53 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – DEBTS WRITTEN-OFF**

Can Government state the level of bad or doubtful debts written-off by the Gibraltar Electricity Authority in respect of electricity supplied to customers in the financial year 2005/2006?

**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.

**Answers to Question Nos. 51 and 52 of 2007**

Amounts due in respect of electricity supplied to consumers as at the end of the following financial years:-

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>2004/2005</b>	<b>2005/2006</b>
<b>Amount</b>	£7,731,843.75	£7,933,895.51

**Answer to Question No. 53 of 2007**

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>2005/2006</b>
<b>Amount</b>	£66,854.55

ORAL

**NO. 54 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – GENERATORS**

Can Government state whether any of the installed electricity generators have been downgraded as to capacity because they are in need of replacement and whether the installed capacity of 37 Mwatts takes this into account?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 55 of 2007.

**NO. 55 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – GENERATORS**

Can Government give the dates by which the Gibraltar Electricity Authority has to replace each of its existing generators and the number of years which each one has been in use to date?

**ANSWER**

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

There are three generators at Waterport Power Station. Numbers 1 and 2 have each been in use for twenty four and a half years and number 3 generator for eighteen and a half years.

These generators are due to be decommissioned once the new Power Station at the Lathbury site is operational.

There has been no downgrading of any of the installed generators.

The installed capacity in Gibraltar is presently 42.8 Megawatts.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 54 AND 55 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Do the generators not have a lifespan which is in fact provided by the manufacturer, and are the generators in the station currently within that lifespan? Is it not the case that when they get past that sort of projected age they can still be used but the capacity is less than it was originally?

**HON F VINET:**

No generator has a definite expiry date. The life of the generator depends on a number of factors, including the hours in use, the service it has given, the quality of lubrication and fuel used. I am advised that the normal lifespan of this sort of generator is around 25 years or so. Certainly, a couple of those generators, No. 1 and No. 2, are approaching the end of that normal lifespan. I am, however, also advised that although these generators first used heavy fuel and since the early 1990s have been using diesel which is better for the engine itself, that therefore

increases their lifespan. So there is not a definite date as such but certainly they are slowly approaching the end of their normal lifespan.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So it is not the case that, for example, if the plans for a new generating station were delayed for any reason one would have to replace the existing ones, they could not carry on until the change happens whenever that is? Is that the case?

**HON F VINET:**

The information I have before me is that the present generators could last another ten or so years.

**NO. 56 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBTELECOM – EXCHANGE LINES**

Can Government state the number of telephone exchange lines in use as at the end of 2006?

**ANSWER**

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

The number of Gibtelecom telephone exchange lines in use is 24,116 as at 31 December 2006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 56 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister say, this figure of 24,116, is that the situation that existed as a result of the limit in numbers of 30,000 that we had prior to the recognition of the 350? Is that the pool that was available?

**HON F VINET:**

That is not the total, I think there are a few hundred additional lines available. The position actually improved in the last couple of years or so because there used to be internet dial-up accounts which used fixed lines. Since the introduction of ADSL, for example, some of those have been freed up, so the few hundred or so numbers that we had to play with have increased slightly. So I would imagine that figure of 24,000 plus a few hundred.

**ORAL**

**NO. 57 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBTELECOM – NUMBER OF CALLS**

Can Government state the number of:-

- (a) national; and
- (b) international

telephone calls effected in 2006?

**ANSWER**

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

The number of national telephone calls made in 2006 is 27.5 million. The number of international calls effected for the same period, including those made through service providers accessing Gibtelecom's fixed line network, is 6.8 million.

ORAL

NO. 58 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

**CULTURE – MUSIC CENTRE**

Can Government state who is the current director or person in charge of running the Music Centre?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 59 to 61 of 2007.



ORAL

NO. 59 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

**CULTURE – MUSIC CENTRE**

Can Government state which groups or individuals are currently using the Music Centre?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 58, 60 and 61 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 60 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CULTURE – MUSIC CENTRE**

Can the Minister state whether he has now visited the Music Centre and he is satisfied with the refurbishment that has taken place with the £53,000 that was allocated for this purpose from Government funds?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 58, 59 and 61 of 2007.

**NO. 61 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**CULTURE – MUSIC CENTRE**

Can Government state whether the Ministry for Culture has had any formal meetings with the Trustees of the Music Centre to ascertain information in relation to the refurbishment and the general use of the Centre?

**ANSWER**

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

The hon Member, in once again asking the same questions, leaves me with no choice but to have to restate what has already been explained and repeated to the him in answer to a number of questions. Namely, that the Gibraltar Music Centre is a charitable trust, not one appointed by Government, it is run by its Trustees, and it is up to the Trustees to decide how to and who will manage its business. Government are therefore not answerable to this Parliament on most of the matters raised in the questions.

Notwithstanding that qualification, we 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 me that the condition of the Centre does not allow for greater use at present.

After having visited the Centre in an official capacity, I concur with the view expressed by the Trust.

I am also satisfied that the funds have been spent for the purpose they were approved, that is, for general refurbishment.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 58 TO 61 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

I understand that the Government have passed it to a charitable trust, but the fact is that it is Government funds that go to this Trust. Therefore, as he has rightly said that he should be interested and he is interested in what the Trustees and the Trust spend the money. I have my doubts whether the Minister is actually satisfied, he seems to be satisfied with the £53,000 that have been spent on refurbishment. He is

now saying that the Centre cannot expand because of the inadequate conditions of the building. Can the Minister then say whether his Ministry, the Ministry of Culture, is in contact with the Trustees in order to further expand and refurbish the centre?

**HON F VINET:**

The fact remains that given first of all the size of the building and the state in which it finds itself in, the question has to be asked as to how financially viable it would be to actually repair the existing premises or seek an alternative solution. In direct reply to the question of how the funds have been used, when I was there and I visited in the company of a Trustee and also a couple of users of the Music Centre, I saw some of the works that had been carried out, such as sound proofing, repairs to walls, works to the electricity supply, toilets, new flooring and so on. It is true that the size of the building is such that even if works to the amount of £53,000 have been carried out, perhaps they are not as visible as one would wish them to be. Certainly the building is not in a good use and we remain in contact with the Trustees to see how we can progress further.

**HON S E LINARES:**

In relation to Question No. 61 of 2007, can Government state whether the Ministry of Culture has had any formal meetings, the Minister has not stated whether they have had any formal meetings with all the Trustees, not one. Has he had a formal meeting with Trustees of the Music Centre to ascertain information in relation to the refurbishment? He seems to have had some information as to the refurbishment, which he has stated now, with one Trustee but what about in relation to the general use and whether he has met with the Trustees?

**HON F VINET:**

I believe this information may have been given in answer to previous questions last year, I am not entirely sure. I met with one Trustee on a couple of occasions simply because that was the Trustee who was available on the date in question. My preference would have been to meet with as many of them as possible, preferably all of them. Have there been any other formal meetings? Well, there is a continuous contact between the Trust and the Ministry as a whole but there have been only two formal meetings at my office with one Trustee and the visit itself to the Trust which took place last year.

**HON S E LINARES:**

The reason for putting the question was in relation to the answer that he gave me last time, which is exactly the same answer he has given me today. That is why I have put the question if not I would not have put the question. Therefore, I believe that the Minister should not only be in contact with one Trustee but the Trustees. He actually said in answer to questions that 'I hope to see them as a whole group' sort of thing. So obviously the Minister has not done so yet.

**HON F VINET:**

What I cannot do is to force the Trustees to attend to the office, they have their own reasons why they were not able to attend. I know, for example, that one particular Trustee, on the date in question when we were due to meet, was unable to do so because he happened to be ill on the day in question. Certainly my preference would be to meet with as many of them as possible.

**NO. 62 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE – VICTUALLING YARD**

Can Government say whether, and if so when, the Victualling Yard was included as a listed structure following a request for this to happen from the Heritage Trust on 12 September 2006?

**ANSWER**

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

As was explained in reply to Question No. 901 of 2006, the Victualling Yard will be included as a listed structure once the Nelson's View development is completed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 62 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Do the Government accept there could be a risk to the integrity of the structure as a result of the works and that is why they do not want to list it at this particular stage?

**HON F VINET:**

No, Government do not accept that is the case.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Why is it they do not want to list it at this particular moment in time?

**HON F VINET:**

Although we do not have any information that would answer the previous question in an affirmative way, the fact is that something may arise in the future and therefore we would like to withhold the listing of the Victualling Yard until the building is completed. There is not specific reason for that to be the case.

ORAL

NO. 63 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE**

How often and on what dates has the Heritage Action Committee met since 25 July 2006?

ANSWER

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

On four occasions:-

25<sup>th</sup> July 2006  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2006  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2006  
22<sup>nd</sup> February 2007.

**NO. 64 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE – MANAGEMENT OF PARSON’S LODGE**

Can Government confirm whether the Gibraltar Heritage Trust has now relinquished the management of Parson’s Lodge and if so on what date?

**ANSWER**

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

No Sir, it has not.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 64 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is there a date by which this is expected to happen?

**HON F VINET:**

No, the position is that the Trust itself expressed their preference to relinquish the management and the Government have accepted this in principle. At the moment the Heritage Trust is in discussion with Government officials with a view to agreeing on a mechanism for the future management of the site but there is not a date as such.



**NO. 65 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**HERITAGE ACT**

Can Government say at what stage in the legislative process is the new Heritage Act?

**ANSWER**

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

There is currently no new Heritage Act at any stage of the legislative process. The Government continue to consider their policy options in this respect.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 65 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

During the Annual General Meeting of the Heritage Trust in November, the Minister was sitting next to the Chairman of the Trust and the Chairman indicated then 'the Government are in the process of creating new laws connected with heritage'. Does he know how he came to have that impression?

**HON F VINET:**

I think this is something that we have debated here in the past. The hon Member refers to a new Heritage Act and what we have said in the past is that, although there are some amendments, which I think are desirable and which I think would improve matters, they may form part of the existing Ordinance, now Act, rather than a new one. We have not yet decided whether one or the other will be the case. So, are the Government of the view that there are changes to be made to the existing legislation? The answer is yes, although as has also been said before, there is no pressing need for them and, therefore, the matter is prioritised in that way but we have not yet decided whether that will entail a completely new Heritage Act or simply amendments to the existing one.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

When the Chairman of the Trust was speaking of new laws connected with heritage, could he have been referring to the amendments that the Minister is speaking about?

**HON F VINET:**

Yes.

ORAL

**NO. 66 OF 2007**

**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 January 2006 and 2007, 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 I now hand to him.

**Answer to Question No. 66 of 2007**

**PERSONS EMPLOYED BY SPORTS AUTHORITY**

**As at the end of January 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

**As at end of January 2007**

NO.	GRADE	SEX	NATIONALITY
1	Chief Executive Officer	Male	British
1	Finance and Administration Manager	Male	British
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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
8	Sports Assistants	Male	British
1	Sports Assistant	Female	British
1	Cleaner	Female	British

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 66 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is the Minister aware whether the Chief Executive of the Sports and Leisure Authority is still in charge of the Youth Service as was previously?

**HON F VINET:**

Of course I am aware and the answer is no.

**HON S E LINARES:**

No? So he is no longer under the management of the Youth Service, he is completely separate now and he is only dealing with sports and leisure things?

**HON F VINET:**

That is correct.

**HON S E LINARES:**

What is happening with the three employees who are still, I think, Civil Servants or Government employees who did not want to move to the Authority?

**HON F VINET:**

As the hon Member rightly points out, these are three gentlemen who do not wish to join the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority and are therefore at present directly employed by Government. We are presently looking at ways of dealing with their particular wishes. I would rather not go into it any further because each of their individual cases is different and I think it would be unfair to raise the issue publicly.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Are they still managed by the Chief Executive of the Authority or are they on their own?

**HON F VINET:**

Yes, they are managed by the Chief Executive of the Sports and Leisure Authority.

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister then state how is it that a Chief Executive of an Authority, which is supposed to be independent from Government, can manage three Civil Servants? Who are their line managers? Who are the people who are in charge of these three? It could not be the Chief Executive of an Authority, could it?

**HON F VINET:**

I see no difficulty in the situation as it is and as it has been since the creation of the Sports and Leisure Authority. Those individuals are employed directly by Government but the Sports and Leisure facilities are managed by the Chief Executive

of the Sports and Leisure Authority, and it is he that manages, as I say, the whole Sports Complex and what happens there.

**ORAL**

**NO. 67 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

Can Government say how often and on what dates the Development Appeals Tribunal has met since 13 October 2006 and how many cases are pending its consideration?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 68 and 69 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 68 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

Can Government say whether any new cases have come before the Development Appeals Tribunal since the last Question Time in this House, and if so when and what did the cases relate to?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 67 and 69 of 2007.



**NO. 69 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

Can Government say what the outcome has been in the five cases which were pending before the Development Appeals Tribunal on 31 August 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

**Answer to Question No. 67 of 2007**

Since 13 October 2006 the Development Appeals Tribunal has met on two occasions. These were 19<sup>th</sup> December 2006 and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007 where two hearings were held on the second date. Three cases have been considered at those two hearings and a decision taken in each case.

**Answer to Question No. 68 of 2007**

Since the last Question Time three new cases, which have reference numbers 29, 32 and 33, have been notified to the secretary of the Tribunal. Further information is awaited from the appellants and DPC before the respective hearings can be convened on receipt of this information.

**Answer to Question No. 69 of 2007**

The position in respect of the five cases that were pending hearing by the Development Appeals Tribunal on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2006 is as follows:

**Case Ref. No. 6**

Case not yet been heard as the Tribunal is awaiting notification from the appellant's lawyers on whether they wish to proceed with the appeal.

**Case Ref. No. 10**

Appellant passed away. Appeal not pursued and case considered closed by the Tribunal.

**Case Ref. No. 13**

Tribunal has been informed by appellant that he wishes to proceed and will be submitting his comments.

**Case Ref. No. 19**

Appeal withdrawn. Case closed.

**Case Ref. No. 22**

Continues adjourned due to medical reasons in respect of the appellant.

For the sake of complete clarity I will now hand over to the hon Member a schedule summarising the current situation in respect of all appeals past and present.

Ref	Proposal Refused	Date of Appeal	Hearing Date	Remarks
1	Erection of corporate sign	15-Jun-01	6-Feb-02	DPC decision upheld
2	Fitting of an air conditioning unit	29-Nov-01	20-Nov-02	DPC decision upheld
3	Construction of 3 no. terraced houses	6-Nov-01	30-Oct-02	Appellant case accepted
4	Erection of double glazed partition	28-Dec-01	Not applicable	Withdrawn
5	Conditional permit for redevelopment	25-Oct-01	Not applicable	Withdrawn
6	Construction of a wider shopfront	9-Jan-02	Pending	Pending DPC comments
7	Extension	25-Oct-01	1-Oct-03	DPC decision upheld
8	Re-roofing	18-Feb-02	16-Sep-02	Appellant case accepted
9	Residential development	26-Feb-02	Not applicable	Withdrawn
10	Construction of a toilet building	8-Mar-02	Pending	Pending Appellant's comments
11	Construction of workshop and offices	14-Oct-02	N/A	Appd. By DPC subject to agreed conditions
12	Windows replacement	9-Jan-03	19-Nov-03	Appellant case accepted
13	Construction of two townhouses plus associated areas	12-Feb-03	Pending	Pending Appellant's comments
14	Construction of a garage	17-Mar-03	6-Apr-05	DPC decision upheld
15	Construction of west facing dormer windows	28-Apr-03	2-Apr-04	Appeal dismissed
16	Construction of an extension	3-Sep-03	25-Mar-04	Appellant case accepted
17	Construction of a water cabinet	23-Jul-03	8-Oct-04	DPC decision upheld
18	Replacement of windows	26-Mar-04	3-Dec-04	DPC decision upheld
19	Replacement of façade shop windows	24-Mar-04	Not applicable	Withdrawn
20	Replacement of existing door and sash windows	14-Sep-04	Not applicable	Withdrawn
21	Conversion of shop into an office	9-May-05	21-Jul-05	Appellant case accepted
22	Removal of Bella Sombra Tree	12-Dec-01	7-Mar-06	Postponed at appellant's request (medical reason)
23	Conversion of one residential unit into three units	8-Mar-06	13-Oct-06	Appellant case accepted
24	Construction of 3 storey corner terrace	3-Oct-05	Pending	Hearing being arranged
25	Conversion of a two bedroom unit into two one bedroom units	3-Mar-06	Pending	Awaiting Appellant's response
26	Construction of a Carport	17-Feb-06	19-Jan-07	Appellant case accepted
27	Construction of a garage	8-Jun-06	19-Jan-07	DPC decision upheld
28	Refusal to grant retrospective permission for wall	4-Sep-06	Pending	Awaiting Appellant's response
29	House and Porch extension – objection to conditions imposed	24-Oct-06	Pending	Awaiting Appellant's response
30	Construction of a garage	18-Sep-06	Pending	Hearing being arranged
31	Conversion of shopfront	28-Nov-06	19-Dec-06	DPC decision upheld
32	Proposed internal & external alterations	11-Oct-06	pending	Awaiting Appellant's response
33	Replacement of roof tiles		pending	Awaiting DPC response

**ORAL**

**NO. 70 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – KGV HOSPITAL**

Can Government now confirm that works to the benches in the grounds of the KGV Hospital were finished during the month of October 2006, as stated in answer to Question No. 913 of 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 72 to 77 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 71 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – KGV HOSPITAL (NEW PSYCHIATRIC UNIT)**

Can Government state where they propose to site the purpose built Psychiatric Unit that will replace the dilapidated KGV Hospital, when work will commence and when will it be ready for service?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Government are considering a number of sites on which to build the new Mental Health facility. No firm decision has yet been taken in respect of any of the sites under consideration.

**ORAL**

**NO. 72 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007 on the maintenance of the KGV Hospital by the GHA?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 70 and 73 to 77 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 73 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – KGV HOSPITAL**

Can the Government state whether they have now undertaken the review for the provision of smoking facilities within the KGV building as stated in answer to Question No. 916 of 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 70, 72 and 74 to 77 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 74 OF 2007**

**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 to KGV Hospital during the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 70, 72, 73 and 75 to 77 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 75 OF 2007**

**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 January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 70, 72 to 74, 76 and 77 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 76 OF 2007**

**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 January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 70, 72 to 75 and 77 of 2007.

**NO. 77 OF 2007**

**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 January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

**Answer to Question No. 70 of 2007**

As part of our on-going programme of maintenance works in respect of the benches in disrepair located in the grounds of KGV Hospital commenced on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2006 and were completed by the first week in November 2006.

**Answer to Question No. 72 of 2007**

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 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 the 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 the KGV.

Before I continue with the answer, I think it would be pertinent at this stage to point out that as this Question is tabled by one Member and asked by another, for the benefit of whichever Member reads or does not read the answer, that I have now been asked the same question four times. I have answered it four times in exactly the same words, including the words in the last sentence that say, 'it is not possible to identify these costs in respect of KGV separately', which is in answer to a question saying how much has been spent on maintenance. I am quite willing to carry on answering the question in the same terms but it would seem to me that if the answer were read a little more carefully, the hon Member who drafts the question, at least, should realise that there is no point in asking it because the information just simply is not available in the form that is being asked.

**Answer to Question No. 73 of 2007**

After a thorough review, a smoking facility has been identified at the Acute Ward in KGV Hospital. The lounge has been completed and was operational as from the first week in February 2007.

**Answer to Question No. 74 of 2007**

October 2006	3
November 2006	2
December 2006	0
January 2007	1

**Answer to Question Nos. 75 and 76 of 2007**

	Beds Occupied	Bed Provision
KGV Acute Ward	19	24

**Answer to Question No. 77 of 2007**

	Beds Occupied
KGV Long Stay	26

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 70 AND 72 TO 77 OF 2007****HON L A RANDALL:**

With regard to Question No. 72, the Minister has said that in this financial year the expenditure has been £25,000, could he then confirm that there has been no expenditure during the months of October 2006 to January 2007, as that was exactly the same figure that he gave me in answer to the question in October?

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

Maybe the hon Member would like to read the question again and then ask me in more precise terms what it is that he is asking. The answer distinguishes between capital expenditure and recurrent expenditure.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I do read the questions but I pose them again in the hope that in an effort to improve control they will be able to provide me with the information that I ask.

**NO. 78 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007 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. 79 and 85 to 92 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 79 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007, giving a breakdown by sex and age?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 78 and 85 to 92 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 80 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007, providing a breakdown by month?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question No. 81 of 2007.

**NO. 81 OF 2007**

**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 the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

As hon Members should be aware, all CT Scans are now undertaken in Gibraltar and this has been so since November 2005. Therefore, in answer to the question, none have been carried out in Spain.

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



**Answer to Question No. 80 of 2007**

<b>CT Scans carried out in Gibraltar</b>	
October 2006	186
November 2006	138
December 2006	108
January 2007	138

No CT scan carried out in Spain.

**Answer to Question No. 81 of 2007**

The expenditure to the GHA during the period in question in respect of patients being sent to Malaga Clinic for scans other than CT Scans, Mammography and ultrasounds is as follows:

October 2006	£583.51
November 2006	£0.00
December 2006	£748.92
January 2007	£570.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1902.44</b>

**ORAL**

**NO. 82 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – SPONSORED PATIENTS (SPAIN)**

Can Government state how many patients have been treated in Spain as opposed to the UK, as sponsored patients, in the months October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 83 and 84 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 83 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 82 and 84 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 84 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – SPONSORED PATIENTS (UK)**

Can Government state what has been the number of sponsored patients treated in the UK in the months of October 2006 to January 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.

**Answer to Question Nos. 82 to 84 of 2007**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Number Patients Spain</b>	<b>Number of Patients UK</b>	<b>Number Referrals UK</b>
October 2006	42	109	120
November 2006	39	108	133
December 2006	23	54	74
January 2007	35	64	112
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>439</b>

**ORAL**

**NO. 85 OF 2007**

**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 out-patient attendances at St Bernard's Hospital during the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 78, 79 and 86 to 92 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 86 OF 2007**

**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-patients admissions and the average number of patients per day at St Bernard's Hospital during the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 78, 79, 85 and 87 to 92 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 87 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 78, 79, 85, 86 and 88 to 92 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 88 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 78, 79, 85 to 87 and 89 to 92 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 89 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007, 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. 78, 79, 85 to 88 and 90 to 92 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 90 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 78, 79, 85 to 89, 91 and 92 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 91 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 78, 79, 85 to 90 and 92 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 92 OF 2007**

**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 months of October 2006 to January 2007, providing a breakdown by speciality?

**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 No. 78**

Elderly patients formally discharged and who live alone is as follows:

	October 06		November 06		December 06		January 07	
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
71-80	1	2	1	3	1	3	2	2
81-90	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1

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 79**

	October 06		November 06		December 06		January 07	
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
65-70	4	4	2	5	1	2	4	3
71-80	2	17	9	16	10	15	9	19
81-90	9	13	11	10	12	7	10	18
91-100	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	3

**Answer to Question 85**

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

2006/2007	Clinics	A&E			Physiotherapy
		Clinics	Dressings	Plasters	
OCTOBER	2926	2223	558	38	540
NOVEMBER	2905	2081	506	48	779
DECEMBER	2467	1971	457	23	559
JANUARY	2814	1960	433	24	846
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11,112</b>	<b>8,235</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>2,724</b>

**Answer to Question 86**

	Total Number of Admissions	Average Number of Inpatients
October 2006	430	134
November 2006	408	132
December 2006	308	113
January 2007	402	147

**Answer to Question 87**

	<b>Non-Entitled Patients Admitted</b>
<b>October 2006</b>	2
<b>November 2006</b>	0
<b>December 2006</b>	1
<b>January 2007</b>	1

**Answer to Questions 88 to 91**

<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>Oct-06</b>	<b>Nov-06</b>	<b>Dec-06</b>	<b>Jan-07</b>
AUDIOLOGY	170	139	114	185
DIETICIAN	109	104	70	76
CLINIC SISTER	1691	2822	1438	1756
SCHOOL HEALTH	300	414	274	391
SPEECH & LANGUAGE	166	105	57	131
MENTAL WELFARE	186	164	175	184
GP CLINIC	7688	7684	6929	8295
HOUSE CALLS*	397	365	330	316
DENTAL	1554	1896	1133	1751
CHILD WELFARE	1217	958	571	1011
NURSE PRACTITIONERS	1009	959	858	1060
DERMATOLOGIST	96	No Clinic	95	No Clinic
CRYOTHERAPY	94	176	121	122
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,677</b>	<b>15,786</b>	<b>12,165</b>	<b>15,278</b>

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

**Community**

PHYSIO	162	202	149	149
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	378	292	237	295
DISTRICT	2493	1688	1660	2036
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,033</b>	<b>2,182</b>	<b>2,046</b>	<b>2,480</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>17,710</b>	<b>17,968</b>	<b>14,211</b>	<b>17,758</b>

**Answer to Question 92**

	<b>Oct 06</b>	<b>Nov 06</b>	<b>Dec 06</b>	<b>Jan 06</b>
<b>Medical</b>	66	50	35	36
<b>Orthopaedic</b>	44	40	37	54
<b>ENT</b>	44	41	38	48
<b>Paediatric</b>	10	12	14	10
<b>Gynaecology</b>	38	42	27	35
<b>Surgical</b>	120	111	92	75
<b>Ophthalmology</b>	7	6	5	7



**ORAL**

**NO. 93 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007, by speciality, specifying which were elective and which were emergencies?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 94 to 97 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 94 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – OPERATING THEATRES**

Can Government state whether all of the operating theatres at St Bernard's Hospital are working at full capacity, and if not, can they provide a breakdown by operating theatre and percentage of use?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 93 and 95 to 97 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 95 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – CANCELLED OPERATIONS**

Can Government state how many routine operations were cancelled in the years 2005 and 2006 due to the non-availability of beds at St Bernard's Hospital, providing a breakdown by month?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 93, 94, 96 and 97 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 96 OF 2007**

**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 January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 93 to 95 and 97 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 97 OF 2007**

**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<sup>st</sup> January 2007 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 now hand to him.

**Answer to Question 93**

<b>Speciality</b>	<b>October 2006</b>	<b>November 2006</b>	<b>December 2006</b>	<b>January 2007</b>
General Surgery	76	83	52	57
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	18	17	17	20
Ophthalmology	21	28	12	36
Oral Surgery	16	34	13	23
Orthopaedics	74	82	34	69
Otorhinolaryngology	19	16	14	13
Pain Relief	11	10	5	9
Plastic Surgery	11	-	-	3
Psychiatry	9	4	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>230</b>

**Emergency operations performed**

<b>Speciality</b>	<b>October 2006</b>	<b>November 2006</b>	<b>December 2006</b>	<b>January 2007</b>
General Surgery	9	10	9	8
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	5	6	5	7
Ophthalmology	-	-	-	-
Oral Surgery	4	2	-	-
Orthopaedics	6	8	8	13
Otorhinolaryngology	-	2	-	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>29</b>

#### **Answer to Question 94**

The theatres are currently used for the full twenty sessions per week which is what they are currently staffed for and meet the current predicted demand on the services.

They are used for	Orthopaedics	-	8 sessions
	General Surgery	-	4 sessions
	Gynaecology	-	2 sessions
	ENT	-	2 sessions
	Dental	-	1 session
	Pain management	-	1 session
	Minor Operations	-	2 sessions
	Ophthalmic	-	2/3 sessions

This means that currently Theatre 1 is used for 8 sessions (80%), theatre 2 is used for 8 sessions (80%), the day case theatre is used for 4 sessions (40%) and the Ophthalmic theatre is used for 2/3 sessions (an average of 25%).

#### **Answer to Question 95**

The number of routine operations cancelled in respect of bed shortages in the year 2006 is as follows:

January	2
February	16
March	14
April	13
May	16
June	0
July	0
August	0
September	0
October	0
November	2
December	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>63</b>

To gather the statistics for the period 2005 will take a disproportionate amount of administrative time as records during this period had not yet been computerised.

**Answer to Question 96**

Elective surgery waiting lists as at end January 2007:

		Scheduled
General Surgery	255	62
Gynaecology	106	6
Ophthalmology	40	30
Orthopaedics	195	57
Otorhinolaryngology	20	9
Plastic Surgery	186	-

**Answer to Question 97**

Waiting list for Physiotherapy treatment is as follows:-

Primary Care Referrals	20
Other Referrals	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>



**ORAL**

**NO. 98 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – DENTAL APPOINTMENTS**

Can the Government state what the average waiting time was for dental appointments, other than school children, at the Primary Care Centre as at end January 2006 and as at end January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 99 and 100 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 99 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – DENTAL APPOINTMENTS**

Can Government state what the average waiting time was for dental appointments for school children, at the Primary Care Centre as at end January 2006 and January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 98 and 100 of 2007.

**NO. 100 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GHA – WAIT LIST FOR DENTAL BRACES**

Can Government state how many school children are wait listed for dental braces with the Dental Department of the GHA as at end January 2007, providing a breakdown by the year they joined the waiting list?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

**Answer to Question No. 98 of 2007**

There is currently no waiting time for dental emergencies as patients are seen and treated on the same day. Entitled patients wait for an average of six months for routine dental appointments and 14 months for dentures. These times have remained the same over the period in question.

**Answer to Question No. 99 of 2007**

The children currently undergoing dental treatment fall into two categories. The first category is school children requiring emergency treatment. For these patients there is no waiting time and they are treated on the same day. The second category is children undergoing routine treatment and the waiting time for these patients is 8-16 weeks, dependant on the general dental practitioner. The waiting over the period remained unchanged.

**Answer to Question No. 100 of 2007**

The Dental Department of the GHA has now eliminated the historical backlog of all patients requiring orthodontic treatment which existed prior to the introduction of this service by the GSD Government in 1998. There is currently no waiting list for patient assessments or reviews.

The department is currently addressing the demand for dental braces arising from the increased expectation of patients and parents. The new patients can account for as much as 40 per cent of every school year requiring some form of orthodontic intervention. This equates to 160 new patients yearly.

Patients requiring dental braces can, therefore, be divided into three categories:

1. There is no waiting time for all younger children between 7 and 10 years requiring dental braces as an interceptive treatment. This includes both removable and fixed appliances classed as dental braces.
2. There is no waiting time for children over the age of 10 years receiving full time education who are classified as severe cases needing urgent treatment according to the Index of Orthodontic Treatment Needs (IOTN).
3. The total number of patients waiting for dental braces who are not classed as severe cases needing urgent treatment according to the IOTN is currently 231. Based on this international index these patients have a moderate or minimal dental health need for dental braces and a significant component of this orthodontic need is aesthetic. Patients on the waiting list get reviewed if requested. If the condition has worsened and the case is reclassified as severe needing urgent treatment then this is given.

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

**Answer to Question 100**

Year 1998	-	0
Year 1999	-	0
Year 2000	-	0
Year 2001	-	4
Year 2002	-	32
Year 2003	-	48
Year 2004	-	34
Year 2005	-	43
Year 2006	-	61
Year 2007	-	9

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 98 TO 100 OF 2007**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I see from the list I have been handed that there are four awaiting dental braces since 2001, when does the Minister expect that they will either be told that they will receive the braces, or that their cases are aesthetic and that they will not be entertained?

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

No, it is not a question of if they are aesthetic they will not be entertained. They are aesthetic, otherwise they would have been done. These patients on this waiting list are being dealt with in strict order of waiting. I cannot give a date when any particular case is being done but as can be seen, there have been patients going back to 1998 when this service was introduced by this Government. The hon Member may realise that when Opposition Members were in Government, there was no orthodontic treatment. Therefore, however small the waiting list may be now, it has to be bigger than it was when Opposition Members were in Government, because there was no service being provided. When we brought the service in, there had already been an expectation for orthodontic treatment, and in 1998 the day after the service was introduced, there was already a waiting list of hundreds of people on it. This is being gradually reduced. That is why the first three years are now showing a zero and efforts are being made to continue to reduce it. I cannot give a date when any particular case comes off the waiting list, it depends entirely on any reclassification that may be done.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

The basis of the question was because I was approached by a member of the electorate whose girlfriend is on this list. He told me that she was affected psychologically because her dentures are not what she reckons they should be and she is a 15 year old female. At school, apparently, the other children made fun of her because of her dentures.

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

As I said in answer to the question, the condition of a patient is assessed initially by the dental practitioner but if in the case being mentioned by the hon Member, if the dental practitioner or the patient's GP considers it necessary, then the psychologist would be brought into the picture and I have no doubt that under the IOTN there will be waiting for that sort of condition. At the end of the day, as I say, any case that is considered urgent, and if the case that the hon Member is referring to were to be considered urgent, either initially or on reclassification after a submission like that, then the treatment would be given as urgently and immediately. But I hope the hon Member realises, and I am sure he does, the difference in what I am saying. Anybody who is classified as urgent according to this index and who needs it because teeth are getting deformed, there is no waiting list and the treatment is being given out. The majority of cases are due to the increased expectations of parents and children for conditions that may be, one could say through ignorance or whatever in the past, people were not so conscious of. I myself have a tooth that is not

completely straight. Now, when I was in school, orthodontic treatment was a rarity and this went un-commented on. Today, any slight deformation and people, naturally, have increased expectations. I also said something like 160 new patients a year, 40 per cent of every school year, figures are high. If one looks at the average human person, everybody has some deformity, minor or less minor, at one stage or another. So, it is impossible to cater for every single case without some sort of waiting list. I am satisfied that the criteria being used is good – urgent cases are treated urgently, cases that are not considered urgent and are mainly aesthetic are considered and dealt with on a waiting list basis.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I will recommend to the parents of the child involved to go to the GHA to have her case re-assessed.

**NO. 101 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – SPECIALIST EQUIPMENT (DONATIONS)**

Can Government state the contracted price of the High End Patient Ventilator purchased by the GHA from the donation of £770,000 from the Bonita Trust, which was provided in answer to Question No. 951 of 2006 as zero?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The High End Patient Ventilator was not acquired by GHA by using funds from the donation of £770,000 from the Bonita Trust. Although GHA had originally intended to include the Ventilator as part of the Bonita Trust donation, it was subsequently decided by Management that it was in GHA's best interests to acquire the Ventilator by making alternative financial arrangements with the supplier. The Ventilator appeared on the list given to the hon Member in answer to Question No. 951 of 2006, because it was on the GHA database of intended purchases in respect of the Bonita Trust donation but was shown as zero value because no funds were used from this donation to acquire the Ventilator.



**ORAL**

**NO. 102 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – DIALYSIS TREATMENT TRAINING**

Can the Government state how many members of the GHA's medical and nursing staff are being trained in order to provide dialysis treatment?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 103 to 105 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 103 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – UK TRAINING FOR NURSING PROFESSION**

Can Government state how many members of the GHA's nursing profession have been sent to the UK during this Financial Year, to undergo further training?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 102, 104 and 105 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 104 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GHA – GP UPDATING COURSES**

Can Government state the number of GPs that attended updating courses in the months of October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 102, 103 and 105 of 2007.

**NO. 105 OF 2007**

**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 January 2007, which is included in sub-head 30, School of Health Studies of the GHA?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

**Answer to Question No. 102 of 2007**

One GHA Staff Nurse has been allocated to the renal unit and is being trained by the renal team. In addition, we are currently starting to train our critical care nurses in haemofiltration.

**Answer to Question No. 103 of 2007**

A total of 20 members of the GHA's nursing profession have been sent to the UK during this financial year to undergo further training.

**Answer to Question No. 104 of 2007**

A total of 14 of the 16 General Practitioners employed by the GHA have attended updating courses and talks delivered locally or overseas in the period October 2006 to January 2007. More specifically, 13 general practitioners attended local updates in October, 12 attended in November, 8 attended in December and 14 attended in January. An average of two updates a month are being attended by GPs.

**Answer to Question No. 105 of 2007**

The total expenditure under sub-head 30, School of Health Studies for study leave as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 is £141,979.44.

**NO. 106 OF 2007**

**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 January 2007 for accommodation under subhead 22?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The expenditure recorded to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 is £448,335.61.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 106 OF 2007**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Can Government explain the increase of quasi £281,000, the figure he gave me as at the end of December was £167,000, now it has gone up to £448,000. What is the reason for this?

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

I take it the hon Member is referring to Question No. 106? I have no idea. I would need notice of that question. It can be any number of things. It can be more locals, more visiting consultants, we have had surgical initiatives, eye initiatives, we have brought people in, we have brought nurses in, I cannot specifically say. It can also mean that bills have been paid in one period related to the previous period, I do not have that information at hand.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I will write to the Minister asking for the information.

**ORAL**

**NO. 107 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – CROSS COVER ALLOWANCE**

Can Government state the level of Cross Cover Allowance paid by the GHA and the grades of employees it is paid to?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 108, 109 and 110 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 108 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – RETENTION ALLOWANCE**

Can Government state when was the last time that the Retention Allowance paid by the GHA to its eligible staff increased and what was the value of the increase?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 107, 109 and 110 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 109 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – RETENTION ALLOWANCE**

Can Government state which GHA employees are eligible for the payment of Retention Allowance?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 107, 108 and 110 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 110 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – RETENTION ALLOWANCE**

Can Government state the current value of the Retention Allowance paid by the GHA to its eligible staff?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

**Answer to Question No. 107 of 2007**

The Cross Cover Allowance paid to Consultants who are not in a single-handed speciality is 10 per cent of their basic salary at the individual's point.

**Answer to Question Nos. 108 to 100 of 2007**

According to the terms of the employment contract negotiated between Government and the Consultants, which included the abolition of private practice, the GHA may, at its absolute discretion, award payment of a recruitment and retention allowance of up to a maximum of £15,000 per annum to Consultants. The value of this allowance has remained unchanged since it was introduced in December 2004.

**NO. 111 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GHA – ATTRACTING QUALIFIED GIBALTARIAN GPs AND CONSULTANTS TO WORK IN GIBALTAR**

Can the Government state whether it is their policy to attract Gibraltar qualified GPs and Consultants presently working outside Gibraltar to come to work in Gibraltar, and if so, what measures do they take to achieve this goal?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

During their final year Gibraltarians in Medical School are contacted by the GHA's Human Resources Section with a view to establishing whether they have an interest in pursuing a career in Gibraltar or continue abroad, studying or otherwise.

Those who at some stage have expressed their intention to return are advised of future requirements, in GHA obviously, which may influence their field of study and are again contacted directly when a suitable vacancy arises.

Vacancies are advertised locally in the first instance. When vacancies are subsequently advertised externally, such advertisements are placed in the British Medical Journal to which most medical professionals, including Gibraltarians, normally subscribe.

**NO. 112 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – SHORT CONTRACT EMPLOYMENT**

Can Government list the GHA Officers whose contracts are currently renewed on a 3 to 6 months basis, giving the time that such officers have been continuously employed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

There are 36 officers who have been in continuous employment with the GHA on contracts, which have been renewed for six months or less. For the sake of clarity I have had them classified in seven groups from A to G. These are as follows:

**Group A**

5 GPs with commencement dates ranging from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2003 to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2005. These contracts have initially been on longer terms but are now on short-term contracts due to the on-going GP negotiations.

**Group B**

13 officers are awaiting a decision on the granting of P&P status. Dates range from 14<sup>th</sup> July 2005 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2006.

**Group C**

8 officers who are temporarily covering approved posts from the GHA complement which have not yet been permanently filled through the Government recruitment process. Dates range from 8<sup>th</sup> August 2005 to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2006.

**Group D**

3 officers have been employed for the Government waiting list initiatives and as such are a short-term requirement. Dates range from 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2006 to 27<sup>th</sup> June 2006.

**Group E**

2 officers are awaiting Government approval of new posts. Dates range from 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005 to 18<sup>th</sup> April 2006.

**Group F**

4 officers to cover expertise not currently available in Gibraltar. Dates range from 16<sup>th</sup> February 2005 to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

**Group G**

1 Consultant Psychiatrist employed to provide cross cover in this speciality and save on locum cover costs. (Employed since 10<sup>th</sup> October 2005).

ORAL

**NO. 113 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NUMBER OF MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF**

Can the Government state how many members of the GHA's medical and nursing professions were in post as at end January 2007, giving a breakdown by nationality and residence?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 114, 115 and 116 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 114 OF 2007**

**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 January 2007, listing the speciality in which they are employed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 113, 115 and 116 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 115 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – NUMBER OF NURSES**

Can Government state as at end of January 2007 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 113, 114 and 116 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 116 OF 2007**

**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 January 2007, 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 116 of 2007**

**Answer to Question 113**

GRADE & NO of OFFICERS		NATIONALITY	RESIDENCE
Director of Public Health – 1	1	British	Gib
Consultants – 23	5	British	Gib
	3	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
	4	Spanish	3 Gib 1 Spain
	2	Swedish	Gib
	2	Slovak	Gib
	2	German	Gib
	1	Polish	Gib
	1	Italian	Gib
	1	Irish	Gib
	1	Indian	Gib
	1	South African	Gib
Clinical Psychologist – 1	1	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors - 17	2	British	Gib
	4	Spanish	1 Gib 3 Spain
	1	Irish	Spain
	6	Pakistani	Gib
	1	Indian	Gib
	1	German	Gib
	1	Canadian	Gib
	1	South African	Gib
General Practitioners - 17	7	British	Gib
	3	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
	4	Spanish	2 Gib 2 Spain
	1	Irish	Gib
	1	Indian	Gib
	1	Maltese	Gib
Associate Specialist – 1	1	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Director of Nursing & Patient Services – 1	1	Bri	Gib
Deputy Director of Nursing Services - 1	1	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Clinical Nurse Managers - 6	6	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Senior Nurse Tutor – 1	1	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Nurse Lecturer – 2	2	British	Gib
Nurse Practitioner – 2	2	British	Gib
Charge Nurses – 34	24	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
	7	British	Gib
	1	Spanish	Spain
	1	Irish	Gib
	1	Malayan	Gib
Staff Nurses – 132	74	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
	35	British	32 Gib 3 Spain
	20	Spanish	7 Gib 13 Spain
	1	Irish	Gib
	1	German	Gib
	1	Polish	Gib
Midwives – 14	7	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
	7	British	6 Gib 1 Spain
Operating Department Practitioners – 5	3	British	1 Gib 2 Spain
	2	Spanish	1 Gib 1 Spain
Senior Enrolled Nurses – 5	5	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Enrolled Nurses – 83	81	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
	2	British	Gib
Nursing Auxiliaries – 9	9	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Nursing Assistants – 93	89	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
	4	British	Gib

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**Contd Answer to Question 116 of 2007****Answer to Question 114**

Director of Nursing & Patient Services	WTE
	1
Nurse Lecturer	2
Nurse Practitioners	2
Charge Nurses	4
Staff Nurses	26
Staff Nurses (part-time)	1
Registered Sick Children's Nurses	5
Registered Mental Nurses	7
Theatre Nurses	8
Midwives	8
Enrolled Nurses	2
Nursing Assistant	4
Operating Department Practitioners	5

**Answer to Question 115**

WARD/DEPT	CHARGE NURSE/SISTER WTE	STAFF NURSE WTE	ENROLLED/ SENIOR/OPD NURSE - WTE	NURSING ASSISTANTS/ AUXILLARY - WTE
Blood	-	1.5	-	1
IC Nurse	-	-	-	-
Dialysis	-	0.5	-	-
Palliative Care	1	-	-	-
John Ward	2	9	7	12
Victoria Ward	3	9	8.5	9.5
ICU	2	17	7	-
Eye	1	3	-	0.5
Night Sister	4	-	-	-
Cardiac Rehab	1	-	-	-
Dudley Toomey	2	12	6	10.5
Capt Murchison	2	12	5	13
Rainbow	2	7	4.5	2
A/E	2	12	11	-
Maternity	3	14	-	4.5
Clinics	-	2	8	1
Operating Theatre	2	10	16	1

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**Contd Answer to Question 116 of 2007**

**Answer to Question 116**

The following is a breakdown by grade of nurses in post as at the end of January 2007

Grade	WTE
Director of Nursing & Patient Services	1
Deputy Director of Nursing Services	1
Clinical Nurse Managers	6
Senior Nurse Tutor	1
Nurse Lecturer	2
Nurse Practitioners	2
Charge nurses	34
Staff Nurses / Midwives	136.5
Operating Department Practitioners	5
Senior Enrolled Nurse	5
Enrolled Nurses	76.5
Nursing Auxiliaries / Nursing Assistants	92

ORAL

NO. 117 OF 2007

THE HON L A RANDALL

**GHA – GENERAL PRACTITIONERS**

Can Government state whether any meetings have taken place with the GPs regarding their job descriptions, conditions of work and salaries since the answer to Question No. 957 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH

The GHA and representatives from the General Practitioners have re-established negotiations. Three formal meetings have taken place since and more expected over coming weeks.

**NO. 118 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GHA – RADIOLOGIST REPORTS**

Can Government state the mean and maximum time it has taken for Radiologist reports to get to the referring doctor in the period October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

During the period October 2006 to January 2007, as is GHA policy and has been usual procedure at all times, all urgent reports were completed as a priority, typed and sent to the referring doctors immediately. In addition, all significant abnormal findings discovered on reporting were typed as a priority and sent to the requesting doctor immediately. The maximum time taken for other radiological reports to get to the referring doctor during the period in question was seven weeks. As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, the GHA has fully cleared its backlog in reports from the Radiology Department.

However minimal the delay, it must necessarily always be greater than any delay which could have existed during the term of the previous administration because the GSLP did not employ any Radiologist at all, whereas under the GSD Government, two Radiologists are now employed by GHA.

To calculate the mean waiting time during the period in question will take a disproportionate amount of administrative time, given the 100 or so investigations that are undertaken on a daily basis. In 2006 there were over 23,000 investigations provided for patients who can attest to the high quality of the service that is being provided by the GHA.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 118 OF 2007**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Now that the backlog appears to have been done away with, can the Minister say how long it is taking now for other reports to reach the referring doctor? Not the urgent cases of significance but the others. He mentioned seven weeks and said, if I heard him right, that with effect from January 31<sup>st</sup> the backlog had been done away with. So how long is it taking now?

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

Firstly the hon Member is correct in saying that I said that during the period in question which he asked, from October to January, that I said that it peaked at seven weeks, but obviously, it will have been less during other periods. The waiting time has been eliminated, it cleared the full backlog of reports from the Radiology Department, so I cannot give him an exact figure but that means that it must now take not more than one week or two weeks, which is the normal working cycle. But that figure is purely off the top of my head and is not a guaranteed figure, it can vary from time to time depending on demand.

**ORAL**

**NO. 119 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 120 and 121 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 120 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 119 and 121 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 121 OF 2007**

**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 months of October 2006 to January 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.

**Answer to Question 121 of 2007****Answer to Question 119**

	Oct 06	Nov 06	Dec 06	Jan 06	TOTAL
Imported	1	0	0	0	1
Hospital Acquired	1	1	0	1	3
Carried by patient	1	0	2	0	3
TOTAL	3	1	2	1	7

**Answer to Question 120**

Laboratory Confirmed Notifiable Diseases Oct 2006 to Jan 2007

Organism Isolated	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Total
Adenovirus	6	1			7
Campylobacter species	2	6	9	6	23
Chlamydia trachomatis		1		1	2
Clostridium difficile					
Cryptosporidium					
Cryptococcus neoformans					
Giardia lamblia	1				1
Hepatitis A				1	1
Hepatitis B	1	2			3
Hepatitis C	1	1	1		3
Influenza A virus				1	1
Influenza B virus					
Mycobacterium tuberculosis	3				3
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	6	4	4	25	39
Neisseria meningitidis					
Neisseria gonorrhoeae			1		1
Pathogenic E coli					
Rotavirus	4	1		7	12
Salmonella species	2		4	1	7
Respiratory Syncytial Virus RSV		1	10	10	21
Shigella species					
Streptococcus pneumoniae (BC/CSF)					
Streptococcus Gp A Scarlet Fever					
Trichomonas vaginalis			1		1
Grand total	26	17	30	52	125

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**Continued Answer to Question 121 of 2007**

**Answer to Question 121**

This is data that is collected and presented on an annual basis. The figures for 2006 are:-

<b>Cause</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Heart Disease	56	24%
Cancer	51	22%
Stroke	34	15%
Respiratory Diseases	39	17%
Degenerative Diseases	23	10%
Infections	14	6%
Trauma and Injuries	4	2%
Other	8	4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>100%</b>

**NO. 122 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007, providing a breakdown by month?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Details of the quantum paid in respect of legal claims during the period in question is as follows:

<b>October 2006</b>	-
<b>November 2006</b>	-
<b>December 2006</b>	-
<b>January 2007</b>	£48,059.40

**ORAL**

**NO. 123 OF 2007**

**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 Independent Review Panel in the months of October 2006 to January 2007 by users of the Health Service, specifying the date of each complaint?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question No. 124 of 2007.

**NO. 124 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA - COMPLAINTS**

Can the Government state how many formal and verbal complaints have been lodged with GHA in the months of October 2006 to January 2007 by users of the Health Service, specifying the nature and date of each complaint?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

**Answer to Question No. 123 of 2007**

There have been no complaints lodged with the independent review panel in the months October 2006 to January 2007.

**Answer to Question No. 124 of 2007**

During this same period, there were 16 formal complaints lodged with the GHA of which:-

- 6 were upheld
- 5 were partially upheld
- 2 were not upheld or established
- 3 are on-going

and there were 43 verbal complaints of which:

- 24 were upheld
- 4 were partially upheld
- 15 were not upheld or established

I now hand over the information requested to the hon Member.

### **Answer to Question 124 of 2007**

#### **Formal Complaints**

**October 2006 to January 2007 = 16**

	<b>Date received</b>	<b>Nature of complaint</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
1.	2 October	Staff Attitude	Not upheld
2.	16 October	Clinical issue	Partially upheld
3.	30 October	Clinical issue	Upheld
4.	27 October	Mistaken information about services	Upheld
5.	2 November	Procedure cancelled	Upheld
6.	1 December	Waiting times	Upheld
7.	13 December	Staff Attitude	Not upheld
8.	14 December	Staff Attitude	Partially upheld
9.	15 December	Clinical issue	Partially upheld
10.	21 December	Clinical issue	Partially upheld
11.	2 January 2007	Results delayed	Upheld
12.	5 January	Clinical issue	On-going
13.	12 January	Clinical issue	Upheld
14.	22 January	Appointment delayed	Partially upheld
15.	23 January	Clinical issue	On-going
16.	30 January	Appointment delay and staff attitude	On-going

**Contd Answer to Question 124 of 2007****VERBAL COMPLAINTS****October 2006 to January 2007 = 43**

	<b>Date received</b>	<b>Nature of Complaint</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
1.	4 October	Staff attitude	Upheld
2.	4 October	Waiting time	Upheld
3.	10 October	Staff attitude	Not established
4.	11 October	Clinical issue	Not upheld
5.	16 October	Staff attitude	Upheld
6.	16 October	Lack of facilities	Partially upheld
7.	18 October	Appointment delay	Not upheld
8.	19 October	Staff attitude	Upheld
9.	30 October	Staff attitude	Not established
10.	30 October	Communication issue	Not established
11.	31 October	Clinical issue	Upheld
12.	1 November	Results lost	Upheld
13.	2 November	Staff attitude (external agency)	Not established
14.	6 November	Medical file unavailable for appt	Upheld
15.	8 November	Clinical issue	Not established
16.	9 November	Patient Safety	Upheld
17.	14 November	Communication issue	Not upheld
18.	16 November	Procedure cancelled	Upheld
19.	22 November	Cancelled appointment	Not upheld
20.	24 November	Staff attitude	Not upheld
21.	1 December	Medical file missing	Upheld
22.	5 December	Waiting times (A&E)	Partially upheld
23.	6 December	Medical file unavailable for appt	Upheld
24.	11 December	Staff attitude (external)	Not established
25.	11 December	Telephone not answered	Upheld
26.	11 December	Delayed results	Upheld
27.	12 December	Medical file unavailable for appt	Upheld
28.	14 December	Appointment cancelled	Upheld
29.	18 December	Appointment cancelled	Upheld
30.	18 December	Appointment cancelled	Upheld
31.	19 December	Appointment not given	Upheld
32.	2 January 2007	Staff attitude	Not established
33.	8 January	Staff attitude	Not established
34.	10 January	Staff attitude	Upheld
35.	11 January	Delayed result	Upheld
36.	14 January	Staff attitude	Not established
37.	15 January	Appointment cancelled	Upheld
38.	15 January	Waiting times	Upheld
39.	18 January	Medical file unavailable for appt.	Upheld
40.	30 January	Procedure cancelled	Upheld
41.	30 January	Clinical issue	Partially upheld
42.	30 January	Delayed appointment	Partially upheld
43.	30 January	Appointment cancelled	Not established



**NO. 125 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – TV SETS**

Can Government state how many patients' TV sets were out of order at St Bernard's Hospital as at end of January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

I need to clarify that the patient entertainment system, that is to say, the monitors at the patients' bedside are not TV sets. These monitors receive signals from a central server in St Bernard's in much the same way as standard computer monitors. As I have already explained, and I am sorry to have to repeat, the on-going problem that we are continuing to encounter has been due to sheer vandalism to screens and to fittings, and also to the theft of cables and items associated with these monitors. By the end of June 2006 all the necessary repairs had been carried out to make monitors operational. However, as at the end of January 2007 there are now 40 monitors which are awaiting repair, following damage caused by, presumably amongst others, patients and visitors. The situation is so bad, as commented by the manufacturers who came to see them and carry out an inspection recently, that the suppliers are now designing and constructing new bespoke terminal protective covers, to enclose the monitor in a metal case and put everything inside it. It will mean the attachment of the remote control which will cause serious inconvenience to some patients, but the remote controls will now be fixed to this cover so that it will now work as controls on the monitor, but because the monitor is moveable it is expected it will not cause a serious problem, but part of the problem we are suffering is loss of the remote controls themselves. That is the case, we are doing what we can but short of introducing more draconian measures, like payment which we do not want to do, or like making people sign for the monitor, which again, is not the sort of thing one would want to do in a hospital, but we are finding the problem a challenging one to deal with.

**ORAL**

**NO. 126 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – RAIN WATER PENETRATION**

Can Government state which areas have been affected by rain water penetration in St Bernard's Hospital during this winter?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

There has been partial water ingress in two of the plant rooms but no material damage has occurred to plant or equipment. The contractor will be conducting a survey to assess why previous repairs have failed and will be effecting repairs to these areas under the defects liability period at no cost to the GHA.

ORAL

**NO. 127 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

(On behalf of the Hon Miss M I Montegriffo)

**GHA – DOUBLE GLAZING IN EMPLOYEES HOMES**

Can Government confirm whether the GHA has met the cost of providing double glazing in the home of any of its employees, and if so, identify the employees and the cost involved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

No, Sir, the GHA has not met the cost of providing double glazing in the home of any of its employees.

**ORAL**

**NO. 128 OF 2007**

**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 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of 2006/2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 129 to 132 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 129 OF 2007**

**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 pharmacists for periods 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of 2006/2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

Answered together with Question Nos. 128 and 130 to 132 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 130 OF 2007**

**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 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 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. 128, 129, 131 and 132 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 131 OF 2007**

**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 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 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. 128 to 130 and 132 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 132 OF 2007**

**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 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of 2006/2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule that is now being handed over to him.



**Answer to Questions 128 to 132 of 2007**

Period	5	6	7
Prescriptions in respect of £2.50	5,830	6,170	6,267
Items in respect of £2.50	11,021	1,200	12,243
Total Number of Prescriptions Issued	12,832	14,074	14,007
Total Number of Items Issued	48,128	54,745	53,634
Cost of Medicines covered by prescriptions	£525,978.79	£589,678.21	£580,400.09
Total paid to Pharmacist	£585,056.69	£658,219.21	£646,333.79
Paid to Pharmacist in respect of the £1.80	£86,630.40	£98,541.20	£96,541.20
Prescription issued that exceeds 3 items	3,960	4,502	4,612

Periods 8, 9 and 10 are incomplete.

**NO. 133 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – CATERING FACILITY**

Can Government state the total cost of the catering facility of the Gibraltar Health Authority?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH**

The total cost of the catering facility of the Gibraltar Health Authority is £1,807,252.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 133 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can Government say whether this amount was spent over several financial years or one financial year? Can the Minister identify the breakdown in different years if there is more than one?

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

No, I would need notice of that question.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister say whether this amount was paid to JBS for the work or does it involve payments to several entities?

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

I can tell the hon Member that it obviously involved payments to several entities. The figure breaks down into the following three:

Building works	- £1,203,699
Catering equipment	- £536,012
Design fees	- £67,541

Speaking from memory, the design was external to JBS and, obviously, the catering equipment is as well. So I am assuming the building works would be to JBS but I cannot guarantee that on my feet.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister say whether the payment to the Electricity Authority for the electrical work on the facility would be included in the £1.8 million?

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

The installation of the sub-station of the Electricity Authority is included in that £1.8 million, so the answer is yes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is that the only work then that the Electricity Authority did for the catering facility, the sub-station? I remember there was a payment shown in the revenue of the Authority which was for work done on the catering facility. Are we talking about the same thing?

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

It is, again speaking from memory, it is that the Electricity Authority did not do anything inside the unit itself, they did not wire, what they did was instal a sub-station for the supply. That is what that payment would be in respect of.

ORAL

**NO. 134 OF 2007**

**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 October, November and December 2006 and January 2007, giving a breakdown of their age and sex?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 135 and 136 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 135 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Can Government state what was the number of persons receiving Social Assistance in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007, giving a breakdown by age and sex?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 134 and 136 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 136 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**SOCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Can Government state how many persons receiving Social Assistance in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007 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. 136/2007**

**Answer to Question No. 134 of 2007**

**PERSONS RECEIVING DISABILITY ALLOWANCE UNDER THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER 2006 AND JANUARY 2007, GIVING A BREAKDOWN OF THEIR AGE AND SEX**

MONTHS	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES
Oct-06	26	24	26	14	17	12	2	121	82	39
Nov-06	26	23	26	14	17	12	2	120	81	39
Dec-06	26	23	27	14	17	11	3	121	82	39
Jan-07	29	23	27	14	17	11	3	124	84	40

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 136/2007**

**Answer to Question No. 135 of 2007**

**PERSONS RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MONTHS  
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2006 AND JANUARY 2007 BY MONTH,  
SEX AND AGE.**

<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>Oct-06</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Nov-06</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Dec-06</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>297</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>138</b>
<b>Jan-07</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>472</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>141</b>

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 136/2007**

**Answer to Question No. 136 of 2007**

**PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER,  
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2006 AND JANUARY 2007**

MONTHS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
Oct-06	165	290	455	61	146	117	131
Nov-06	165	294	459	57	146	123	133
Dec-06	177	297	474	61	151	124	138
Jan-07	177	295	472	61	151	119	141

**PERSONS EMPLOYED DURING THE MONTHS OF OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND  
DECEMBER 2006 AND JANUARY 2007**

MONTHS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
Oct-06	4	2	6	0	5	1	0
Nov-06	5	2	7	3	3	0	1
Dec-06	0	2	2	0	0	1	1
Jan-07	5	2	7	2	4	1	0

AS AT	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
19-Feb-07	174	297	471	62	151	116	142

ORAL

**NO. 137 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 138 to 145 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 138 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 137 and 139 to 145 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 139 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 137, 138 and 140 to 145 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 140 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 137 to 139 and 141 to 145 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 141 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 137 to 140 and 142 to 145 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 142 OF 2007**

**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 October, November and December 2006 and January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 137 to 141 and 143 to 145 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 143 OF 2007**

**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 October, November and December 2006 and January 2007, 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. 137 to 142, 144 and 145 of 2007.



ORAL

**NO. 144 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

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

Can Government state what was the income, expenditure and balance of the Long-Term Benefits Fund in respect of the months of October, November and December 2006 and January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 137 to 143 and 145 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 145 OF 2007**

**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 October, November and December 2006 and January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 145/2007**

**Answer to Questions 137 and 138 of 2007**

The Opening Balances, the total value of Receipts and Payments and the Closing Balances of the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund for the months of October 2006 to January 2007 is as per the following tentative statement:

**EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND**

	<u>31-Oct-06</u>	<u>30-Nov-06</u>	<u>31-Dec-06</u>	<u>31-Jan-07</u>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£3,932,761.17	£3,893,367.01	£3,852,908.09	£3,781,829.22
<b><u>Add</u></b>				
Receipts	£21,192.95	£21,250.06	£21,186.61	£3,948.26
	£3,953,954.12	£3,914,617.07	£3,874,094.70	£3,785,777.48
<b><u>Less</u></b>				
Payments	(£60,587.11)	(£61,708.98)	(£92,265.48)	(£45,898.05)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	£3,893,367.01	£3,852,908.09	£3,781,829.22	£3,739,879.43

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 145/2007**

**Answer to Questions 139 and 142 of 2007**

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 October 2006 to January 2007 is as per the following tentative statement:

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

	<u>31-Oct-06</u>	<u>30-Nov-06</u>	<u>31-Dec-06</u>	<u>31-Jan-07</u>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£1,219,845.13	£1,250,563.42	£1,246,340.62	£1,255,142.93
<b><u>Add</u></b>				
Receipts	£100,769.06	£82,220.61	£75,911.47	£94,488.51
	£1,320,614.19	£1,332,784.03	£1,322,252.09	£1,349,631.44
Payments	(£70,050.77)	(£86,443.41)	(£67,109.16)	(£82,541.21)
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	£1,250,563.42	£1,246,340.62	£1,255,142.93	£1,267,090.23

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 145/2007****Answer to Questions 140 and 143 of 2007**

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 October 2006 to January 2007 is as per the following tentative statement:

**CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

	<u>31-Oct-06</u>	<u>30-Nov-06</u>	<u>31-Dec-06</u>	<u>31-Jan-07</u>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	<u>£340,942.03</u>	<u>£384,340.86</u>	<u>£350,864.51</u>	<u>£722,719.61</u>
<b><u>"Local Account"</u></b>				
Opening Balance	£152,752.10	£160,695.44	£200,372.04	£353,248.47
<u>Add</u>				
Transfers from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund	£900,000.00	£950,000.00	£1,300,000.00	£900,000.00
Other Receipts	<u>£1,136.24</u>	<u>£1,101.10</u>	<u>£2,120.01</u>	<u>£135.49</u>
	<u>£1,053,888.34</u>	<u>£1,111,796.54</u>	<u>£1,502,492.05</u>	<u>£1,253,383.96</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Payments	<u>(£893,192.90)</u>	<u>(£911,424.50)</u>	<u>(£1,149,243.58)</u>	<u>(£799,177.65)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£160,695.44</u>	<u>£200,372.04</u>	<u>£353,248.47</u>	<u>£454,206.31</u>
<b><u>"Spanish Account"</u></b>				
Opening Balance	£188,189.93	£223,645.42	£150,492.47	£369,471.14
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts from DFID	<u>£260,000.00</u>	<u>£60,000.00</u>	<u>£1,260,000.00</u>	<u>£50,000.00</u>
	<u>£448,189.93</u>	<u>£283,645.42</u>	<u>£1,410,492.47</u>	<u>£419,471.14</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Payments	<u>(£224,544.51)</u>	<u>(£133,152.95)</u>	<u>(£1,041,021.33)</u>	<u>(£247,878.38)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£223,645.42</u>	<u>£150,492.47</u>	<u>£369,471.14</u>	<u>£171,592.76</u>
<b><u>Fund Account</u></b>				
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<u>£384,340.86</u>	<u>£350,864.51</u>	<u>£722,719.61</u>	<u>£625,799.07</u>

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 145/2007**

**Answer to Questions 141 and 144 of 2007**

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 October 2006 to January 2007 is as per the following tentative statement:

**OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND**

	<u>31-Oct-06</u>	<u>30-Nov-06</u>	<u>31-Dec-06</u>	<u>31-Jan-07</u>
<b><u>Fund Account -</u></b>				
<b><u>Opening Balance</u></b>	£12,852,794.69	£13,083,422.81	£13,008,537.56	£12,478,289.53
<b><u>Add</u></b>				
Receipts	<u>£1,242,442.29</u>	<u>£982,740.86</u>	<u>£907,362.63</u>	<u>£1,171,969.32</u>
	£14,095,236.98	£14,066,163.67	£13,915,900.19	£13,650,258.85
Payments	<u>(£1,011,814.17)</u>	<u>(£1,057,626.11)</u>	<u>(£1,437,610.66)</u>	<u>(£1,019,452.59)</u>
<b><u>Closing Balance</u></b>	<u>£13,083,422.81</u>	<u>£13,008,537.56</u>	<u>£12,478,289.53</u>	<u>£12,630,806.26</u>

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 145/2007**

**Answer to Question 145 of 2007**

The transfers made from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund to the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund for October 2006 to January 2007, are as follows:

October 2006	£900,000
November 2006	£950,000
December 2006	£1,300,000
January 2007	<u>£900,000</u>
	<u>£4,050,000</u>

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**NO. 146 OF 2007**

**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 October, November and December 2006 and January 2007 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. 147 and 148 of 2007.

**NO. 147 OF 2007**

**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 October 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. 146 and 148 of 2007.



**NO. 148 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006, from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund, giving a breakdown of:

- A. UK/Gibraltar Pensioners;
- B. Spanish Pensioners;
- C. Moroccan Pensioners;
- 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. 148/2007**

**Answer to Question No. 146 of 2007**

The following pensioners were being paid or with entitlement to payment from the Closed Long-term Benefits Fund for the months of October, November and December 2006 and January 2007.

	<b>Oct-06</b>	<b>Nov-06</b>	<b>Dec-06</b>	<b>Jan-07</b>
<b><i>Pre-1969 Spanish Pensioners</i></b>	5806	5786	5774	5740
<b><i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i></b>	5124	5128	5128	5124
<b><i>Moroccan Pensioners</i></b>	1737	1739	1737	1748
<b><i>Other Nationalities</i></b>	481	482	483	482
<b>Total</b>	<b>13148</b>	<b>13135</b>	<b>13122</b>	<b>13094</b>

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 148/2007**

**Answer to Question No. 147 of 2007**

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 October, November and December 2006 and January 2007.

	<b>Oct-06</b>	<b>Nov-06</b>	<b>Dec-06</b>	<b>Jan-07</b>
<b><i>Spanish Pensioners</i></b>	113	113	114	114
<b><i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i></b>	2425	2436	2439	2449
<b><i>Moroccan Pensioners</i></b>	642	645	645	655
<b><i>Other Nationalities</i></b>	35	35	35	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>3215</b>	<b>3229</b>	<b>3233</b>	<b>3253</b>

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 148/2007**

**Answer to Question No. 148 of 2007**

The following pensioners were in receipt of payments from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund for the months of October, November and December 2006 and January 2007.

	<b>Oct-06</b>	<b>Nov-06</b>	<b>Dec-06</b>	<b>Jan-07</b>
<b><i>Spanish Pensioners</i></b>	119	120	121	121
<b><i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i></b>	2440	2453	2456	2466
<b><i>Moroccan Pensioners</i></b>	642	645	645	655
<b><i>Other Nationalities</i></b>	35	35	35	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>3236</b>	<b>3253</b>	<b>3257</b>	<b>3277</b>

ORAL

NO. 149 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**SOCIAL INSURANCE SCHEDULES**

Can Government provide a breakdown for the return of social insurance schedules as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 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. 149/2007**

**SI Returns Statistics as at 31 January 2007**

Qtr.1/01	All				Private				Official			Self Employed		
	Number of Employers all	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers returned	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending
Qtr.1/01	1236	15134	237	230	1112	10309	188	144	4305	25	24	520	24	62
Qtr.2/01	1236	15522	326	230	1123	10666	255	144	4332	42	24	524	29	62
Qtr.3/01	1256	15769	369	234	1117	10906	292	148	4341	37	24	522	40	62
Qtr.4/01	1265	15656	383	233	1127	10812	297	146	4324	41	25	520	45	62

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2002.

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 149/2007**

**SI Returns Statistics as at 31 January 2007**

	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
<b>Qtr.1/02</b>	1280	16036	350	331	1135	11120	312	206	4393	16	36	523
<b>Qtr.2/02</b>	1296	16188	339	331	1149	11232	293	205	4425	23	37	531
<b>Qtr.3/02</b>	1308	16454	339	332	1154	11483	267	206	4432	41	37	539
<b>Qtr.4/02</b>	1315	16241	380	328	1163	11217	299	201	4480	43	38	544

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2002.

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## SI Returns Statistics as at 31 January 2007

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2002.

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**SI Returns Statistics as at 31 January 2007**

	All				Private				Official			Self Employed		
	Number of Employers all	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers returned	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending
<b>Qtr. 1/04</b>	1412	16685	444	1169	1214	11918	346	426	4201	83	611	566	15	132
<b>Qtr. 2/04</b>	1425	16785	464	1172	1217	12067	310	429	4141	134	611	577	20	132
<b>Qtr. 3/04</b>	1441	16767	914	1170	1237	12041	745	424	4137	142	614	589	27	132
<b>Qtr. 4/04</b>	1450	16477	1040	1177	1240	11777	878	427	4111	128	618	589	34	132

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2002.

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 149/2007**

**SI Returns Statistics as at 31 January 2007**

	All				Private				Official			Self Employed		
	Number of Employers <i>all</i>	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Number of Employers <i>returned</i>	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending	Returns	Non-Return	Pending
<b>Qtr.1/05</b>	1465	16464	799	1882	1238	11754	637	1038	4117	142	685	593	20	159
<b>Qtr.2/05</b>	1479	16827	1129	1869	1217	12013	936	1026	4223	150	684	591	43	159
<b>Qtr.3/05</b>	1500	17314	1234	1866	1223	12442	1041	1025	4275	127	682	597	66	159
<b>Qtr.4/05</b>	1501	16714	1691	1870	1192	11908	1445	1028	4220	158	683	586	88	159

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2002.

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 149/2007**

**SI Returns Statistics as at 31 January 2007**

	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			
Qtr.1/06	1529	16228	1311	3338	1148	11633	1023	2342	4042	257	724	553	31	272
Qtr.2/06	1539	13910	4458	3307	1097	10349	3022	2314	3017	1384	721	544	52	272
Qtr.3/06	1552	12843	6409	3293	1029	9249	4910	2302	3089	1393	719	505	106	272
Qtr.4/06	1561	9790	9318	3288	825	6518	7533	2286	2840	1594	730	432	191	272

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 149 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I understand that the schedules will no longer be the method of collection after March is that correct? If so, presumably the Minister will be able to continue to supply information in respect of arrears up to March after that date, am I right in thinking that?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes, up to March it will be my responsibility to supply him with the information.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am asking for confirmation that after March presumably there will still be information coming in, given that they do not arrive on time and they always arrive late.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct. I do not know whether it will be my responsibility to pass on the information, or whoever takes over, because as he knows it is the Income Tax Department who will be collating all the information after March.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the Minister know whether the returns that come in after March, is there going to be a quarterly pattern like there is now or will it be on the tax year? Does she know that?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Off the top of my head, I think it is going to be based on the tax year but I am not 100 per cent certain. I can find out for him if he likes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Thank you.

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The Hon the Minister for Social Affairs subsequently supplied the following information in writing:

“Employers are being asked to submit returns to the Income Tax Office for the period of 1 April 2007 to 30 June 2007. Thereafter, returns will be made on a yearly basis,

i.e. (1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008) in conjunction with income tax returns, and not quarterly as has hitherto been the case.”

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**NO. 150 OF 2007**

**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 January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 151 to 153 of 2007.

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**NO. 151 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**SOCIAL SERVICES – MEDICAL APPEALS TRIBUNAL**

Can Government state the number of new cases that were referred to the Medical Appeals Tribunal for determination of medical questions between the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and end of January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 150, 152 and 153 of 2007.

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**NO. 152 OF 2007**

**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. 150, 151 and 153 of 2007.



**NO. 153 OF 2007**

**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. 150 of 2007**

There were 11 cases pending as at end of January 2007.

**Answer to Question No. 151 of 2007**

No new cases were referred to the Medical Appeals Tribunal between the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and the end of January 2007, given that they have been unable to meet during this period.

**Answer to Question No. 152 of 2007**

The last meeting of the Medical Appeals Tribunal was therefore on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006.

**Answer to Question No. 153 of 2007**

The dates of the next meeting of the Medical Appeals Tribunal have been provisionally scheduled to take place on 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March 2007.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 150 TO 153 OF 2007**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

In answer to Question No. 1027 of 2006, the Minister said that there were eight cases pending. None have been added and there are now 11. Where do the additional three come from?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The answer that I gave to Question No. 1027 of 2006 was that there were 13 cases pending as at the end of August.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Yes, I think the Minister also said that a meeting had taken place on 25<sup>th</sup> September and that had been reduced by five to eight. So, obviously, as at 25<sup>th</sup> September there were eight outstanding, now the Minister says there are 11.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct. After 25<sup>th</sup> September there have been two new cases and one review.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Did I not understand correctly when the Minister said in answer to Question No. 151 of 2007, that nil cases had been added. So, therefore, there are two and one review.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No cases have been heard because the Tribunal has not met, but there are two new cases received from my Department which need to be referred to the Tribunal when they next meet.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

In Question No. 151 of 2007 I asked whether the Minister could state the number of new cases that were referred to the Medical Tribunal for determination between 25<sup>th</sup> September and end of January. I understood the Minister to have answered that the number was nil. It appears that is not the case.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The answer I gave is correct, there have been no new referrals because the Tribunal has not met yet. There are two new cases pending in my Department which will be heard by the Tribunal when it next meets in March.

**NO. 154 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**HM PRISON**

Can Government state the number of recipients into and releases from HM Prison in the period October 2006 to January 2007 and the population in custody as at 31 January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

There were 58 receptions and 59 releases from HM Prison in the period October 2006 to January 2007.

The population in custody as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 was 37 inmates.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 154 OF 2007**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Again my mathematics does not turn. If I heard correctly, there were 58 in and 59 out, making a balance of one out. The population as at the end of September that I was given was 37, so therefore, it should be, sorry it was 35, therefore, the number should be 36 now and not the 37 provided. Can the Minister confirm this?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

No, I cannot confirm it. It does not necessarily mean that the figures do not tally. There might be some other reason but I have not got that explanation with me at the moment. I am sure there is, I will find out and pass the information on to the hon Member. I do not think it necessarily means that because one adds up one with the other, because there have been so many receptions and so many releases that it has to tally with the answer given in the previous question. But I will find out what the explanation is and I will pass it on to the hon Member.

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I would be obliged.

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The Hon the Minister for Social Affairs subsequently supplied the following information in writing:

“I am informed by the Prison Authorities that due to a computer error, the figures provided in answer to your question were incorrect.

The correct answer is as follows:

There were 65 receptions and 63 releases from HM Prison in the period October 2006 to January 2007. The population in custody as at 31 January 2007 was 37 inmates.”

**NO. 155 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**HM PRISON – REHABILITATION PROGRAMMES FOR JUVENILES**

Can the Minister for Social Affairs state how many of the juveniles sentenced since the year 1996 to date have undergone rehabilitation programmes stating the programme and whether the convicted juvenile has re-offended?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Rehabilitation programmes are only considered appropriate and beneficial for offenders who are given lengthy prison sentences, or for offenders who are given probation orders. The hon Member must be aware that when a juvenile is sentenced it is not always necessarily to prison or to probation orders. They could be sentenced to community service orders, to fines et cetera.

To date, only two juveniles have been given prison sentences which are lengthy enough to warrant a full rehabilitation programme. The details of these programmes are the subject of the next question in the order paper.

It is impossible to provide, at such short notice, statistics of juvenile offenders who have received probation orders since 1996.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 155 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

The last time I asked the question I had the figures showing how many juveniles were convicted since 1996. I am sure that statistic is there, I have been given this statistic before. I cannot see why I cannot be given it today.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The question he is asking today is how many of those convicted, and he does not say whether it is to prison, to fines or to probation orders, or to binding-over orders, have received rehabilitation programmes. The question in itself is completely different to the one he asked previously.

**NO. 156 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**HM PRISON – CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE**

What plans does Government have in hand to ensure that children of school age who are convicted of criminal offences and sentenced to extended periods of imprisonment are subjected to a regime which is designed to try to avoid them re-offending again in future?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

In cases of children of school age who are sentenced to extended periods of imprisonment, and I must point out that this has happened for the very first time very recently, and tailor-made sentencing plans to suit their individual needs have been devised. These have been drawn up with the cooperation of representatives from the Prison, the Department of Education, the Probation Service and the Drugs Co-ordinator.

The sentencing plan consists of the following:

Education: The Prison Tutor attends the prison three times a week and gives classes on literacy, numeracy, languages and information technology. A more comprehensive educational programme is currently being looked at for the convicted minor who is still of school age.

Behavioural Programmes: Offending behaviour will be addressed using evidence based practice and a cognitive behavioural approach, that is, to address thoughts, feelings, behaviour and consequences of offending. The programmes include the following:

- Motivational interviewing using cycle of change. This assists offenders to increase their levels of dissonance and, in turn, show them the inconsistencies between their expressed desire to change, if this is indeed the case, and their offending behaviour. They are likely to gain a sense of what needs to change and how they can eventually sustain the changes they may achieve.
- Anger Management Sessions to address random use of violence.
- Victim Awareness Sessions to focus on the impact of offending on victims.

- Future Focussed Therapy to develop a task-centred framework for achieving personal development.
- Drug and alcohol misuse therapy with identified counsellors with the aim of exploring and tackling underlying drug and alcohol problems.

Employment and Skills: Under the Prison Act, juveniles under the age of 17 are not required to carry out any work. However, the two juveniles concerned have acceded to carry out a course in painting which has already begun. The Senior Works Officer at HM Prison is exploring other possibilities.

Leisure Activities: These include the use of the gymnasium several times a week, use of the library, watching television and playing games.

Incentive Programmes: HM Prison offers a programme whereby through good behaviour and a drugs testing programme, inmates can qualify to earn extra privileges, for example, extra phone calls and extra visits. If at any time inmates offend against good order and discipline the privileges are immediately removed.

It is important to note that if inmates refuse to comply with the programmes offered, there is little that can be done as, ultimately, the individual has to have the desire to change. Nevertheless, motivational interviewing will continue to help these juveniles reconsider their positions and gain an insight into the consequences of not addressing their problems and meeting the targets set for them. They will also be made aware that it would be in their best interest to make the effort to change, given that early release on parole would be dependent on the level of improvement made.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 156 OF 2007**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I thank the Minister for that very full answer and ask her, who is offering the behavioural aspects of the programme?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

The Probation Officer who is fully qualified to do so.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Are individuals of school age, I do not want to refer to any particular case I would rather just refer to the principle of individuals of school age who are sentenced to lengthy periods of imprisonment, are they pooled with the general prison population for leisure activities, such as gym, television or library or are they kept apart even for those?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Under the law they cannot be pooled with adult inmates.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

So, that is not going to happen, they are not going to be pooled even when they are dealing with the painting course or even their leisure activities. They are going to be kept strictly apart.

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In the plans for the new prison, plans that have not yet been published but the Minister has referred us to before, is specific provision being made to ensure that in the eventuality, that we all hope does not occur, that other children of school age are sentenced to lengthy prison sentences, there is an area earmarked for them?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Under the law there has to be an area earmarked for them. As I said previously, they are not allowed to intermingle or mix for any activities whatsoever with adults.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

What part of the new prison, what area of the new prison is set aside?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Off the top of my head I do not remember the plans precisely or exactly, but I know there is a separate wing for them.



ORAL

**NO. 157 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 to date by Social Services for hearings in both the Magistrates and Supreme Courts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I hand the hon Member a table giving the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 157 of 2007**

	<u>Pre-sentence Reports</u>	<u>Welfare Reports</u>
October 2006	12	3
November 2006	11	3
December 2006	6	1
January 2007	7	2
February 2007	8 (to date)	2 (to date)

**ORAL**

**NO. 158 OF 2007**

**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 October 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 hand the hon Member a table giving the information requested.

**Answer to Question No. 158 of 2007**

	Supreme Court		Magistrates' Court	
	Requested	Completed	Requested	Completed
<b>October 2006</b>	14.08.06	03.10.06	04.07.06	02.10.06
	14.08.06	27.10.06		
<b>November 2006</b>	11.07.06	29.11.06	06.07.06	24.11.06
			30.09.06	17.11.06
<b>December 2006</b>	28.09.06	18.12.06		
<b>January 2007</b>	03.10.06	08.01.07		
	18.12.06	22.01.07		
<b>February 2007</b>	11.10.06	15.02.07		
	18.01.07	16.02.07		

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 158 OF 2007****HON F R PICARDO:**

Perhaps the Minister can help me to understand the way that the schedule has been prepared? Is it that the answer to Question No. 157 is a general number not broken up by court, and the answer to Question No. 158 is broken up by court, and that is how they tally? Is that correct?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

It would appear that the maximum waiting time in respect of Welfare Reports is down to now approximately four months, I would have thought. Mr Speaker will know that this has been an area of controversy in the past in the House between the Minister and myself. Is there a commitment from the Government to ensure that waiting times no longer rise as they had last time, that they stay at this level, at least?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes, that is the ultimate aim, that is why we employed two more Social Workers. To ensure that a backlog does not arise again in the future, we will have to keep a close eye that that does not happen.

**NO. 159 OF 2007**

**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 January 2007, giving a breakdown by sex and age?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

As at the end of January 2007:

- 134 Elderly Citizens are in the waiting list for Mount Alvernia.
- 32 are occupying a bed in St Bernard’s Hospital.

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

**Answer to Question No. 159 of 2007**

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

SEX	Ages 60-70	Ages 70-80	Ages 80-90	Ages 90+	Total
Male	0	5	4	2	11
Female	0	5	9	7	21
Total	0	10	13	9	32

ORAL

**NO. 160 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - EMPLOYEES**

Can Government state of the permanent employees at the Social Services Agency on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 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 160/2007**

**Social Services Agency Employees as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007**

Grade	Number of Employees	Civil Service / GoG Pension	Eligible to 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	1	1		
Counselling Psychologist	1	1		
Senior Social Workers	3	3		
Social Workers	12	8		
Administration Manager (HEO)	1	1		
Personnel Officer (EO)	1	1		
Typist	2	2		4
<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 160/2007**

**Social Services Agency Employees as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 07**

Grade	Number of Employees	Civil Service / GoG Pension	Eligible to GIB Provident Fund PS No.2	On Contract Terms (Non-pensionable)
<b><u>DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</u></b>				
Drug strategy Co-ordinator	1	1		
Assistant to Drug Strategy Co-ordinator	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	
Administrative Officers	4		4	
Day Centre Support Worker	1		1	
Shop Mobility Attendant	1		1	

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**Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO 160/2007**

**Social Services Agency Employees as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 07**

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Number of Employees</b>	<b>Civil Service / GoG Pension</b>	<b>Eligible to Gib Provident Fund PS No.2</b>	<b>On Contract Terms (Non-pensionable)</b>
<b><u>DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL</u></b>				
Dr. Giraldi Manager	1		1	
Dr Giraldi Deputy Manager	1		1	
Administrative Officer (Part-time)	1		1	
Senior Support Workers (40hrs)	5		5	
Support Workers (40hrs)	13		13	
Support Workers (39hrs)	1		1	
Support Workers (37.5hrs)	28		28	
Support Workers (30hrs)	2		2	
Support Workers (20hrs)	7		7	
Domestic Support Worker (22.5hrs)	1		1	
Domestic Support Workers (20hrs)	5		5	
Domestic Support Worker (15hrs)	1		1	
<b><u>CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL</u></b>				
Senior Care Workers (40hrs)	6		6	
Care Workers (37.5hrs)	30		30	
Care Workers (31hrs)	9		10	
<b><u>Industrial Staff</u></b>				
Cleaner - 37 hrs per week	2	2		
Cleaner - 25 hrs per week	1	1		
School Attendant Driver	1	1		

\* As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 07 a further 8 non-industrial posts were vacant

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 160 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The four Social Workers who are on contract terms are on contract with the Government of Gibraltar, according to the table, and not the Agency. Can the Minister say what the length of these contracts are?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes, they all fall within the category that the hon Member has just described, on contract with Government. Two are on their first probationary year, two new Social Workers and two are on renewable yearly contracts, UK nationals.

**NO. 161 OF 2007**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 giving a breakdown by grade and nationality?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

The Social Services Agency have 30 supply workers employed as at the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, as follows:

- 19 Gibraltarians
- 8 UK nationals
- 2 Spanish nationals
- 1 Polish national,

plus the two UK nationals on the yearly renewable contracts. If the hon Member wants to consider that as short-term contracts.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 161 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Are these supply workers all engaged in a particular type of work, or do they cover different activities?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

They only cover the support workers and the carers, at the Dr Giraldi and the Childrens Residential Service.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is it that they are supply workers because they are there to cover for absences from permanent workers, or are they sort of supply but permanently employed?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

They are there to cover for different kinds of absences.

ORAL

**NO. 162 OF 2007**

**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 end January 2007?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I hand the hon Member a list giving the information required.

**Answer to Question 162/2007**

**Social Services Agency Employees as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007**

Grade	Number of Employees	Female	Male	Gibraltar	UK National	Spanish National	Other Nationality	Resident Gibraltar	Resident Spain
<b><u>EMPLOYEES on GOG Terms</u></b>									
Chief Executive	1	1		1				1	
Team Leaders	1	1		1				1	
Counselling Psychologist	1	1		1					1
Senior Social Workers	3	3		2	1			1	2
Social Workers	12	10	2	8	4			10	2
Administration Manager (HEO)	1		1	1				1	
Personnel Officer (EO)	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	1		1	1				1	
Vehicle/Escort	1	1		1				1	
<b><u>DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</u></b>									
Drug strategy Co-ordinator	1		1					1	
Assistant to Drug Strategy Co-ordinator	1	1		1				1	

**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 162/2007**

**Social Services Agency Employees as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007**

Grade	Number of Employees	Female	Male	Gibraltarian	UK National	Spanish National	Other Nationality	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	1
Finance Officer	1	1		1				1	
Administrative Officers	4	4		4				4	
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
Deputy Manager Dr Giraldi	1	1			1			1	1
Administrative Officer (Part-time)	1	1							
Senior Support Workers (40hrs)	5	2	3	1	3			4	1
Support Workers (40hrs)	13	9	4	11	2			11	2
Support Workers (39hrs)	1		1	1				1	
Support Workers (37.5hrs)	28	20	8	7	14	6	1 Dutch	15	13
Support Workers (30hrs)	2	2		1	1			2	
Support Workers (20hrs)	7	6	1	3	1	2	1 Belgian	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		5	1
Care Workers (37.5hrs)	30	24	6	21	3	6		22	8
Care Workers (31hrs)	9	7	2	9				9	
<b>Industrial Staff</b>									
Cleaner - 37 hrs per week	2	2		2				2	
Cleaner - 25 hrs per week	1	1		1				1	
School Attendant/Driver	1		1						1

\* As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007 a further 8 non-industrial posts were vacant

\* The SSA also uses supply workers for relief cover who are not included here



**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 162 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In terms of the employees who are resident in Spain, for example, in areas like the Social Workers and the Counselling Psychologist, are any of these people required to be on-call?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Off the top of my head, not that I am aware of.

**NO. 163 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – EMPLOYEES**

Can Government state whether all the eligible Senior Social Workers in the Social Services Agency applied for the post of Team Leader in December 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Two of the three Senior Social Workers in the Social Services Agency applied for the post of Team Leader.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 163 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister say whether the selection took place for the team leader and if one of the two got it?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Yes, the selection took place in January and what was the second part of the question, I am sorry?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In fact, whether one of the two was found suitable for the post?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct.

ORAL

**NO. 164 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – EMPLOYEES**

Can Government state whether any of the 150 posts provided for in the Estimates of Expenditure of the Social Services Agency for 2006/2007 were vacant on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, and if so, identify the posts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

None of the 150 posts shown in the Estimates of Expenditure of the Social Services Agency for 2006/2007 were vacant. The figure of 150 represented a head count as at the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006.

**NO. 165 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ELDERLY CARE AGENCY**

Can Government state whether any of the 243 posts provided for in the Estimates of Expenditure of the Elderly Care Agency for 2006/07 were vacant on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, and if so, identify the posts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

Yes, there were nine vacant posts as follows:

1 Part-time Administrative Officer;  
1 Full-time Administrative Officer;  
2 Domestics;  
1 Registered Nurse;  
1 Patron Domestic, whatever that may mean, I think it is a typing error. Anyway some sort of other Domestic; plus  
3 Hybrid Posts, which are the posts that we recently recruited to cover different messenger duties, portering, it is a combination of things that they do.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 165 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Have those been filled during the course of this financial year, subsequent to the 1<sup>st</sup> April? Or are any still vacant?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

They have been filled.

ORAL

NO. 166 OF 2007

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 January 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS

I hand the hon Member a list giving the information requested.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 166/ 2007**

**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 THE END OF JANUARY 2007.**

				SINGLES		COUPLES		TOTAL
				No		No		No
FROM	£136.00	TO	£140.00	0		2		2
FROM	£131.00	TO	£135.00	0		0		0
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	24		0		24
FROM	£96.00	TO	£100.00	2		0		2
FROM	£91.00	TO	£95.00	0		0		0
FROM	£86.00	TO	£90.00	0		0		0
FROM	£81.00	TO	£85.00	1		0		1
FROM	£76.00	TO	£80.00	0		0		0
FROM	£71.00	TO	£75.00	0		0		0
FROM	£66.00	TO	£70.00	0		0		0
FROM	£61.00	TO	£65.00	26		0		26
FROM	£56.00	TO	£60.00	1		0		1
FROM	£51.00	TO	£55.00	5		1		6
FROM	£46.00	TO	£50.00	9		0		9
FROM	£41.00	TO	£45.00	14		1		15
FROM	£36.00	TO	£40.00	18		1		19
FROM	£31.00	TO	£35.00	13		1		14
FROM	£26.00	TO	£30.00	34		1		35
FROM	£21.00	TO	£25.00	20		3		23
FROM	£16.00	TO	£20.00	245		2		247
FROM	£11.00	TO	£15.00	19		3		22
FROM	£6.00	TO	£10.00	20		9		29
FROM	£0.00	TO	£5.00	20		0		20
TOTAL				471		24		495

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 166 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister confirm whether the fact that the Social Insurance is programmed to go up in April will, in fact, affect the eligibility to the Minimum Income Guarantee in the sense that if the basic social insurance pensions of some or all of these 495 goes up, that will mean they will have to be re-assessed? Or has the decision not been taken on that?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

Obviously and especially those at the lower end of the scale, those who receive less through minimum income. I mean, they will get more income now through the increase in the pensions but the minimum income will stay established as it is until in July, as is normally the case, it is increased by some percentage or other. So, the minimum income will remain the same until July. The minimum income established by Government. Now, some people might not get it through here but might get it through the increase in the pension.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

My question is, the position is then that following April the numbers eligible are likely to go down as a result of some people falling out of the net, as it were, as a result of getting higher. Presumably, mainly those who are getting, say £5 or whatever, if they get an increase of more than £5 in their insurance pension they would no longer be eligible for this. Am I right?

**HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:**

That is correct. They would get it through the pension increase.

ORAL

**NO. 167 OF 2007**

**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; or
- (c) pensioner?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS**

I have handed a list to the hon Member giving the information requested.



**Answer to Question No. 167 of 2007**

**Persons residing in the Government Hostels**

<b>Nationality</b>	<b>Employed</b>	<b>Unemployed</b>	<b>Pensioner</b>	<b>Total</b>
Moroccan	134	32	25	191
Pakistanis	1	-	-	1
Portuguese	1	-	-	1
Belgian	1	-	-	1
British	1	-	2	3
Sri-Lankan	-	1	-	1
	<b>138</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>198</b>

**NO. 168 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PSHE**

Can the Minister for Education state whether he has met with the Youth Council representatives to discuss the issues of PSHE and all the other issues which they mention in their report, as he stated in answer to Question No. 644 of 2006?

**ANSWER**

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

I have not yet met with the Youth Council representatives formally but I have, indeed, instructed the headteachers in the Comprehensives to attend to the concerns that the Youth Council expresses in their Report in respect of the Personal Social Health Education (PSHE) and Citizenship syllabus and its teaching. As a result of this the Department of Education and Training is currently planning quite a programme of in-service sessions for teachers and other professionals by experts in this field. It is envisaged that these will take place this academic year in order to fine-tune what is, indeed, an excellent PSHE Curriculum. The hon Member has full information of that when I passed it on to him last time.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 168 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Does the Minister envisage that Personal, Social, Health Education will become a core subject? Do all the children have to do it and do they have to choose it? Is it a course subject for GCSE for example?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

It is already a core subject in the curriculum. Whether there will be a GCSE course towards an exam on that remains to be seen.

**ORAL**

**NO. 169 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTRE**

Can the Minister for Education state whether an Alternative Learning Centre has been set up in any other school to be able to deal with children with behavioural problems?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 170 of 2007.

**NO. 170 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTRE**

Can the Minister for Education state how many pupils are currently attending the Alternative Learning Centre in Bayside?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 169 of 2007**

Alternative Learning Centres (ALC) have not been set up in any school other than Bayside School. The reason for this is that there has been no demand, no requests, no felt need from any other schools for this type of facility. But as I am sure he knows, there are, however, Learning Support Facilities (what used to be called Special Needs Units) servicing the needs of children across each school sector. There is currently one at First School level, another at Middle School level and two at Secondary level. These, of course, also serve to address behavioural problems as well as children's Special Educational Needs.

**Answer to Question No. 170 of 2007**

There are currently four full-time students and one part-time student receiving support in the Alternative Learning Centre at Bayside. The facilities could support, as I have explained in an earlier question, up to ten full-time students as and when the need arises. Numbers will change accordingly.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 169 AND 170 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

In the last House, now Parliament, I asked about suspended children in different schools and, if I remember correctly and off the top of my head, I stand to be corrected, the Girls Comprehensive had more girls suspended than boys. Therefore, the question arises, the next question would be, does the Minister not think that an Alternative Learning Centre should be set up in Westside, where there are more girls being suspended than in Bayside Boys Comprehensive?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Well maybe, but as I say, I have to rely for policy setting on the feedback that I get, the needs as expressed to me by the people in the field, the professionals at the operational level. Therefore, I would not like to pre-empt but, of course, it is something that remains open to review.

**HON S E LINARES:**

What happens to the girls who are suspended? Can they attend the Alternative Learning Centre in Bayside, where one has four full-time, one part-time but ten places? Therefore, there are vacant places there, does the Minister not think that these girls could use that facility or does he think that another facility should be set up in Westside?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The Minister will think whatever comes to him from those who operate these facilities. Certainly, there has been no significant approach in that respect from Westside School. But of course, as I said before, everything is open to review.

**NO. 171 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES**

Can the Minister for Education state when the Department of Education last inspected private nurseries in relation to accommodation, number on roll and staffing levels?

**ANSWER**

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

Officers from the Department of Education and Training have visited three Private Nurseries over the last five months. The issue of accommodation and numbers and roll and staffing levels in private nurseries is closely scrutinised whenever a concern reaches us about a particular private nursery, whether from parents, or from the owners. Certainly, when a new nursery is opened, by statute, it requires the approval of the Director of Education and Training based on current legislation, the rules set for standards required in nursery school premises.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 171 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is the Minister in a position to give us the number on roll and the staffing levels in all private nurseries?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I would have needed prior notice of that, I have not got the figure with me.

**HON S E LINARES:**

But is it available, I am asking, is it available?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Oh yes, definitely. I am sure it is in our books at the Department.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I asked this question in the last House and the answer from the Minister was that he did not go and count the children in private nurseries and he did not know what the staffing level was. That is why I have posed the question. Not only that, that going in to the Department of Education's website, it has a section which is pre-school education and it states clearly that they inspect the number on the roll and also the staffing level. This was surprising to me because when I asked the question in the last House he stated, 'no, we do not collect the number', and the explanation if I remember correctly, was that there are children who come for different reasons. For example, that there are children who come after school in order to wait there until the parents can collect them at six. So, therefore, either the information there has to be cleared or is erroneous. I think I would rather say that it needs to be cleared than erroneous, I do not think it is done on purpose. Put it this way, I think that what it needs is to be made clear. I say this because if we have people who come to Gibraltar, and we are getting that more increasingly, they come and live in Gibraltar, they do look at the website to see the facilities that they are going to encounter. I have had a situation where a parent of a child who has special needs looked in the Government website to see what sort of facilities that child is going to have when they come over. So I would ask the Minister to review that, to look into that and if possible, could I have the number on the roll and the staffing level?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Certainly, I will look into that, I think it is information that will be useful to all of us, not only visitors from abroad et cetera. I will see that our information is as complete and comprehensive as we can make it.

**NO. 172 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Can the Minister for Education state whether the Health and Safety audit of all institutions has been completed?

**ANSWER**

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

After consultation with Headteachers and the NASUWT (Gibraltar), the Department of Education and Training commissioned a sample Health and Safety audit from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. The visiting consultant carried out a sample audit of four educational establishments in order to advise the Department of Education and Training on policies and on the way forward. This written report, which has now been received, will be now presented to Headteachers at the forthcoming Headteachers' meeting with the Director of Education and Training later this term, and certainly to the Committee of the NASUWT. The findings of the report will be used to identify areas for further development in respect of all other institutions. In any case, it is envisaged that the remaining premises not included within the sample covered by the consultant, will also be inspected following the criteria. What the report does mostly is criteria to be established and following this criteria and procedures, we will develop the inspection of on-going management of Health and Safety issues in all the schools.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 172 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is it possible to have a copy of the written report? Basically for the criteria that are used, so that the Opposition can know exactly what criteria the people who have written the report are using.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

We would have to follow a proper protocol. I think the Headteachers should be the first to obtain the report, then the Union and by all means, once all that is cleared I would be delighted to pass on the information to the hon Member.



**HON S E LINARES:**

I do not mind being the last one.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I did not mean it that way.

**NO. 173 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – ROYAL GIBRALTAR REGIMENT CHILDREN**

Can the Minister for Education state whether he has had any meaningful discussion with the MOD in relation to the schooling of Royal Gibraltar Regiment children?

**ANSWER**

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

Since this issue was raised under Question No. 156 of 2006, I have reconsidered the matter and decided that really no discussions need to be entered into with the MOD in this respect. Simply because these children, from the Gibraltar Regiment parents, are extremely well-served in our own school system and the Department of Education and Training has never been asked to intercede on their behalf over what is, after all, an MOD decision and not a Gibraltar Government decision.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 173 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Does that mean the Gibraltar Regiment children do not pay for their schooling? The question should be, does the MOD pay for the schooling of the Royal Gibraltar Regiment children?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

No, because they are non-fee paying students.

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NO. 174 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

**EDUCATION – CO-EDUCATION 14-19 COMMITTEE**

Can Government state how many times the Co-education 14-19 Committee has met since this question was last posed?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 175 of 2007.

**NO. 175 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CO-EDUCATION 14-19 COMMITTEE**

Can the Minister for Education state whether the Co-education 14-19 Committee has made any recommendation in relation to introducing or not co-education in Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 174 of 2007**

As explained in respective replies to similar questions in December 2005 and March 2006, the original Co-Education Working Group has been subsumed by the 14-19 Working Group, since it was seen that the issue of co-education should not be seen in isolation but as part and parcel of the wider issues in current curricular reforms. Since the question was last posed, the group has met officially on five occasions, the last time as recently as last week. These meetings are on-going since, apart from carrying out strategic longer term thinking on the issue, the group – which includes the Headteachers and senior managers from the Secondary Schools – constantly review the joint 14-19 provisions. In fact, it is thanks to the group's work and the efforts at all three secondary institutions, that wider subject choice, I am glad to say, is now available to all 16+ students, in the form of practical consortiums which have been put together by the three institutions – the College, Westside and Bayside. This has led, also, to a significant element of co-education at this level across the three institutions. Furthermore, plans are now under way for some further 14-16 academic and vocational provision following this pattern.

The working group, chaired by the Director of Education and Training, also considers future 14-19 provision in the light of developments in England and Wales. As the hon Member will know, there are far reaching developments in the UK with emphasis on vocational training, vocational education. In relation to this aspect of the group's work, the Advisory Service, which supports the group, is in direct contact with those at the forefront of developments in UK. We receive regular visits from experts in that field in the UK. Sessions were held locally in November last year for staff from all three secondary institutions and members of the group.

**Answer to Question No. 175 of 2007**

As regards recommendations, no firm or definitive recommendations have been made on co-education specifically. He will understand from my previous answer the reason for that. But as I have already mentioned, since the group maintains an open

mind on how to adapt UK 14-19 initiatives to the local context, an element of co-education at the top of the secondary sector, I have just explained that, is already in place. Furthermore, I should point out that the Gibraltar College has, in any case as he knows, over the years always had a co-educational provision.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 174 AND 175 OF 2007**

##### **HON S E LINARES:**

In relation to the 14-16 reports that have come out from the UK, especially from England and Wales, should the Committee not be looking at other jurisdictions. I think we have had this debate before, but there is always a mention of England and Wales. We tend to follow like sheep, England and Wales education. There are other education systems, and I understand that the Minister has also explained to us that we have to go to UK universities and all that, but there is Scotland, Ireland, the Channel Islands and all these people, even people in the Continent do certain examinations which are acceptable to UK universities. So, should this Committee not be looking at education broadly rather than England and Wales?

##### **HON DR B A LINARES:**

Well, I am sure these are experts, these are professionals and if the hon Member is asking if they are looking at that, obviously they will be appraised and will be knowledgeable of what is going on in a wider field. But in practical and realistic terms, our educational system is modelled on the national curriculum of England and Wales. Therefore, as such, when it comes to practical operational aspects of drawing up syllabuses and curricular developments, obviously they will be focussing, I have to admit, focussing very much on what is happening in England and Wales. Always, perhaps, with an eye on other things happening elsewhere.

**ORAL**

**NO. 176 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – TLR**

Can Government state when it envisages introducing the Teaching and Learning Responsibilities (TLR) in Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

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

The Government envisage introducing the Teaching and Learning Responsibilities (TLRs) in Gibraltar in time for September 2007, the next academic year.

**NO. 177 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – TEACHERS ON PERMANENT SUPPLY**

Can Government state how many teachers are on permanent supply giving a breakdown by school?

**ANSWER**

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

There is no such thing as “permanent” supply. There are, however, 23 teachers covering a variety of needs and specialised requirements across the service and these are long-term supply teachers who have been employed for at least one academic year, but in some cases shorter than that. For instance, to cover maternity leave of some of our permanent staff.

A breakdown is provided in the schedule which I have passed on.

**Answer to Question 177 of 2007**

<b>Comments</b>		<b>Placement</b>
1	1 year full time teaching contract at St. Bernard's First School - Catchment area compensation	St. Bernard's First School
2	supply cover for a teacher on maternity leave at St. Joseph's Middle School. This is for the duration of the period of leave and should start in November p/t in SJMS for extra numbers	St. Joseph's Middle School
3	Music instructor at St. Paul's First	St. Paul's First School
4	Music teacher at St Mary's First School - National Curriculum requirement	St Mary's First School
5	1 year full time teaching contract at St. Joseph's First School - Special Needs Children	St. Joseph's First School
6	1 year full time teaching contract at Westside Comprehensive School - Food Technology subject-based requirement	Westside Comprehensive School
7	1 year full time teaching contract at Bayside Comprehensive School - RE subject-based requirement	Bayside Comprehensive School
8	1 year full time teaching contract at Bishop Fitzgerald School - substantial increase in numbers on roll	Bishop Fitzgerald Middle School
9	1 year full time teaching contract at Bayside Comprehensive School - Mathematics subject-based requirement	Bayside Comprehensive School
10	1 year part-time teaching contract at St. Mary's First School - extra nursery (mornings)	St. Mary's First School
11	1 year full time teaching contract at Westside Comprehensive School - RE subject-based requirement	Westside Comprehensive School
12	1 year full time teaching contract at St. Joseph's Middle School - increase in numbers on roll	St. Joseph's Middle School

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13	1 year full time teaching contract at Bayside Comprehensive School - Mathematics subject-based requirement	Bayside Comprehensive School
14	Music instructor at Westside - GCSE and A Level assistance	Westside Comprehensive School
15	1 year part-time teaching contract at St. Paul's First School and Nursery	St. Paul's First School
16	BEST	BEST
17	1 year full time teaching contract at St. Paul's First School - increase in numbers on roll	St. Paul's First School
18	1 year full time teaching contract at the Gibraltar College - A Level Psychology subject-based requirement	Gibraltar College
19	1 year part-time teaching contract at St. Joseph's First School and Nursery - extra nursery	St. Joseph's First School
20	1 year p/t Westside as Music instructor	Westside Comprehensive School
21	Vacancy (Stephen Linares)	St Martin's Special School
22	BEST	BEST
23	BEST	BEST

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 177 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

I am pleased that the Minister has now come round to accepting that permanent supply is a contradiction in terms, quite frankly. This is why I have posed the question, really. This terminology has been used by the Government themselves, not me, therefore I am using the terminology that the Government have come up with. We have had, again, a lengthy debate on the issue of supply more than one year. Therefore, the next question should be, has the Government now got a contract system with these teachers, as he stated in the last House that he would have for September 2006?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Maybe it is a question of semantics. I mean permanent, meaning permanent long-term supply teachers. For example, covering maternity leave, in that sense there is a permanency in the contractual arrangement with that teacher. But in terms of contracts covering conditions of service and all that, it is in the pipeline.

**HON S E LINARES:**

The pipe seems to be very long. Does the Minister have an indication as to when, because I have asked this question since about 2005, I think? He has always said, 'yes it is in the pipeline', 'yes the Human Resources Department is looking at it' and so forth. The Minister must realise that these teachers, or whoever, but in this case teachers, of which he has given me a list, 23 of them, they go through a lot in the sense that they go for mortgages, they are not allowed mortgages because they are on supply, they have conditions of service which are not the same as the normal teachers. Could the Minister then state when, again, will these contracts be dishd out to these teachers?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Indeed, I have to say I sympathise with what the hon Member has said but I have also given him the state of play as at this moment.

ORAL

NO. 178 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

**EDUCATION – RESPONSIBILITY POSTS**

Can the Minister for Education state how many responsibility posts are vacant this academic year giving a breakdown by school and responsibility?

ANSWER

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

There are a total of 47 vacant responsibility allowances in our schools. A breakdown by school is provided in the schedule which I now hand to the hon Member.

**Answer to Question 178 of 2007****Total number of vacant responsibility posts in schools 2006-2007**

<b>School</b>	<b>Responsibility Post</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Bayside</b>	Admin	<b>16</b>
	Curriculum	
	Careers	
	Year Tutor	
	Year Tutor	
	Head of Maths	
	Science Coord	
	ICT Coord	
	Physics	
	History	
	Library	
	Drama	
	Asst Y12/13 Tut	
	Sociology	
	Maths	
	Ass't to HoD Spanish	
<b>Westside</b>	Year Tutor	<b>15</b>
	Year Tutor	
	Science Coord/Phys	
	Head of English	
	Head of MFL	
	Home Econ	
	SENCO	
	Physics	
	Biology	
	Textiles	
	Maths	
	RE to MA3	
	SEN	
	Art	
	Careers	
<b>Bishop Fitzgerald School</b>	Assistant to HoD Maths	<b>1</b>

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<b>College</b>	Admin Coord C&PD Manager Sport	<b>3</b>
<b>Governor's Meadow</b>	Science & Tech RE/Year Coord Maths/Year Coord	<b>3</b>
<b>Hebrew School</b>	Science/Maths	<b>1</b>
<b>Notre Dame</b>	SEN	<b>1</b>
<b>St Anne's</b>	ICT	<b>1</b>
<b>St Joseph's First</b>	Maths PE	<b>2</b>
<b>St Joseph's Middle</b>	Maths English PE	<b>3</b>
<b>St Mary's First</b>	Art/Craft	<b>1</b>

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 178 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Just before I get the schedule, is the Minister aware of how many responsibility posts there are, because I understand why the Minister is holding back on these vacancies? It is in order for the TLRs I presume, it is in combination with the TLRs. So the question would be, does the Minister know how many responsibility posts there are and what will happen with those that are not vacant, that they are still in post? Are they going to be replaced, changed or are their job descriptions going to be changed, adapted or whatever?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The introduction, the restructuring of the Teaching Learning Responsibilities, is a wide area which, of course, it would be inappropriate for me to spell out here. It will affect every responsibility because the whole philosophy behind it is just to turn what are now management responsibilities, purely management responsibilities, into more quality teaching responsibilities. Therefore, it will affect every responsibility in every school. This is what is being negotiated. Well, not quite negotiated as yet but, certainly, and I think there is a question about that later, with the NASUWT and it would be inappropriate, as I say now, to anticipate things.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I know it would be inappropriate but the Minister is announcing that it will be in place in September 2007. So what he is saying is that it will be in place in September 2007 despite the fact that the negotiations have not yet finished. Is that correct?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The negotiations are not completed, there has been a lot of progress, there is now a consensus model of the global restructuring scheme between the Union and the Department of Education and Training. This has now been submitted to Government for consideration, that is why I avoided the word 'negotiation' because there are cost implications and all that, that still need to be worked out. But, definitely, there has been a lot of progress and we are very hopeful, and he can throw it back at me if it does not happen in September 2007.

**NO. 179 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – VISITS TO SPAIN BY OFFICIALS**

Can Government list all the visits to Spain conducted by officials of the Department of Education on Government business in the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 to date giving the reason for the visit, the duration, the cost, and what was achieved?

**ANSWER**

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

Officials of the Department of Education and Training have visited Spain on Government business over the years stated in the Question as follows:

There were three visits in 2003, culminating in a seminar which was held in Los Barrios, where the Gibraltar model of education was discussed during the seminar.

There was one visit per year in 2004 and 2005 to determine a calendar of events for school visits throughout the year. There were two visits in 2006, one to determine a calendar of events and the second consisted of a visit to a secondary school.

There has been one visit this year already to determine this year's calendar of events.

Most visits consisted of morning sessions.

As regards the cost, I can tell the hon Member that these visits were at no cost to Government as our officials very generously use their own transportation.

Most of the visits have been to the Delegacion de Educacion in Los Barrios.

Events organised for our school children are very interesting. They include tree planting sessions in the reforestation carried out by the Environmental School of the Alcornocales, very popular Dias de Convivencia they are called. Locally, Los Barrios, including visits to schools and sporting events held in Los Barrios and Gibraltar. We also arrange visiting tours, liaising with the Tourism Department, round the Rock for school children in other towns in the neighbourhood.

ORAL

**NO. 180 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**TRANSBORDER INSTITUTE**

Can Government state what are the aims and objectives of the Transborder Institute and whether Government is satisfied that it is achieving these?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 181 and 182 of 2007.



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**NO. 181 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**TRANSBORDER INSTITUTE**

Can Government state what events have been organised by the Transborder Institute in the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 180 and 182 of 2007,

**NO. 182 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**TRANSBORDER INSTITUTE**

Can Government state who the current director of the Transborder Institute is and how much is his or her remuneration?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 180 of 2007**

The Transborder Institute is not at present functional. This is because the appointment of a new Director on the Spanish side by the Diputacion de Cadiz is still pending.

The aim of the Institute is to promote research and provide educational and cultural exchanges and assistance on matters (mostly academic matters) related to the societies on both sides of the frontier and, indeed, on both sides of the Straits. We have to remember that the Transborder Institute was founded as the Instituto Transfronterizo del Estrecho de Gibraltar. While the Institute was functional until 2005, the Government were, indeed, satisfied that these aims were being achieved.

**Answer to Question No. 181 of 2007**

I have now passed on to the hon Member factual information about the great variety of events which were organised during the years 2003, 2004 and 2005.

**Answer to Question No. 182 of 2007**

The current director of the Institute is Dr Clive Finlayson who receives no remuneration for this task.

### **Answer to Question No. 181 of 2007**

September-December 2003 – Ciclo de conferencias entorno a las relaciones de vecindad

18-20 November, 2003 – Curso de formación de inmigrantes para los servicios Sociales comunitarios. Iniciativa comunitaria “Equal Arena”.

1-12 December, 2003 – Campo de Trabajo internacional del voluntariado social.

24 March, 2004 – Prof Eudald Carbonell (Universitat Rovira i Virgili and Premio Príncipe de Asturias) – Lecture on integration of diversity and socialisation of science and technology.

5 April, 2004 – Lectures “The experience of three transborder scientists”.

21 April, 2004 – Diego Sales (Rector Cadiz University) – Role of the university in the society of knowledge.

26 May, 2004 – Dennis Beiso, Mary Chiappe, Geraldine Finlayson – British influence in the cultural diversity of Gibraltar and its hinterland.

4-5 June, 2004 – Symposium “The role of the Strait of Gibraltar in history”.

September 2005 – Iberian Quaternary Congress.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 180 TO 182 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Since when has the post of Director, or the person running and organising all this, since when has it been vacant?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Some time in 2005, I cannot actually off the top of my head give a particular month in that year, but it was when the previous Director ceased in his role by taking a different job in Madrid. Since then the job has been vacant.

**HON S E LINARES:**

The Minister said that it is not functioning. Therefore, the question should be, where does the money go which is assigned in the Estimates of Expenditure? For example, there is an item which is 'Transborder Institute' specifically in the Estimates of Expenditure. If I remember correctly, it is around £25,000 or £27,000, where does it go if there is no Director and it is not functioning? Where does it go?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

It went to pay for the Administrator on our side, who obviously had to be paid a salary and the rest was just left over because it was not used for the purpose for which it was voted.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I take it that the Administrator is then Dr Clive Finlayson?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

No, the Administrator was, now he has been transferred because he is not functioning, Mr Darion Ramos – that now has been transferred to another job within Government.

ORAL

**NO. 183 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CONSTRUCTION AND TRAINING CENTRE**

Can Government state how many of the trainees who completed their training at level 2 and 3 NVQ at the Construction and Training Centre in the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006/7 to date have obtained employment in the trade trained for giving a breakdown by year and trade employed for?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 184 of 2007.

**NO. 184 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state how many of the trainees who completed their training at Cammell Laird in the year 2006/2007 to date have been employed by Cammell Laird giving a breakdown by year and trade employed for?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 183 of 2007**

When a trainee has achieved NVQ Level 2 (Craftsman status) or NVQ Level 3 (Advanced Craftsman status) and subsequently leaves the Gibraltar Construction Training Centre, he is not required to furnish the Training Centre Manager with any details in respect of whatever employment he may be taking up after that. So, it is therefore impossible to give him information about the years 2003 to 2005. In any case, some of the trainees then may have now shifted their jobs, they have moved from one employment to another since then. But I am very pleased, however, to inform the hon Member that this year nine former GCTC trainees have recently been recruited into the Buildings and Works Department and, furthermore, the Government of Gibraltar shortly intend to recruit additional craftsmen which no doubt will attract further applications from recent ex-trainees of the Gibraltar Construction Training Centre.

The nine ex-trainees recently recruited into the Buildings and Works Department obtained their qualifications in the following construction trades:

Four Masons  
Two Carpenters  
One Plumber  
Two Painters/Decorators

**Answer to Question No. 184 of 2007**

A total of eight trainees completed their training in the joint Cammell Laird and Government of Gibraltar Training Centre, otherwise known as the Engineering Trades Training Scheme, during 2006 and so far in 2007. Of these, two have been employed by Cammell Laird (Gibraltar) Ltd as electricians. Three have been employed in the Gibraltar Electricity Authority; one welder is undergoing further training (presumably to NVQ 3); one mechanic has actually left Gibraltar, and when

the question was put to me, one electrician of the eight was at that moment unemployed.

**NO. 185 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – BREAK-IN AT ST BERNARD’S SCHOOL**

Can Government state what has been the total cost of the break-in that occurred on the weekend of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of January 2007 at St Bernard’s School?

**ANSWER**

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

The total cost of the break-in in respect of ICT equipment is just under £8,000. The sum of £70 in cash also went missing. The cost of replacing locks and repairing a window is £142.

I want to say that equipment to the value of £2,500 has been replaced thanks to the very kind donation from a firm, St Minver, to whom I take this opportunity to express our gratitude.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 185 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Can the Minister confirm that the break-in was done by juveniles?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Frankly, I would not like to comment on anything which is still, I suppose, under investigation and it is an area that I would not like to delve into.

**HON S E LINARES:**

The media has come out saying that two have been arrested. I am just asking whether they are juveniles or not.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Did they say that they were juveniles?



**HON S E LINARES:**

No, I am asking.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Well, I am not prepared to comment on that.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Sorry, with respect to the Minister, the Government as the operator of St Bernard's is the victim of the crime. The Government as the operator of the school is the victim of the crime, it is not in any way responsible for the management of the arrest of those individuals in question. I think that the question is directed in that way. Is the victim aware of whether or not these individuals have been arrested in respect of a complaint made by it? If they have been arrested, is the victim aware whether those two individuals are juveniles or not? Is the victim aware and does not want to say or is the victim simply not aware? I think it is not so much dealing with the issues that would affect if this question were put to the police.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The victim is aware but it is just a matter of concern for me that I would not like to define the people involved, arrested, as juveniles. The victim is aware but does not want to say.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Would he tell us the age group then if he does not want to define them as juveniles? It is very simple, are they under 16s or over 16s?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Was the hon Member trained by the Jesuits?

**HON F R PICARDO:**

No, most of my training I did under him as he knows, that is why I am so punctilious and it is a good thing. So, under 16 or over 16?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I will leave it at that if the hon Member does not mind.

ORAL

**NO. 186 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – BULLYING IN SCHOOLS**

Can Government state how many incidents of bullying have been reported to headteachers and/or teachers, however minor the case might be, in the academic years of 2004/5, 2005/6 and 2006/7 to date, giving a breakdown by school?

**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 186 of 2007**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>2004/5</b>	<b>2005/6</b>	<b>2006/7</b>
GIBRALTAR COLLEGE	0	0	0
BAYSIDE	7	5	3
WESTSIDE	1	4	3
BISHOP FITZGERALD	3	2	1
SACRED HEART	7	9	6
ST. ANNE'S	3	2	3
ST. JOSEPH'S MIDDLE	4	2	1
GOVERNOR'S MEADOW	2	0	2
NOTRE DAME	0	0	0
ST. BERNARD'S	3	1	1
ST. JOSEPH'S FIRST	1	3	2
ST. MARY'S	0	0	0
ST. PAUL'S	0	0	0
HEBREW PRIMARY	0	0	0
ST. MARTIN'S	0	1	1

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 186 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Are these incidents, or should I say, in the schedule that the Minister has passed on to me what criteria is used to define bullying? Is it the same criteria that some schools have, or the Department has, or is it minor cases that are noted on the list?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The criteria that we have used and that has now become uniform for all schools, is the definition given for bullying, officially, by the Department for Education and Skills. I would be very happy to actually pass on to him the definition which is now being applied by all schools in defining bullying incidents. I can go over it quickly. DFEE 2000 'Bullying - Don't Suffer in Silence' definition considers it to be: deliberately hurtful (including aggression); repeated often over a period of time and difficult for victims to defend themselves against. The three main types are: physical (hitting, kicking, taking belongings); verbal (name-calling, insulting, making offensive remarks); indirect (spreading nasty stories about someone, for example, excluding someone from a social group). I think there is an element of that all over the place. The hon Member can have this.

## The nature of Bullying

- The DFEE 2000 Bullying -  
don't suffer in silence  
definition considers it to be:
  - Deliberately hurtful  
(including aggression)
  - Repeated often over a  
period of time;
  - Difficult for victims to defend  
themselves against
- The three main types are:
  - Physical – hitting, kicking,  
taking belongings;
  - Verbal – name calling,  
insulting, making offensive  
remarks;
  - Indirect – spreading nasty  
stories about someone,  
excluding someone from a  
social group

**HON S E LINARES:**

I appreciate the Minister passing it on to me. I am aware of it but I would appreciate that anyway. The thing is that he actually passed it on to me when I last posed the question. If the Minister for Social Affairs is now jumping up and saying why am I asking the question again, because I have this time put minor cases. Therefore, it is however minor the case might be. I know there is a definition but I wanted to know whether minor cases are being reported and are not considered to be bullying. Therefore, that is why I posed the question. The next question is, can the Minister state whether all schools have now got a bullying policy?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I am very proud, actually, of the work being done by all schools in really facing up to this type of situation in an expert sort of way, in a scientific sort of way. We are inservicing, bringing people who know about these things. There has been a lot and zero-tolerance type policies are being adopted. The hon Member can rest assured that Headteachers generally and Heads of Department have taken this very seriously and there are very clear-set policies which are continually being reviewed in the light of what happens in schools. I am quite satisfied about that.

ORAL

**NO. 187 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – MINOR WORKS EXPENDITURE**

Can Government state how much has been spent on schools in minor works in the years 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 to date giving a breakdown by school and a description of the works done?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question No. 188 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 188 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE**

Can Government state how much has been spent on schools in maintenance in the years 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 to date giving a breakdown by school?

**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 188 of 2007****Answer to Question 187**

The amount spent on Minor Works in schools during the financial year 2005/6 and 2006/7 (to date) is as follows:-

SCHOOL	2005/06	2006/07
Bayside	£331,767	£609,195
Westside	£212,692	£29,487
GCFE	-	£16,145
St Joseph's Middle	£4,138	-
Sacred Heart	-	£6,514
Bishop Fitzgerald	£101,427	£6,676
St Anne's Middle	£49,120	£9,271
Hebrew	-	£880
St Martin's Special	-	£80,598
Notre Dame First	-	£19,820
St Mary's First	-	£19,404
St Bernard's First	-	£51,250
St Joseph's First	-	£3,949
Governor's Meadow First	-	£29,644
St Paul's First	£41,582	£16,947

**Description of Works by Schools**

School	2005/6	2006/7
Bayside	Refurbishment of Laboratories Internal Painting	External painting Completion of internal painting Refurbishment of Laboratories ALC
Westside	Extension – four classes	Completion of extension – 4 classes Replacing carpets with lino (flea infestation)
GCFE		Repairs to rainwater ingress
Bishop Fitzgerald	Toilets and Stores Asbestos analysis & ancillary works	Refurbishment of submersible pump house
St Anne's	Replacing lino Replacing stair tread nosings Removal of some translucent blocks, replacing of same and installing windows on the same façade	Replacing lino Alterations to doors, steps etc to accommodate a wheelchair bound pupil
St Joseph's Middle	Partition works to create a new classroom	
Sacred Heart		Repairs to falling façade, eaves and downpipes
St Paul's First	Fire safety works	
Hebrew		Repairs to falling ceiling
St Mary's First		Converting an unused room into a nursery

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**Contd Answer to Question 188 of 2007**

**Contd Answer to Question 187**

Governor's Meadow		Converting an unused classroom into a nursery
St Bernard's		Removal and encapsulation of asbestos
St Joseph's First		Converting a classroom into a nursery
St Paul's First		Resurfacing playground
Notre Dame First		Replacing window frames (termite infestation)
		Repairs – rain water ingress
St Martin's Special		Repairs – rain water ingress

**Answer to Question 188**

The amount spent on maintenance in schools during the financial years 2005/6 and 2006/7 (to date) is as follows:

SCHOOL	2005/06	2006/07
Bayside	£16,738	£22,590
Westside	£24,770	£39,440
GCFE	£20,150	£10,836
St Joseph's Middle	£22,512	£14,755
Sacred Heart Middle	£9,534	£10,458
Bishop Fitzgerald	£15,143	£10,404
St Anne's Middle	£18,446	£62,494
Hebrew	£1,749	£23,793
St Martin's Special	£20,340	£10,334
Notre Dame First	£17,456	£13,295
St Mary's First	£16,043	£6,630
St Bernard's First	£14,258	£3,993
St Joseph's First	£7,749	£13,635
Governor's Meadow First	£12,596	£6,256
St Paul's First	£15,330	£11,613

**NO. 189 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – NUMBER OF CHILDREN**

Can Government state what was the number of children under 5 in First and Second schools on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006, giving a breakdown by sex?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 190 of 2007. May I point out, that I take it that the hon Member is asking about children in First Schools, there is no such thing, with respect, as Second Schools. It must have crept into the question there. In any case, under 5's are all in First Schools, Reception Years and Nurseries.

**NO. 190 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – NUMBER OF CHILDREN**

Can Government state what was the number of children in Secondary schools aged 14 to 15, excluding Service children, on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006, giving a breakdown by sex?

**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. If I can help further, the totals (I worked it out myself) nurseries have 122 boys and 101 girls, a total of 223 under 5's in nurseries. In First Schools we have 154 boys and 170 girls, making it a total of 324 under 5's in First Schools. The answer to Question Nos. 189 and 190 of 2007 about the population in Secondary Schools, excluding Service children, pupils aged 14-15 in Secondary Schools, a total of 483, girls 244 and boys 239 but he has got that information on paper.

**Answer to Question 190 of 2007****Answer to Question 189**

<b>Nurseries</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Governor's Meadow	11	9
Notre Dame	26	15
St. Bernard's	19	17
St. Joseph's	31	22
St. Mary's	12	18
St. Paul's	21	19
St. Martin's	2	1

<b>First Schools</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
Governor's Meadow	26	28
Notre Dame	19	20
St. Bernard's	13	10
St. Joseph's	34	44
St. Mary's	8	22
St. Paul's	46	38
Hebrew School	5	8
St Martin's	3	0

**Answer to Question 190**

The number of children in Secondary schools aged 14 to 15, excluding Service children, on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006 is as follows:-

Total: 483  
Girls: 244  
Boys: 239

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 189 AND 190 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Do these figures mean that the intake is now around the figure of 325 and, in fact, we have got more children as it were coming out of the other end of the education system than there are going in at the beginning?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

I would have to check the figures of those going out at the other end but, yes, we have an intake of 324 into the First Schools but then there are those in Nurseries who also pass on to Reception Year in First Schools and add up to the total intake, which makes it then about 500 and something.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

That is why, I am not very sure how to interpret this because I am not sure whether it means that there are sort of 548 coming in and 483, as it were, reaching the end of compulsory education. I know they carry on to 16, 17 and so on but I am looking at the compulsory education period. I am not sure whether, in looking as it were, at the projections into the future what we have is less or more coming in, because it depends whether the correct way to do this is to add the 325 and 223 and treat it as the entry group, or to take only the ones in the First Schools. Which is the right interpretation?

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

It would make it 547 entry and at school leaving age of 15 we have 483. There is a slight drop there and it could be that some students do not pursue their career in our schools, but I would have to investigate that. There is something to be tallied there.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not questioning whether the numbers coming out are lower than the ones coming in. My question was in fact the opposite. Do the numbers in the nurseries then go on to be next year's First School entrants, plus people who may not be in nurseries? In which case, is the first year of formal education, as it were, the 325 and is that the correct figure to compare with the 483 that are leaving the system? That is my question.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

The entry into the First Schools is 324 at this particular year. The nursery complement will pass on to the following year and make up whatever, 300 odd in the next academic year, but the entry into our First Schools has to be assessed as being, for that particular year that the hon Member asked, September 2006, 324.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So therefore, then, if I go back to my original supplementary that would indicate that in the first year of school there are now less people entering that in the 14-15 age range, which is the 483 that are completing their compulsory education.

**HON DR B A LINARES:**

Yes, that is right.

ORAL

**NO. 191 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – SCHOOL FEES**

Can Government state the amount outstanding in arrears of School Fees as at 31 March 2006 and the number of school children involved?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 192 and 193 of 2007.



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**NO. 192 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – SCHOOL FEES**

Can Government state the years in which the arrears of school fees outstanding as at 31 March 2006 relate to and should have been paid?

**ANSWER**

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 191 and 193 of 2007.

**NO. 193 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – SCHOOL FEES**

Can Government state the number of fee paying school children as at 31 March 2006 in respect of which there were no arrears of school fees?

**ANSWER**

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

**Answer to Question No. 191 of 2007**

The amount outstanding in arrears as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 in respect of non-resident school fees is £16,687.55, involving 16 pupils. May I point out that not all these 16 pupils are now currently in school.

**Answer to Question No. 192 of 2007**

Unpaid school fees outstanding as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 relate to the following:

£564.23 – Summer 2004/2005 – These fees should have been paid during April 2005;

£3,455.32 – Autumn 2005/2006 – These fees should have been paid during September 2005;

£12,668 – Spring 2005/2006 – These fees should have been paid during January 2006.

The total amount outstanding is £16,687.55, which is the amount outstanding in arrears as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

**Answer to Question No. 193 of 2007**

There were 27 fee paying school children as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 of which there were no arrears of school fees.

**NO. 194 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT**

Can Government state whether the 60 supply workers in the Education Department included for the first time in the October 2005 Employment Survey Report are included as part-time adult female workers and if they are shown within Table 13 as weekly paid or Table 15 as monthly paid?

**ANSWER**

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

For the purposes of clarification, the Survey Summary in the Employment Survey 2005 refers to an increase of 60 employee jobs within the Education Industry. The reason for the increase was the inclusion of persons directly employed by the Department of Education on a supply basis. The Department actually employed 75 such persons, thus the increase of 60 is net of increases and decreases within all the organisations included in the industry.

The 75 supply workers were monthly-paid. Of these 18 were part-time adult females and were included as such in Table 15 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report.

**NO. 195 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT**

Can Government provide a breakdown by sex and nationality of the 60 supply workers in the Education Department, included for the first time in the October 2005 Employment Survey Report?

**ANSWER**

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

The figures refer to 75 supply workers in the Education Department as explained in answer to Question No. 194 of 2007. The breakdown is as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
<b>Gibraltar</b>	15	43	58
<b>UK British</b>	5	11	16
<b>Moroccan</b>	0	0	0
<b>Spanish</b>	0	0	0
<b>Other EU</b>	0	1	1
<b>Other</b>	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	20	55	75

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 195 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I take it from the answer to Question Nos. 194 and 195 taken together, that the position is that in the particular month of October when the Survey was done, 60 of the 75 were working but that at any other time of the year it could be more or less. Is that the correct interpretation of the answer to these two questions?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, I do not think that is correct. The figure of 60 was the balance of increases and decreases throughout the year. The figure of 75 is actually a snapshot that is taken at a particular time of the Survey being undertaken, and because, for example, this figure includes things like Classroom Aides, Lecturers, Teachers, Long-term Supply Workers, for example, that are recruited to do a specific course or whatever, the

figure does alter quite significantly throughout the year, depending on a particular time.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So then the answer is that there were 75 actually employed in October but that there was a reduction of 15 elsewhere in the Department, which produced a net figure of 60 for that month, is that correct?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct, at that particular point the figure was 60.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But why does the Survey say that this is the first time that they are shown? Is it because in previous years this group of employees was excluded from the Survey results?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

My understanding is that the Statistics Office used to get their figures from the Treasury pay roll where these persons were not included. It was then realised that as the Department of Education employed these and paid for these separately, they had been omitted in previous Surveys. Now, obviously, when the error or the abnormality was spotted, it was included and therefore the footnote in the Survey clearly identified that the matter was being rectified and that the Survey included this.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So in fact, the increase in terms of manpower is only in the fact that it was recorded for the first time but it is not that it has happened for the first time, it has been a regular feature?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct.

ORAL

NO. 196 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT**

Can Government state how many questionnaires were issued for the October 2006 Employment Survey, how many have been returned to date and whether the survey is now closed?

ANSWER

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

In respect of the October 2006 Employment Survey, a total of 1,687 questionnaires were issued. To date, 1,492 have been returned. Non-respondents are being chased up and it is expected that the Survey will be closed in the first week of March 2007.

**NO. 197 OF 2007**

**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 Parliament, 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**

Since the last Question Time in this House, the Government have assisted with the Tangier Med Conference which took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in Gibraltar. The cost to Government was £3,128.85. The department that was most directly involved was the Department of Trade and Industry.

**NO. 198 OF 2007**

**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 Parliament, 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 from Gibraltar on Government business as follows:

- (a) 30<sup>th</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February for the FITUR tourism fair. The evening reception was held at the Gran Melia Fenix Hotel and the fair at the IFEMA exhibition complex in Madrid, Spain.
- (b) 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007 for a UKGTA meeting at the RAC Club, London, UK.



**NO. 199 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TANGIER MED PORT AUTHORITY PRESENTATION**

Can Government give the cost, if any, with a breakdown of the participation of the InvestGibraltar Office of the DTI in the organisation of the presentation by the Tangier Med Port Authority at the Elliott Hotel on 7 February?

**ANSWER**

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

The cost of assisting Tangier Med Port Authority at the Elliott Hotel on 7<sup>th</sup> February was £3,128.85.

The breakdown of this cost is as follows:-

(a) Transport	-	£160.00
(b) Reception	-	£1,802.05
(c) Room Hire	-	£300.00
(d) Meals	-	£677.15
(e) Memento	-	£189.65

**ORAL**

**NO. 200 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TOURISM/PORT/BUSINESS AND 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 6 July 2006;
- (c) the Business and Commerce Advisory Council since 13 July 2006;
- (d) the E-Business Advisory Council since 13 July 2006?

**ANSWER**

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

The Tourism Advisory Council has met once; on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

The Port Advisory Council has met twice; on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

The Business and Commerce Advisory Council has met once; on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

The E-Business Advisory Council has met once; on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 201 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – INFORMATION OFFICER AND INFORMATION PATROL OFFICER**

How many persons applied for the post of Information Officer and Information Patrol Officer which was advertised in November, how many vacancies were there, and have these now been filled?

**ANSWER**

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

There were four applications for the post of Visitor Information Patrol Officer and eight applicants for the post of Information Officer.

There was one vacancy for Visitor Information Patrol Officer and one vacancy for Information Officer.

The posts have now been filled with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 202 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – REVENUE RAISED**

Can Government say how much revenue has been raised on a monthly basis from October 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**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested.

**Answer to Question 202 of 2007**

- (a) Revenue raised at the Coach Park from October 2006 inclusive:

Month	Number of Buses	Paid	Total
October 2006	950	£10	£9,500
November 2006	502	£10	£5,020
December 2006	362	£10	£3,620
January 2007	311	£10	£3,110
February 2007*	115	£10	£1,150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2240</b>		<b>£22,400</b>

\*To date (14.02/07)

- (b) Revenue raised in Admission fees to the Upper Rock from October 2006 inclusive.

Month	Amount
October 2006	£312,726.80
November 2006	£140,045.68
December 2006	£119,861.94
January 2007	£93,591.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£666,226.12</b>

- (c) Revenue raised in admission charges to the Gibraltar Museum from October 2006 inclusive.

Month	Amount
October 2006	£1,499.95
November 2006	£1,883.92
December 2006	£802.15
January 2007	£1,422.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,608.84</b>

ORAL

**NO. 203 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – COACH PARK ATTENDANT**

How many persons applied for the vacancy of Coach Park Attendant which was advertised in February?

**ANSWER**

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

A total of 14 persons applied for the vacancy of Coach Park Attendant which was advertised in February.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 203 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Minister say whether the applications are still being processed and considered, or whether the post has been filled?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, my understanding is that interviews were held last week so I assume that it is going through the process of appointment.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In relation to the 14 that applied, is the Minister in a position to say how many are Gibraltarian of those 14 and what nationality the rest might be?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, of the 14, 12 are Gibraltarians. One is an internal application which is Gibraltarian as well, and then one Moroccan.

**NO. 204 OF 2007**

**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 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**

I hand the hon Member schedules with the information requested.

**Answer to Question 204 for 2007**

The figures requested are as follows:

(a) Stayed at hotel:

	<u>Total No. Of Interviews</u>	<u>Stayed at Hotel</u>	<u>Airport</u>	<u>Average Length of Stay</u>	<u>Frontier</u>	<u>Average Length of Stay</u>
Sept 2006	1,262	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 2006	1,241	-	-	-	-	-
Nov 2006	1,664	53	52	5.3	1	3.0
Dec 2006	1,246	-	-	-	-	-

(b) Not stayed at hotel:

	<u>Total Interviews Not Stayed At Hotel</u>	<u>Airport</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Frontier</u>	<u>Marina</u>	<u>Coach Park</u>
Sept 2006	1,262	-	-	1,262	-	-
Oct 2006	1,241	-	-	1,241	-	-
Nov 2006	1,611	66	34	1,365	4	142
Dec 2006	1,246	-	-	1,246	-	-



ORAL

NO. 205 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**PORT – BUNKERING LICENCES**

Can Government say whether any new bunkering licences were issued in 2006 and 2007 to date, and if so to whom and on what date?

ANSWER

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

No new bunkering licences were issued in 2006 and 2007 to date.

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NO. 206 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**PORT – BUNKERING LICENCES**

Are any new applications for a bunkering licence currently under consideration?

ANSWER

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

No new applications for bunkering licences are under consideration.

ORAL

NO. 207 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**PORT – SHIP VISITS**

How many ships have called at Gibraltar since October 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

I hand the hon Member schedules with the information requested.

**Answer to Question 207**

**Ship calls since October 2006 inclusive.**

	October	November	December	January
(a) Bunkering	503	524	456	475
(b) Cargo	8	10	11	13
(c) Repairs	16	17	14	15

**Bunkers Sold (Tonnes)**

October	November	December
333,838	340,175	327,258

The figures for bunkers sold in January 2007 is not yet available.

ORAL

NO. 208 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

**ENVIRONMENT – HYDROGEN SULPHATE**

What levels of hydrogen sulphate have been detected by the Bunkering Superintendent in each of the spot checks he has carried out?

ANSWER

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

I hand the hon Member schedules with the information requested.

### Answer to Question 208

The following are laboratory results for H<sub>2</sub>S in liquid from samples taken during spot checks from barges supplying Fuel Oil to vessels in the Bay of Gibraltar and from tankers, before being allowed to discharge Fuel Oil along side the wharf.

March 27 2006	"Isola Gialla"	< 0.5ppm
May 16 2006	"Green Star"	< 0.5ppm
July 15 2006	"Breeze A"	< 0.5ppm
July 25 2006	"Maersk Ramsey"	< 0.5ppm
August 14 2006	"Maersk Ramsey"	< 0.5ppm
August 30 2006	Ocean Quest"	< 0.5ppm
September 19 2006	"British Esteem"	0.5ppm
October 16 2006	"Maersk Riga	< 0.5 – 0.62ppm
October 17 2006	"Caleta"	1.1ppm
October 17 2006	"Eileen	1.4ppm
November 23 2006	"Histria Perla"	< 0.5ppm
December 08 2006	"British Esteem"	< 0.5ppm
December 24 2006	"Ashley"	1.14ppm

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Laboratory results of H<sub>2</sub>S in liquid, taken from Fuel Oil transferred (ship-to-ship (STS)) to storage vessels in the Bay from the following vessels.

January 14 2007	"Maersk Riga"	< 0.5ppm
January 15 2007	"Montenero"	< 0.5ppm
January 23 2007	"Ocean Quest"	1.22ppm
February 09 2007	"Ocean Quest"	0.87ppm

The following are readings taken from cargo holds and air vents.

### EILEEN

		Cargo holds (ppm)	Air vents (ppm)
October 01 2006	50% full to full tanks	26 – 33	6 – 8
October 16 2006	10% full to full tanks	32 – 40	4 – 9

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October 28 2006	10% to 20% full	15 - 33	5 - 7
November 10 2006	All tanks full	47 - 51	17 - 24
November 25 2006	All tanks 50% full	20 - 31	3 - 7
December 03 2006	20% - 80% full	16 - 40	10 - 17
December 13 2006	All tanks full	47 - 51	9 - 12
January 04 2007	Empty to full	28 - 49	5 - 20
January 15 2007	40% - 60% full	12 - 37	0 - 21

## SPABUNKER 20

October 02 2006	All tanks full	19 - 27	1 - 2
Oct 13 06	All tanks full	28 - 31	2 - 3
Oct 26 06	All tanks full	26 - 30	1 - 2
Nov 04 06	All tanks full	21 - 27	1 - 2
Nov 14 06	20% - full	17 - 27	1 - 2
Dec 21 06	All tanks 20% full	18 - 20	0 - 1
Dec 30 06	All tanks empty	9 - 10	0 - 1
Jan 05 07	10% - empty	17 - 20	1 - 2
Jan 15 07	All tanks full	28 - 31	1 - 2
Jan 23 07	50% to full	23 - 30	0 - 1

## CALETA

Oct 06 06	All tanks full	22 - 49	18 - 38
Oct 14 06	Empty to full	14 - 58	0 - 11
Oct 22 06	All tanks full	32 - 39	8 - 15
Nov 05 06	80% to full	15 - 31	0 - 2
Nov 17 06	Only 2 tanks full	35 - 40	4 - 6
Dec 05 06	All tanks full	40 - 65	5 - 28
Dec 17 06	Empty to full tanks	8 - 24	0 - 20
Dec 29 06	Empty to full tanks	10 - 55	12 - 27
Jan 03 07	All tanks full	65 - 72	7 - 22
Jan 12 07	All tanks full	42 - 62	5 - 24
Jan 24 07	1 tank 50% all others empty	19 - 48	5 - 14

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**NO. 209 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**PORT – MARINE SURVEYOR**

Can Government say whether the post of Marine Surveyor with the Gibraltar Maritime Administration has now been filled and if so on what date?

**ANSWER**

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

Two new Marine Surveyors have joined the staff of the Gibraltar Maritime Administration. They started work on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007.



**NO. 210 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DTI – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

Can Government say whether an appointment has now been made for the post of Business Development Officer in the Department of Trade and Industry and if so on what date?

**ANSWER**

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

The post of Business Development Officer has not yet been filled.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 210 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Have interviews been conducted for the posts already?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

As the hon Member is probably aware, this particular vacancy was advertised for a second time as the successful candidate from the original advert had actually declined the offer. So we re-advertised and the second selection panel interviewed the applicants but were not totally convinced that those candidates met the criteria. So they went back and short listed those that had applied the first time round, to see whether they would be able to select a candidate, and that process has not yet taken place.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is it that many more people applied the first time than the second?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am not too sure because I do not get too involved in the detail of this, but I can tell the hon Member that the second time the advert was published we had seven applicants. My understanding is that three from the first set of applicants had been

asked to be considered the second time round. So there will be a selection to be made from a possible ten.

**NO. 211 OF 2007**

**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 Parliament, indicating the amount of funding 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**

I hand the hon Member schedules with the information requested.

**Answer to Question 211/2007**

**ERDF PROJECTS**

<b>Project No.</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>ERDF</b>	<b>GOG</b>	<b>Purpose of Grant</b>
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 Development Ltd	Completed	£33,353.50 (12.5%)	£33,353.50 (12.5%)	Renovation Works & Purchase of Equipment
109	Technical Services Department	Active	£728,690.00 (40%)	£1,093,035.00 (60%)	Project Management Fees & Project Execution
110	Borge Management Ltd	Active	£33,092.34 (15%)	£33,092.34 (15%)	Building works, Advertising, Office & 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%)	Computer Equipment & Installation/Testing, Company Signage, Air-Conditioning, Furniture, Import Duty & Freight Charge, Rent & Rates Subsidy Scheme (12 Months)
112	Total Sound and Vision Limited	Active	£3,397.80 (15%)	£3,397.80 (15%)	Equipment & Freight Charges & Import Duty
113	The (Gibraltar) Laundry Service	Active	£2,297.34 (15%)	£2,297.33 (15%)	Purchase of Equipment & Shelving & Payment of Freight Charges & Import Duty
114	Barrow Hills Ltd	Active	£2,691.41 (15%)	£2,691.40 (15%)	Purchase of Equipment, Installation Works & Advertising
115	Car Care Centre Ltd	Completed	£1,839.86 (15%)	£1,839.86 (15%)	Purchase of Equipment & Payment of Import Duty
116	Greenarc Limited	Active	£4,994.35 (14.75%)	£4,994.35 (14.75%)	Building Works, Purchase of Equipment & Payment of Import Duty
117	Rock Photos Limited	Completed	£4,983.39 (14.2%)	£4,983.39 (14.2%)	Equipment, Transport Charges & Installation Costs & Payment of Import Duty
118	JD Web Solutions	Active	£2,954.50 (15%)	£2,954.49 (15%)	Building Works, Office Furniture, ICT Hardware, Software, tools, Server Room Works/Controls, Marketing/Advertising & Import Duty/Freight Charges

**NO. 212 OF 2007**

**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 September 2006 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

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

The number and value of goods vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since September 2006 was as follows:

	<u>Goods Vehicles Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Goods Vehicles Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value (£ thousands)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value (£ thousands)</u>
September 2006	2	2	9	102
October 2006	0	0	13	368
November 2006	0	0	15	218
December 2006	1	1	4	77

The figures for January 2007 are still not yet available.

**NO. 213 OF 2007**

**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 September 2006 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

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

The number and value of private motor vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since September 2006 was as follows:

	<u>Private Motor Vehicles Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Private Motor Vehicles Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value (£ thousands)</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Value (£ millions)</u>
September 2006	24	78	546	6.1
October 2006	25	63	831	9.3
November 2006	16	55	644	8.5
December 2006	15	45	183	4.2

The figures for January 2007 are still not yet available.

**ORAL**

**NO. 214 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**IMPORTS**

Can Government state the value of the imports, exclusive of petroleum products, in 2006 from:

- a) UK; and
- b) Spain?

**ANSWER**

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

The value of imports, exclusive of petroleum products, in 2006 from the UK and Spain were £117.1 million and £90.6 million respectively. The figures are provisional as imports data in respect of 2006 are currently being finalised by the Customs Department.

**NO. 215 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**IMPORTS – COMPUTERS**

What was the value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar since September 2006 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 September 2006 was as follows:

	Value of computers (£ thousands)
September 2006	1,053
October 2006	1,000
November 2006	694
December 2006	332

The figures for January are still not yet available.



ORAL

**NO. 216 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED – FREE BUS PASS FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED**

Can Government confirm that, given the answer to Question No. 1096 of 2006, they have favourably considered granting free bus passes to the visually impaired?

**ANSWER**

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

The matter is still under consideration by Government.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 216 OF 2007**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Can the Minister confirm that bus passes have now been granted to senior citizens? This was what the Minister was waiting for and after that then he would consider granting bus passes to the visually impaired.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Indeed, these have now been issued and this is one of the matters which is now actively under consideration. Let me say that the Society for the Visually Impaired are being kept informed of progress and views.

**ORAL**

**NO. 217 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED**

Can Government confirm that, as provided in answer to Question No. 1099 of 2006, the level of net current assets for the Gibraltar Bus Company as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006 was £939,656 and that it is therefore identical to the level as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005?

**ANSWER**

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

I regret that a typographical error was made in typing Question No. 1099 of 2006.

The net assets of the company were £939,656 on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005 and £366,050 as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 218 OF 2007**

**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 March 2006 and October 2006 to January 2007?

**ANSWER**

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

The numbers of paying passengers that were transported and the value of fares collected from these passengers was as follows:

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PAYING PASSENGERS</u>	<u>FARES COLLECTED</u>
March 2006	116,209	£72,581
October 2006	133,159	£85,178
November 2006	115,482	£72,799
December 2006	107,692	£69,170
January 2007	90,068	£57,665

ORAL

**NO. 219 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ROAD TAX LICENCES**

Can Government state the number of vehicles with current renewable road tax licences at 31 December 2006, giving a breakdown between private and commercial vehicles?

**ANSWER**

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

As at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006 there were a total of 16,966 private motor vehicles and 1,758 commercial vehicles with a current road tax.

ORAL

**NO. 220 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS**

Can Government state the number of new registrations of:

- (a) private: and
- (b) commercial

road vehicles during 2006?

**ANSWER**

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

During 2006 a total of 1,274 vehicles were registered as private motor vehicles and 152 as commercial vehicles.

ORAL

NO. 221 OF 2007

THE HON L A RANDALL

**CLAMPING**

Can Government state how many vehicles were clamped in the years 2005 and 2006, providing a breakdown of locally registered and foreign registered vehicles?

ANSWER

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

No vehicles were clamped in the years 2005 and 2006.

**NO. 222 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**PARKING TICKETS**

Can Government state how many parking tickets were issued in the years 2005 and 2006, providing a breakdown of locally registered and foreign registered vehicles, and with regard to the latter how many paid the fines?

**ANSWER**

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

The number of parking tickets issued to locally registered vehicles in 2005 were 19,719 and foreign vehicles 2,220. The number of parking tickets issued to locally registered vehicles in 2006 were 19,663 and foreign vehicles 2,812. In respect of how many of the foreign vehicles actually paid their fines, this cannot be ascertained without the Magistrates' Court conducting a manual exercise of all receipts paid that would take up to several weeks to complete.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 222 OF 2007**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

I seem to recall that when I asked this question regarding the year 2004, I was informed that the system was pending computerisation. Can the Minister confirm that the system has as yet not been computerised?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, judging from the answers that I have been given I do not think it has been computerised, and I cannot recall answering any question in respect of 2004 previously in the House, but the hon Member may be correct. I can definitely check up and inform the hon Member accordingly, but the answer tends to imply that that computerisation has not yet taken place.

**NO. 223 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**PARKING TICKETS**

Can Government state the total amount collected in respect of parking tickets in the years 2005 and 2006, giving a breakdown by locally registered and foreign registered vehicles?

**ANSWER**

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

This information is only available from the Magistrates' Court. However, the present accounting system provides that all monies collected in respect of fines be accounted for in a single Head of Revenue. Therefore, in order to produce the information requested, a manual exercise of all receipts has to be conducted that would take several weeks to compile. The Clerk of the Court has informed me that with his current workload he would not, at present, be able to undertake such an exercise.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 223 OF 2007**

**HON L A RANDALL:**

Can Government then provide the amount collected without providing the breakdown between locally registered and foreign registered?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, I am able to write to him on the matter, I have not got the information with me, but I am able to do that and I will let the hon Member know about computerisation at the same time.



ORAL

NO. 224 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**91 QUEENSWAY**

Can Government say whether the tender for the plot of land at 91 Queensway has now been awarded and if so to whom and in what amount?

ANSWER

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

The tender has not yet been awarded.

ORAL

**NO. 225 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMISSION**

How many meetings of the Development and Planning Commission have taken place since 27 September 2006 and on what dates?

**ANSWER**

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

There have been eight meetings on the following dates:

31<sup>st</sup> October 2006  
1<sup>st</sup> November 2006  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006  
14<sup>th</sup> December 2006  
9<sup>th</sup> January 2007  
8<sup>th</sup> February 2007  
13<sup>th</sup> February 2007  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2007

ORAL

NO. 226 OF 2007

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 Parliament 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

I hand the hon Member schedules with the information requested.

# APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN: 27/10/06 AND 15/2/07

<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
10461	Gardiners House MGT Ltd	Proposed repair of retaining wall, removal of tree and replanting of others	Approved	23 Gardiner's Road
10517	Mr Jason Agius	Proposed internal alteration to residential unit.	Approved	1.3.06 Oleander Court Sir William Jackson Grove (Gib 5)
10518	Andrews Kent & Stone	Proposed Demolition	Pending	St Peter's School / Mermaid Restaurant Sir Herbert Miles Road
10519	J Guiliano	Proposed porch at entrance to Block E Wimpy Homes.	Pending	Wimpy Homes Block E Gardiners View
10520	Honeyfern Ltd	Demolition of existing building and construction of 2 new town houses.	Pending	10/12 Rodger's Road
10521	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed demolition	Pending	30 Devils Tower Road Filomena House
10522	John S. Langdon	Demolition and rebuilding to the rear of the existing building, converting the existing single family dwelling into four self contained flats and extending the existing shops.	Pending	328 Main Street
10523	G & S Palmer	Proposed loft conversion	Approved	52 Rosia Dale Rosia Road
10524	Cohen and Massias Ltd	Proposed canopy.	Withdrawn	7 Parliament Lane
10525	Jehovah's Christian Witnesses	Proposed construction of Kingdom Hall.	Pending	Europa Avenue
10526	Mr David Evans	Proposed 42 residential apartments, swimming pool and marina control tower.	Pending	The Sails Queensway Quay
10527	Castledine Ltd	Demolition of old incinerator structure, installation of weigh bridge and use of land for stone/rubble crusher machine and storage of aggregates.	Pending	Ex Incinerator Site Devils Tower Road
10529	Easycall	New telecommunications installation.	Pending	British Lines Road
10530	Solid Mix Ltd	Proposed concrete plant and ancillary facilities and new boundary wall/fence.	Pending	Ex Shell Compound Williams Way

<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
10531	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed 11 storey apartment building comprising 44 apartments with associated car parking.	Pending	30 Devils Tower Road Filomena House
10532	Haymills Ltd	Demolition of clock tower and bus shelter.	Approved	West Place Of Arms
10533	S M Seruya	Proposed internal and external alterations to shop	Approved	187 Main Street
10534	J Guillianio	Proposed closing of openings.	Pending	4/3 Cumberland Steps
10535	J Guillianio	Proposed internal and external refurbishment.	Pending	236 Main Street
10536	Sir William Jackson Grove Mar	Proposed joining of stores via door opening.	Approved	Oleander Court (Stores) Sir William Jackson Grove (Glb 5)
10537	J Guillianio	Proposed conversion of door into window and window into door.	Pending	15 Convent Place
10538	WSRM Architects	Internal alterations to Gibtelecom offices.	Approved	801 Europort
10539	Mr & Mrs C Lavarello	Proposed internal and external alterations including part demolition and construction of new extension.	Pending	No. 5 Library Ramp
10540	John S. Langdon	Proposed 98 Bedroom four star hotel, 48 serviced flats, shop and 215 car spaces.	Pending	37-39 Engineer Lane
10541	S Mart BDC	Re-convert an existing combined apartment back into two individual units.	Approved	1803/1804 Oleander Court Sir William Jackson Grove (Glb 5)
10542	G & J B Hotels	Internal alterations.	Pending	Calesta Palace Hotel Sir Herbert Miles Road
10543	Mr James Pratts	Proposed conversion into Multiple Sclerosis therapy centre.	Approved	16 Flint Road
10544	South View Terrace Minge Ltd	Proposed new swimming pool.	Pending	South Pavilion Road
10545	Mr R Kennieson	Proposed internal alterations to residential unit.	Approved	501 Waterport Road Watergardens
10546	D J Mosquera Riba	Proposed construction of boundary wall to divide access to properties at Paradise Ramp.	Pending	1A Paradise Ramp
10547	Mr Ainslie Emery	Removal of part of two non load bearing walls to allow access to the bathroom. Entrance door to living room.	Approved	27/2 Hospital Ramp

<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
10548	M E Bello & Partners	Construction of a residential dwelling on each of the 3 proposed levels above the existing ground floor	Pending	24/28 Parliament Lane
10549	OEM Buena Vista Development	Extension and refurbishment of Building including extension and alterations for conversion into apart-hotel	Pending	Barracks Stone Block Buena Vista Barracks Site
10550	Breckland Trading Co Ltd	Proposed conversion of 3rd and 4th floor maisonette into offices.	Pending	177 Main Street
10551	Ramesh Samtani	Proposed refurbishment of shop premises.	Pending	168-170 Main Street
10552	Ramesh Samtani	Proposed refurbishment to shop premises.	Pending	137B Main Street
10553	Mahinder Samtani	Proposed refurbishment to shop premises.	Pending	92A Main Street
10554	Southern Lighthouse Holdings	Proposed construction of 2 balconies and new single detached garage.	Pending	10 Europa Road St. Bernard's House
10555	Jyske Bank (Gib) Ltd	Proposed construction of staff canteen over existing 4th floor balcony.	Pending	39/41 Jyske House Irish Town
10556	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed construction of balcony.	Pending	13 & 14 Shorthorn Estate Europa Road
10557	Mr J. Rowland	Alterations to balcony & terrace	Pending	1 & 2 Woodford Cottage Europa Road
10558	Mr J J Rodriguez	Demolition of existing partition walls and convert to an additional conference room.	Approved	11 Europa Retreat Centre Windmill Hill Road
10559	J Guillianio	Proposed internal & external refurbishment of shop	Pending	23 Main Street
10560	J Guillianio	Merging of two residential units into one.	Pending	26/27 Rosie Plaza
10561	Andrews Kent and Stone	Refurbishment to the external facade of the existing building.	Pending	20 Line Wall Road
10562	Parade Developments (002) Li	Proposed renovation and extension to building consisting of commercial premises and 13 apartments.	Pending	29/31/33 Governor's Parade
10563	Parade Developments (001) Li	Proposed demolition and construction of new building consisting of commercial on ground floor and residential units on rear top 5 floors.	Pending	5,7 & 9 Town Range
10564	Mr Victor Figueras	Conversion/refurbishment of premises.	Pending	9,11,13 Market Lane

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<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
10565	WSRM Architects	Single storey roof level extension to existing building with overhang to the north. Lightweight steel construction.	Pending	1c North Mole
10566	Martin Wright	Partition wall to separate lounge-diner. Remove section of kitchen wall, remaining to be arched.	Pending	3 Sir Herbert Miles Road Catalan Gardens
10567	Home Coast Ltd	Conversion of shop (A1) into estate agents (Class A2).	Pending	202/204 Main Street
10568	Reycar Properties Limited	Proposed internal alterations.	Approved	22/24 Merchant House John Mackintosh Square
10569	John and Beatriz Caballero	Move kitchen to the second bedroom.	Pending	5.0.05 Apricot Court Sir William Jackson Grove (Gib 5)
10570	Mr G & Mrs Sharma	Proposed new opening to basement and new terrace.	Pending	18 Shorthorn Estate Europa Road
10571	Blacktop Ltd	Proposed demolition of the old refuse incinerator building.	Pending	Ex Incinerator Site Devils Tower Road
10572	GC Architects	Demolition of present hall and adjacent stores and construction of new community hall.	Pending	St Bernard's Church Europa Road
10573	Mr Martin Scales	Low brick wall to be constructed to surround patio.	Pending	The Convent Main Street
10574	Mr Alan Pereira	Proposed removal of partition wall between two bedrooms.	Approved	21 Melbourne Court Harbour Views
10575	GC Architects	Proposed replacement of existing aluminium windows, addition of timber louvered shutters and general glazing to terrace.	Approved	10/3 Irish Town
10576	Mr Sunil V Negrani	Proposed internal refurbishment and external alterations to shop front.	Pending	18 Main Street
10577	Hassana (c/o Mr P I Montegriff)	Fitting out of office premises on levels two to five of new building.	Pending	55 Line Wall Road
10578	Volker Stevin	Demolition of Cormorant and MOD Medical Centre Site.	Pending	Queensway King's Wharf
10580	Stagnetto Properties Ltd	Proposed change of use of building into offices.	Pending	51/53/53A Irish Town

ORAL

**NO. 227 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Has the draft development plan now 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**

It is anticipated that the DPC shall consider the draft Development Plan by the end of March.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 227 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

When the Minister says it is anticipated they will consider it at the end of March, does it mean they already have it and will consider it at that meeting or that they will get it at the end of March?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, the draft Development Plan will be circulated to all members of the Commission in the next few days. Obviously, we have already set dates to consider it during the month of March, we do not know how long it will take to consider it. It depends on the number of issues that may arise as a result of that consideration, but we are hopeful that our timetable will enable us to conclude that by the end of March.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Once it is considered by the Development and Planning Commission, does this have to be considered by Ministers or by the Council of Ministers at a political level? Or do they then go on to produce a public consultation exercise?



**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Once the DPC has considered the working draft and made whatever alterations it considers appropriate, then this approved plan is sent for environmental reporting and assessment. Once that is concluded, the draft plan and environmental report is actually exhibited for two months for public consultation. Then it depends on the feedback of the public consultation whether the amendments are then reconsidered by DPC and then re-exhibited for three weeks, if required. However, if the input from the public is minimal then there is no need for there to be a second exhibition. Once that happens, obviously, the DPC will submit the final plan to the Chief Minister who will then approve it for publication. That is how the statutory procedure is established.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The Minister said that once the DPC consider it, it will be sent for environmental reporting. Was this not already done before the DPC considered it last year, I think it was?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, that was done but one has to take into consideration that there have been a number of changes that have been made to the report, following on from some of the recommendations that were made the first time. I, as Chairman of the DPC, have had input into the drafting of the actual document, so therefore, it needs to go back for verification and confirmation that it complies with all the environmental requirements.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is the same company, I think it was a company called Land Use of Bristol, that did that last time expected to be the same one that does it again this time?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, it is obvious. It is common practice that the same consultants are used for the exercise.

**NO. 228 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – NORTH GORGE**

Can Government say in relation to the application for planning permission by OEM North Gorge Developments Ltd:

- (a) whether the application has now been considered by the DPC and with what result;
- (b) whether the Gibraltar Heritage Trust has made representations in respect of this project?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The application is currently being considered by the DPC.
- (b) The Gibraltar Heritage Trust have not submitted written representations in respect of this project.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 228 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

When the Minister says no written representations were made by the Heritage Trust, were any oral representations made?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, there has not been any oral representation as such made by the Heritage Trust but the Heritage Trust does have a member on the Development and Planning Commission. So therefore, it has the opportunity to air views from the heritage perspective. However, I do not think it is appropriate for me to publicly inform the hon Member as to what representations, if any, have been made by the member of the Development and Planning Commission. I can say that the Heritage Trust has not made any formal representations to the DPC.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In terms of the general public representations made, can the Minister say how many were received?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

This is not part of the question that is on the table. However, there have been some representations made and I think one has to consider that this is obviously a major project and it will take some time for the Development and Planning Commission to be able to consider the details of this. Obviously, the various representations that have been made have to be examined, considered and assessed by the Development and Planning Commission before a final decision is taken.

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NO. 229 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**DPC – BUENA VISTA BARRACKS**

Can Government say what the status of the following application for planning permission is and the number of representations received in respect of OEM Buena Vista Developments Ltd – alter and convert Buena Vista barracks into an apart-hotel?

ANSWER

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

The application has not yet been considered by DPC.

No representations have been received either.

**ORAL**

**NO. 230 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – HBC(G) LTD (CP1399A) AND LORD NAPIER MEWS LTD (CP1401)**

Can Government say whether they are in negotiation with the prospective developers of the following sites in order to seek modifications to their original schemes:

- (a) HBC(G)Ltd at CP1399A facing Bayside Road;
- (b) Lord Napier Mews Ltd at 6 Bayside Road CP1401?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) This application was refused by the DPC and a refusal notice was issued on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006. That is in respect of HBC(G) Ltd at Crown Property 1399A facing Bayside Road.
- (b) In respect of Lord Napier Mews at 6 Bayside Road, a number of amendments to the original scheme have been made including a relocation of height from nine to eight storeys fronting Bayside Road. The means of access has also been revised. A planning permit is in the process of being issued.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 230 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Just to clarify the situation, the one which has been refused notice is the one which requested permission for a residential complex in the car park where Tesco's used to be, and the planning permit expected to be issued shortly after a reduction in height from nine to eight storeys, relates to the multi-storey car park and office block next to the Tercentenary Sports Hall, is that the case?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct.

**NO. 231 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TALUS SLOPE**

Can Government say whether they gave permission for the clearance of the site at the base of the Talus slope north of Catalan Bay to make way for the location of a concrete plant in that area?

**ANSWER**

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

No permission was given for the clearance of the site at the base of the Talus slope north of Catalan Bay.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 231 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Given that no permission was given for the clearance of the site and that the site has obviously been cleared, have the Government taken any action or intend to take any action against the persons who cleared the site without permission?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, when the Planning Department heard that the site had been tampered with, the word 'clearance' is that one could clear rubbish from the area which is, I think, what they were entitled to do, but they were not able to touch any structures, which I think is what they started to do. A Building Inspector visited the site on the morning of Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January, which is the day after the Bank Holiday when I believe a lot of this work was undertaken, and he was unable to take any action at that point as there was nobody present on the site. However, the Town Planner and the Building Inspector contacted the applicant and held a site meeting that afternoon, where the applicant was told to stop the works and he agreed to do so that afternoon.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

So, in respect of whatever work was done, is any action being taken against the applicant?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Once the Development and Planning Commission has considered the application, I can tell the hon Member that there are aspects of what they did that need to be restored, and they are already aware of that and have agreed to reinstate whatever damage may have been caused to certain areas which the Development and Planning Commission, assuming that the site is given the clearance to be able to proceed with this project, they will have to be reinstated as it was.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is it the case that the application to have this concrete plant there will require permission from the Development and Planning Commission?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Could the hon Member repeat that question?

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Will it require permission from the DPC?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely, it is being subjected to an application which the DPC is currently considering.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

How then did the people who were working on the site, how did they have the impression they could work on the site without having permission?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, the site is theirs, they have been given the site so, therefore, they have a licence over the site. What they could not do was remove any structures or any buildings, or anything in the area which may have been subjected to Development and Planning Commission approval. I was told by the developer that what he had instructed the men to do was clean up. In other words, do away with things like pallets and a lot of waste that was around the area, and these people went a bit further, I think, than just removing rubbish. How true one thing is or the other, the thing is that they put an immediate stop to this when the Planning Department brought the matter to their attention.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

In addition to buildings and structure, I think the GONHS also came out with a very detailed statement relating to the areas of their responsibility, in relation to the natural

habitat of that area. According to them there was a breach of the Nature Protection Act, is this something which the Government or the DPC intend to look into further?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I think the Development and Planning Commission will be considering all aspects of this, and this is precisely what I tried to refer without going into too much detail earlier on, when I said that they may have to reinstate some of what they removed. That is particularly one area which I know will have to be reinstated and that is some of the green areas, if I can call it, in the surrounding site.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The Minister referred to the area being the subject of a licence which is already held by the applicant, the same applicant that has applied for planning permission to construct in that site. Did that plot of land come out to tender or was it directly allocated to them?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, the issue is one where these developers are the developers of the affordable housing. It is the practice that because of the problems we have with the availability of supplies of concrete from Spain, that these developers are being allowed, as for example in the Waterport Terrace, the possibility of building, of having a batching plant I think they call them, on site to be able to provide for their own requirements. Indeed, the developers of Nelson's View, Cumberland and Bayview Terraces are actually finding it very difficult to put one of these batching plants on site, because they do not have spare land in that area. So they were offered that site on a temporary basis, this is not a long-term sort of gift. This is a short-term licence in order for them to be able to produce their requirements of cement for their affordable housing schemes.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does this mean that they will not be permitted to supply anybody else and they can only use it for their own projects that have been mentioned?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, this is the subject of negotiations because at the second stage in the negotiation process there were a number of other developers who looked for the same thing. What we do not want to end up with is batching plants all over Gibraltar. So what we agreed with them is that, subject to them applying for the necessary trading licence, there was the possibility that they would be able to trade out of that plant themselves. That, I believe, is still before the Trade Licensing Committee and it depends on the decision arrived at whether they can trade out of there or not. There are financial considerations which the Government are considering with the developers at present.



**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But surely, if there is an identifiable need for us to have a production facility in Gibraltar, surely it should be looked at in that light? Given that there was one here and it finished up being closed down by the level of competition from Spain which made it uneconomic in the sense that they could not compete. If there is now a position where the competitive edge is the other way round, then it ought to be a business and anybody ought to be able to have an opportunity to do it if there is a market for this.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely. The Government are not stopping any entity from coming forward and putting together a project to be able to trade in cement. But no such operator has come through asking for a plant, because they need to identify a suitable area for them to be able to work from, because there are environmental issues to be considered in location et cetera. Also, the fact that it needs to meet certain requirements and nobody has come forward with the proposal for the Government to consider. What has happened is we have had representations made from different quarters from actual property constructors in specific developments, who want to put up a batching plant, which is a much smaller size unit or structure to what, for example, used to exist in Devil's Tower Road at one time. These are much smaller units, far more user-friendly, but for the requirements of specific construction sites rather than on a wholesaler basis. So we are looking at two different types, even though we are looking at similar types of operation, we are looking at two different types of set up.

ORAL

**NO. 232 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – FILOMENA HOUSE**

Can Government say what the status of the following application for planning permission is and the number of representations received in respect of Andrews Kent and Stone (Engineers International) – construction of apartment block at Filomena House, 30 Devil's Tower Road?

**ANSWER**

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

The DPC has resolved to grant permission but no permit has yet been issued.

One letter of representation was received.

ORAL

**NO. 233 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – CASTLEDINE LTD**

Can Government say what the status of the following application for planning permission is and the number of representations received in respect of Castledine Ltd – stone crushing facility at old incinerator site, Devil's Tower Road?

**ANSWER**

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

The application is currently being considered by the DPC.

A total of seven representations were received.

**NO. 234 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – PARADE DEVELOPMENTS (001) AND (002) LTD**

Can Government say what the status of the following applications for planning permission is and the number of representations received in each case:

- (a) Parade Developments (001) Ltd – demolish the existing building and construct a ground floor commercial area and 9 apartments at 5, 7 & 9 Town Range;
- (b) Parade Developments (002) Ltd – convert and extend, with partial demolition to the rear of the existing buildings into a ground floor commercial area with 13 residential apartments at 29/31/33 Governor's Parade?

**ANSWER**

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

- (a) The application by Parade Developments (001) Ltd has not yet been considered by the Development and Planning Commission. Nine representations have been received.
- (b) The application by Parade Developments (002) Ltd has not yet been considered by the Development and Planning Commission. Eight representations have been received.

ORAL

**NO. 235 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – ENGINEERS HOUSE LTD**

Can Government say what the status of the following application for planning permission is and the number of representations received in respect of Engineers House Ltd – 98 bedroom four star hotel and 48 serviced flats at 37/39 Engineer Lane?

**ANSWER**

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

The application has not been considered by the DPC.

A total of eight representations have been received.

ORAL

**NO. 236 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DEVELOPMENT AID LICENCE 1/2003**

Can Government say what was the reason for the extension of Development Aid Licence 1/03 issued to Giro's Passage Developments Ltd extending the date of completion to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007, and in respect of what project was this?

**ANSWER**

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

Development Aid Licence No. 1/2003 was extended until 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 following a request from the developer who stated that they would not be able to meet the estimated completion time of the project by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2006, as specified in the said licence. The project is the construction of a six-storey office building at the site situated at 55 Line Wall Road.

**NO. 237 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – WSRM ARCHITECTS (FP81 AND CP39A)**

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to WSRM architects on behalf of Mr Humbert Peliza to construct a development to include public/private car parking, commercial and residential units at Freehold Property 81 and Crown Property 39A Lower Engineer Lane?

**ANSWER**

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

The application is still under consideration by the Development and Planning Commission and no decision has yet been made.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 237 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Government then confirm that there are actually two separate and different applications in respect of the development at Engineer Lane? Are both under consideration separately, or is it that the Government are looking at somehow combining the two?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

There are two projects in the same area and, in fact, they tend to overlap. Therefore, the Development and Planning Commission are looking at both projects in a more holistic way, rather than allowing one which will obviously affect the other. So what we are trying to do is to see whether we can bring and match both projects together. In fact, both developers have now indicated their willingness to sit and talk about the possibility of doing something jointly in that area, but there is definitely aspects of both projects which the Government, as the landlord, will not be allowing. I can tell the hon Member that the feedback from the Development and Planning Commission is likewise. So the likelihood of the projects actually going forward in anything like what has been proposed are very, very slim. However, we are working to try and bring both sides together to make it possible to have some development in the area, which will alleviate things like parking in the neighbourhood. Definitely, not allowing for these huge buildings to go up with negative effects on the neighbourhood.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Minister say whether the two applications were actually submitted at the same time or was there a delay between one and the other?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

As I have said before in this House, it is common for developers to actually come and see me, as Minister for Trade and Industry, prior to presenting projects before the DPC, to get some feedback on Government's views on them. These probably came to me more or less at the same time. However, when it actually came to making their applications before the Development and Planning Commission, one of them (the one belonging to Mr Humbert Peliza) was submitted before the other one. The DPC took the view that we would not consider one in isolation, without the other. So we are now going through the process of looking at both holistically to see whether we can come to a manageable scheme which is acceptable, both to the Government and to the Development and Planning Commission, and most importantly, to the neighbourhood as well.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

If the second application had not yet been made, how did the DPC know that the other one was coming at the time the first one was made? Was it through the Minister's informal contact?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, as I have said, I have seen both and I advised the Commission that we should not consider one until we had the other one. Otherwise we would be considering progressing a particular development and, possibly, taking the developer to full planning stage in a very unfair position, when I knew very well that both could not live together because they actually overlap and involve some Crown property which actually belongs to the Government, which they were both depending on to carry that development forward. So, therefore, I took the view of advising the Commission that one should not consider an application in isolation and that both should be matched together and brought forward, and that is what we agreed to do.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Do the Government have a view or a policy, if the two developments cannot be brought together for whatever reason that might be? Do the Government have a view or a policy on how to proceed firstly? Secondly, would the land be sold? The land, which is Government land, which both of these developers want to use, would that be sold to the developers?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I think it is too early for me to be able to answer the questions that the hon Member has just put. I think that there has to be some more discussion. We have already had in the Development and Planning Commission Mr Humbert Peliza, and his



architects have made representations at the request of the Commission, in order to establish what was possible and feasible. We are going to do the same with the other one and once that is done we will have our own discussion to see which is the best way forward. Then we will have to see what the Commission actually recommends as acceptable to the Government, because the Government as landlords obviously have the first say in the matter, in any case.

ORAL

**NO. 238 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – TBC LTD (PONTOON LAYOUT)**

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to TBC Ltd to create a new pontoon layout (including living accommodation) and moorings in or near the Sheppard's Marina?

**ANSWER**

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

No planning permission has yet been granted.

ORAL

**NO. 239 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**DPC – W M MORRISON SUPERMARKETS PLC**

Can Government say what the status of the following application for planning permission is and the number of representations received in respect of W M Morrison Supermarkets PLC – extension to sales, warehouse and office areas?

**ANSWER**

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

The DPC has resolved to grant permission but no permit as at 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007 had been issued.

**NO. 240 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**TENDER – GROCERY SHOP EDINBURGH ESTATE**

Can Government say how many tenders were received indicating who has been the successful applicant and in what amount in respect of the tender for the allocation of a general grocery shop at 18a Edinburgh Estate, Queensway?

**ANSWER**

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

Three tenders were received. The tender was awarded to Carmina Perales in the sum of £8,000 and £300 per month in rent.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 240 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Obviously that is an individual, it is not a company as such, was that the highest offer that the Government received?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, it was the highest bidder. In fact, the award of this tender was led by the Ministry for Housing, but I can see from the list that I have in front of me that they were definitely the highest bidder. The name Carmina Perales leads me believe that it is an individual and not a company.

**NO. 241 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**ROSIA BAY DEVELOPMENT**

Can Government confirm whether they have now completed their consideration of proposals put forward by a developer for the development of Rosia Bay?

**ANSWER**

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

The Government have not yet completed their consideration of proposals put forward by a developer for the development of Rosia Bay.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 241 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Does this consideration of proposals relate to a tender which went out a few years ago for that particular site? Or is this a one-off developer coming forward and putting ideas to the Government?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, the tender the hon Member is referring to is the tender for the Anchorage, which in it as a premium, had a financial consideration for the improvement of Rosia Bay. The Government accepted the funds from the developer and, obviously, are planning to do some improvements in Rosia Bay. When the developer, somebody else, came knocking on our door with a proposal for the development of Rosia Bay, which includes some heritage aspects, some leisure aspects et cetera, and carried out some discussions with the Government, they have been given until the end of February to come up with some final proposals for the Government to consider. Obviously, there are Government funds available for the redevelopment of Rosia Bay, which is part of the proceeds of the tender of the Anchorage. But, because this possible project for the area is being given consideration, the Government have taken the view of holding back until the decision is taken as to whether this project can actually go forward or not.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The original tender for Rosia Bay, I think this is something that went on for many years, there were submissions of interest and it took quite long. I think both his predecessors were actually involved in this. The original tender included the Anchorage and it included the Rosia Bay itself. What the Minister is saying is that instead of developing Rosia Bay, the developers of the Anchorage have paid the Government a sum instead of carrying out whatever the development or improvement was, is that correct?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

As the hon Member clearly points out, this was in the time of my predecessor so I am not 100 per cent sure of what I am saying. But I believe that the tender at the time included some improvements to the area of Rosia Bay. What the Government did is ask the developer how much they were going to be spending on this as part of the premium. A figure was put forward and we asked that they pay us the funds so that we would either undertake this ourselves, or, because we had the possibility of another developer coming in and doing a project in the Rosia Bay area, that we would not waste money in actually spending money to improve it, only to find that a new project was going to overtake events. We are now in the final stages of discussions with this developer, to consider whether a project is going to be possible in Rosia Bay or not. If it is not, then the Government will go ahead and do their own project, which is more of a refurbishment beach facility project rather than this other project which is slightly more extensive in leisure activities.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is putting out the Rosia Bay area to tender again an option that the Government might be willing to consider?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, the experience that we have had in the years we have been in office is, that whenever we have put out the area for tender because it is a difficult area to actually develop, and because it is an area where there is limited potential for maximising commercial opportunities – and the fact that the Government make it a condition that they need to preserve access to the waterfront, access to the public, et cetera, it becomes commercially unviable. So what we have always had is proposals for Rosia Bay on the back of something else. Therefore, the Government took the view that we were not going to go down that route forever, and that what we would do was improve and develop Rosia Bay as a beach facility, leisure facility, for the public. This project came along, it is worth considering, it is a very interesting project because it actually does preserve some of the Government's expectations of the area, and in addition to that, actually develops some other aspects in terms of heritage et cetera, which those that have been consulted – that is, the Heritage Trust, the Government Conservation Officer, et cetera, are all very keen that it should go ahead because of the sensitivity of the area to history. Therefore, we have allowed a certain time for these developers to come to Government with a proposal for us to conclude. I believe that the date that we set was the end of February, so we are now waiting to hear from them before the end of the month.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is the money that they received from the developers of the Anchorage, money that was credited to the Improvement and Development Fund?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, it was added to the premium that they eventually paid.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can the Minister say what that amount was?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I believe it was £300,000.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Obviously the Government have taken the view that it is going to cost them £300,000 or less to improve that facility themselves, which is why they are doing it and not the developers. Is that the case?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, that is not necessarily the case, that is what the developers of the Anchorage thought that it would cost them to do it. It may cost the Government a bit more, but obviously we were not going to allow them not pay this sum of money, or to hold on to see whether the new project came along. So we decided that we would take what they had budgeted for Rosia Bay, credit the Improvement and Development Fund and then have that money available if we really want to go down that particular route ourselves. If the private developer comes forward and actually puts the project together, which the Government can live with, then we will in actual fact have made a saving. We may decide to add the £300,000 to the project. The decision has not yet been taken, I am spelling out different options and different possibilities but until we hear from the developers at the end of the month we really do not know where we are. We may not have a project at all. We do not know.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Was it an option to have insisted that the developers of the Anchorage should have carried this work out? Was that an option?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well that was a requirement. We allowed them to give the option of paying us and we would do the works because we did not want to lose the opportunity of doing this

particular project, which I felt was well deserved for the area and of great interest to Gibraltar generally.



**NO. 242 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TOURIST OFFICE WATERGATE HOUSE**

Can Government say who used to occupy the space next to the Tourist Office in Watergate House which they have now taken over in order to achieve the expansion, what was the monthly rent for that space, and explain how the unit came to be vacant?

**ANSWER**

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

The unit was previously occupied by Noblesse Limited under the terms of a six year lease paying a rent of £600.10 per month. The unit was surrendered back to Government in consideration of the sum (in compensation) of £183,000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 242 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Was there an unexpired lease on the property which the Government bought back?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I believe it was an expired lease. The situation was one where Noblesse Limited had some financial difficulties and wanted to sell, and apparently considered with the Government the possibility of handing the premises back to the Government, but at the same time had an interested party wishing to buy the residual of the lease at that sort of level of price. So the Government had to consider the sum of compensation, in line with market forces, in order to be able to take the premises back.

**ORAL**

**NO. 243 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TOURIST OFFICE WATERGATE HOUSE**

Can Government say how many additional staff are now based at the expanded Tourist Office in Watergate House after the expansion, and how many based there before?

**ANSWER**

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

The staff based at the Information Office at Duke of Kent House has now been transferred to the Information Office at Watergate House.

Aside from the Information Co-ordinator, no specific number of Information Officers are based in any of the Information Offices. The Information Officers work on a roster basis moving from one office to another. The number of Information Officers on duty depends on the location of the office, the day of the week and on demands such as cruise and flight movements. There are nine Information Officers and two VIP (Visitor Information Patrol) Officers in the team. They cover posts at Watergate House, the Gibraltar Cruise Terminal, Gibraltar Coach Terminus, Frontier Arrivals Building and Gibraltar Airport, and provide information services to the hotels.

ORAL

**NO. 244 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – TOURIST OFFICE WATERGATE HOUSE**

Can Government say what is the area in square metres of the expanded Tourist Office in Watergate House, and what was the area before the expansion?

**ANSWER**

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

The area in square metres of the expanded Tourist Office in Watergate House is 106.26 square metres.

It was 61.66 square metres prior to the recent expansion.

**NO. 245 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**VALUATION OF PROPERTY AND LAND**

Can Government state whether any sales of property or land have taken place in 2005/2006 where the valuation was not provided by Land Property Services and if so identify any such sales indicating the date and the sale value for each such property?

**ANSWER**

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

No sale of property or land took place in 2005/2006 without Land Property Services valuation advice.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 245 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does that mean then that the value reflected the advice received as to what the Government could expect for the sale?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Yes, let me say that whenever we seek advice from Land Property Services, it is normal that they give a valuation with a range. In other words, the value to be between £80,000 and £100,000 to give some flexibility for negotiation. But it is based on that advice that sales are concluded. Let me just say that, as I stand on my feet, obviously that does not apply when sites are being put out to tender, for example. Then there is no advice that is forthcoming from Land Property Services. The bids are the ones that are considered and we may decide that a bid or no bid is acceptable to the Government. But Land Property Services does not participate in the actual valuation of any site that is put out to tender.

**NO. 246 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can the Minister for Employment confirm whether the status of the East European frontier workers currently being used by Cammell Laird during the dispute with TGWU is that of Detached Worker?

**ANSWER**

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

Cammell Laird is currently engaging the services of East European workers as detached workers, as it has done in the past.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 246 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Does the right to be considered as a Detached Worker not require that the worker should be employed in the Member State of origin, as opposed to being employed in Gibraltar? If so, who are these people employed by?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

My understanding is that these detached workers are actually employed by an agency based, for example, in Bulgaria in the case of Bulgarians, or Romania in respect of Romanians. Therefore, the company hires out these workers from an agency back in their country and then they are supplied to Gibraltar after having given five days notice to the Employment Services, which require them to get a work permit in the case of Romanians and Bulgarians. Obviously, the Director of Employment has the right to either accept or reject the application, but these are mainly accepted on the strength that these are specialised skills that are needed at that particular time and not to substitute the local labour force.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But is it not the case that a Detached Worker comes already employed by the company that has got the contract to supply the service in Gibraltar, and that in fact, they are not required to have permits and that they pay a fee in lieu of having to register in Gibraltar and have a contract in Gibraltar and a permit in Gibraltar? Is that not the case?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not think that is the case. Could the hon Member please repeat what he has asked to make sure that I answer correctly?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

My understanding is that this concept of Detached Worker is something that is provided for in Community law, where somebody is employed in a Member State and goes to another Member State to do a specific job. Therefore, in the host State, which in this case would be Gibraltar, they do not require to have a contract of employment, they do not require to be registered with the local Employment Service and that, in fact, there is a fee charged of x pounds, I think it was £25 a head at one stage, for these workers precisely because they are not treated as part of the local work force and do not require permits, registration or anything else. So, they are not employed by Cammell Laird, they are employed by whoever employs them before they arrive in Gibraltar. Is that not the case?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not think that is the case, because I know that these Bulgarian and Romanian workers have had to seek work permits, and these have to be applied for five days before they are thinking of arriving in Gibraltar. So I do not think that that criteria actually fits in with the description of what the hon Member says, even though I am aware of what the hon Member says as being valid and has happened, not necessarily in the case of Cammell Laird, but in other fields of industry. I am quite happy to double check for the hon Member to see whether his analysis is in fact correct or not, but I do not think it is.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But is it not the case that the permit that the company obtains is the permit to bring in x numbers of Detached Workers, and that is what they have to obtain, and that they pay a fixed fee per worker that they bring in but do not have to go through the process of registration? Are these people registered with contracts of employment with Cammell Laird with the Employment Agency or not?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I will have to check and revert back, I am happy to do that but I cannot really give a categorical answer on that.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But the Government accept that they are two different things. Being a Detached Worker is different from simply being an imported worker because they have got specialist skills which then require that a work permit should be granted because there is no local labour supply, but then there is a contract of employment under the laws of Gibraltar which is done by the Gibraltar-based employer, and that would not be a Detached Worker. The Government accept that is the distinction?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I know that there is a distinction there and I need to check that for the hon Member and revert.

ORAL

**NO. 247 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state the rent payable for the shipyard used by Cammell Laird in the current financial year?

**ANSWER**

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

The rent payable for the ship repair yard used by Cammell Laird is based on 15 per cent of the net profit of the company. As at the current financial year, the estimated rent to be paid will be in the region of £147,000.



**NO. 248 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state by how many employees has the full-time permanent workforce of Cammell Laird increased by during 2006?

**ANSWER**

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

The full time permanent work force has increased by five.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 248 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Minister confirm that the company still considers it will be able to increase it by the 75 that was mentioned in the joint press release that he issued with the company a year ago?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not think that that will be the case, but mainly because the implementation of a lot of the programme has taken longer than anticipated. So, therefore, I think the increased labour force will be a reality but not within the time span that was announced at the time of the investment programme.

**NO. 249 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CAMMELL LAIRD**

Can Government state when Cammell Laird commenced their new enhanced apprentices scheme, how many apprentices have been taken on and under what scheme?

**ANSWER**

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

There has not been any introduction of any new enhanced apprenticeship scheme by Cammell Laird. At least, I have never made any statement to that effect. I was trying to look to see if anybody had made such a statement and I have not been able to trace anything. But the apprenticeship scheme which is currently being run by Cammell Laird is the same apprenticeship scheme that has been run since 1998.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 249 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I believe that in the joint press release the Minister issued with Cammell Laird in January, that was one of the things mentioned but I have not got it here with me. Oh, yes I have.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, if it is the same press release in respect of the new programme, I presume it is part of the delay that I mentioned earlier on. It will probably come but it has not come yet.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If I may quote for the benefit of the House and the record, "the company will set up a new enhanced apprenticeship scheme for the required craft skills". This was issued on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2005 and it is a joint press release with the Government of Gibraltar Press Office and the company, issued from the Government.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

That is correct but if the hon Member remembers, within that press release we were talking of diversification of some of the functions in the yard to super yacht repairing. That transition has not taken place as yet within the time span that was envisaged. So when that happens, I presume that the new enhanced apprenticeship scheme will come into place.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If it is still intended to happen, would it not make sense that they would be introducing the apprenticeship scheme so that by the time it is happening they have already got the people with the skills. One would have thought that this would be something that would happen very early in the process, so that while all other things are happening like the reinvestment and so on, the training is going on so that when the time comes that the super yachts arrive, there are these skilled enhanced apprentices emerging simultaneously as the yachts arrive. At least, one got the impression that it was planned on that basis.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely, and that is a very valid point which I will take up with the yard, but I can confirm that definitely at the time the impression which the hon Member may have had was the reality of our negotiations with the new investors in the yard. The idea of actually putting in place a far more enhanced apprenticeship scheme which would benefit locals in their training and ability to be able to deliver what the market was demanding.

**NO. 250 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – WORLD TRAVEL MARKET**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's attendance and participation at the World Travel Market in London from 6-9 November?

**ANSWER**

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

There was no cost to Gibraltar, as the Gibraltar Tourist Board did not participate in the World Travel Market in London in November 2006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 250 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Did the Minister not, or officials of the GTB, actually attend the World Travel Market? The question was participation and attendance.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, I do recall visiting the World Travel Market because we had a meeting of the United Kingdom Tourist Board on that particular day. We actually timed it on that particular day so that I would be in London and have the opportunity of visiting the World Travel Market. So, there was not any particular cost as such for travelling, apart from possibly the taxi ride from the office to the Fair. I remember visiting the World Travel Market on that particular day but at no real additional cost to Government.

**ORAL**

**NO. 251 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – WORLD TRAVEL MARKET**

How many people made up the Gibraltar Government delegation to the World Travel market in London in November and what offices do they hold?

**ANSWER**

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

There was no official delegation to the World Travel Market in London in November 2006.

However, whilst in London for a meeting of the United Kingdom Tourism Association, I as Minister for Tourism, the Principal Secretary to the Ministry for Trade, Industry, Employment and Communications, the Chief Executive of the Gibraltar Tourist Board and the Director of the London Office attended the World Travel Market during the course of that afternoon.

**ORAL**

**NO. 252 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – INTUR, VALLADOLID**

Who made up the official delegation to Intur in Valladolid and what offices do they hold?

**ANSWER**

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

The official delegation to Intur in Valladolid was made up of the following three persons:-

Nicholas Guerrero – Chief Executive, Gibraltar Tourist Board;  
Peter Kirkby – Marketing Executive, Gibraltar Tourist Board, Madrid;  
David Banda – Administration Officer, Gibraltar Tourist Board, Madrid.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 252 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can I ask the Minister in relation to this whether he would have the cost of participation in that event?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I am afraid the question did not ask it and I do not have that information here, but it is actually quite insignificant really. I am happy to write him a note if he so wishes with the information.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

If the Minister could make the information available to me I would be grateful.

**NO. 253 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – FITUR**

How many persons made up the official Gibraltar Government delegation to FITUR this year and what offices do they hold?

**ANSWER**

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

The official Gibraltar Government delegation to FITUR this year was made up of the following seven persons:

The Hon J J Holliday – Minister with responsibility for Tourism;

Peter Canessa – Principal Private Secretary to the Ministry for Trade, Industry, Employment and Communications;

Nicholas Guerrero – Chief Executive of the Gibraltar Tourist Board;

Dylan Ferrar – Sales and Marketing Coordinator, Gibraltar Tourist Board, Gibraltar;

Marie Gloria Macedo – Sales and Marketing Officer, Gibraltar Tourist Board, Gibraltar;

Peter Kirkby – Marketing Executive, Gibraltar Tourist Board, Madrid;

David Banda – Administration Officer, Gibraltar Tourist Board, Madrid.

**NO. 254 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – FITUR**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's attendance and participation in FITUR from 31 January – 4 February this year?

**ANSWER**

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

The cost, with a breakdown of Gibraltar's attendance in FITUR this year was as follows:-

Photographer	£ 941.76
Stand Space Cost	£ 6,733.42
Stand	£ 9,575.00
Flights	£ 1,569.70
Subsistence	£ 3,106.38
Hotels	£ 1,359.88
Expenses	£ 380.13
Give Aways	£ 250.00
TOTAL	£ 23,916.27



**NO. 255 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – FITUR**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of the reception for Spanish journalists which was hosted by the Government on the eve of FITUR, who were the journalists that attended and what media did they represent?

**ANSWER**

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

The cost of the reception for Spanish journalists hosted by the Government on the eve of FITUR was £3,495.14 in respect of catering.

I now hand the hon Member a schedule showing the journalists who attended and the media they represented.

**Answer to Question 255 for 2007**

	<b>PRESS</b>		
	<b>SURNAME</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>COMPANY</b>
1	ALONSO	FELIPE	Agencia EFE
2	ARREGUI	CONCHITA	Viajeros por Tierra, mar y aire
3	BELMONTE	ELSA	La Vanguardia (Directora Comercial)
4	CALVO	SOFIA	Editur
5	CAMPOS	AMAYA	Hachette
6	CARRIZOSA	PILAR	Periodistadigital.co
7	DE LUCAS	JAVIER	The Tourist
8	DE ROJAS	MARIA VICTORIA	Ejecutivos, instituciones y Empresas
9	DUQUE	JOSE CARLOS	Lo Mejor de Autonomías
10	FALCO	ALBERT	El Periódico de Catalunya
11	FERNANDEZ	PILAR	Aire Libre
12	FERNANDEZ	MARIA FERNANDA	TAT
13	FLOREZ	ANTONIO	TAT
14	FREIRE	AURORA	Cinco Días y ABC
15	GARCIA	OSCAR	Travelport
16	HERRANZ	RAUL	Spic
17	HUERGA	PATRICIA	La Vanguardia
18	HUERTAS	NURIA	La Razon
19	MARGARETTO	FERNANDO	Guía Española del Transporte
20	MAS	ANGELS	Oxígeno
21	MORAN	MERCEDES	Hostelería y Turismo
22	PASTOR VILLAESCUSA	JOSE LUIS	RENFE
23	PENA	LAURA	Mas Ocio Viajes
24	PUGES	ORIOI	Rutas Del Mundo
25	RINON	MIGUEL	Puerta de Embarque
26	RODRIGO	VIRTUDES	AirClasse
27	SAN MARTIN	EUSEBIO	Turismo Rural y Deportes de Aventura
28	SANTA CRUZ	AMAYA	Turismo y Aventura
29	TELLO	MERCEDES	Hosteltur
30	TUERO JORDAN	FERNANDO	GRUPO MUCHOVIAJE
31	VARA	ANA	Premio Winner 2006
32	YAGUE	JOSE LUIS	La Tribuna

ORAL

NO. 256 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB – MADRID OFFICE**

How many members of the Spanish travel and tourism press attended the official opening and presentation of the Gibraltar office in Madrid in November and what media did they represent?

ANSWER

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

I hand the hon Member schedules with the information requested.

**Answer to Question 256 for 2007**

	<b>LIST TORRES DE COLON</b>	
	<b>PRESS</b>	
1	Agenttravel	Jorge Diez
2	Cinco Días y ABC	Aurora Freire
3	Cruceros & Destinos	Maite Fernandez
4	Editur	Sofia Calvo
5	Ejecutivos, Instituciones y Empresas	Maria Victoria de Rojas
6	El Periódico de Catalunya	Albert Falcó
7	Hosteleria y Turismo	Mercedes Morán
8	Hosteltur	Mercedes Tello
9	La Vanguardia	Mamen Cascajares
10	Mas Ocio Viajes	Laura Peña
11	Oxígeno	Angels Mas
12	Travelport	Oscar Garcia
13	Turismo Rural y Deportes de Aventura	Oscar San Martin
14	Turismo Rural y Deportes de Aventura	Eusebio San Martin
15	Viajeros por Tierra, mar y aire	Conchita Arregui
16	Cinco Dias y ABC	Mari Angeles Cerezuela
17	Sylvia Martinez	Eride

**NO. 257 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MADRID OFFICE**

Can Government provide the cost, with a breakdown, of the official opening and presentation of the Gibraltar office in Madrid in November?

**ANSWER**

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

The event held in November was not the official opening of the Madrid office but an office change of address reception.

The cost of the catering for this event was £1,313.43.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 257 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

The reception was held to mark, I suppose, the opening of the new office in the new address, was that the case?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Well, we intend to have an official opening at some time in the future, so what we did was we felt it was important that, for example, the list of journalists that were actually present at the reception would be invited so that they knew what our new address was and there are a number of ancillary services that are provided in terms of public relations, advertising, all sorts, so that people were actually invited to a drink and a snack so they would know what our new address was. It gave us the opportunity to self-acquaint people with our new location.

ORAL

NO. 258 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB – MADRID OFFICE**

Can Government say what is the monthly rent of the new Gibraltar office in Madrid, what are the service charges, and whether any premium was paid and if so how much?

ANSWER

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

The rent is €3,410.40 inclusive of VAT per month and the service charges are €823.54 inclusive of VAT per month, no premium was paid.

ORAL

NO. 259 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**GTB – MADRID OFFICE**

Can Government say for how many years they are bound by the lease to remain in the Gibraltar office in Madrid?

ANSWER

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

The contract is for five years.

It is a fixed contract for the first two years.

After the first two years, the contract may be cancelled but a charge is made for every month of rent remaining for the rest of the third year.

**NO. 260 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – AIRLINES**

Can Government say with how many airlines, interested in flying to and from Gibraltar, they are now in contact?

**ANSWER**

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

The Government are in contact with six new airlines which are interested in flying to Gibraltar.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 260 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is the Minister in a position to say who they are? In the past he has been reluctant to give that information in the House but then it has been made available elsewhere.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, I think that on this occasion we should adopt the policy that we have in the past of not giving the information away. It is too early for us to start mentioning names backwards and forwards. Let me say that we are actually in contact with 16 new airlines but six are the ones that have expressed interest. It does not mean that the rest have not, it is just that we are going through the process and the motions of contacting and being contacted in both directions.



**NO. 261 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MADRID FLIGHT**

Can Government say how many arriving passengers on the flight from Madrid to Gibraltar boarded the bus to La Linea after landing here in:

- (a) December 2006;
- (b) January 2007;
- (c) February 2007 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

The following passengers on the flight from Madrid to Gibraltar boarded the bus to La Linea after landing here in:

- |     |               |   |     |
|-----|---------------|---|-----|
| (a) | December 2006 | - | 267 |
| (b) | January 2007  | - | 401 |

Figures for the month of February are not yet available.

**ORAL**

**NO. 262 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MADRID FLIGHT**

Can Government say how many departing passengers on the flight from Gibraltar to Madrid arrived at the Air Terminal on the bus from La Linea in:

- (a) December 2006;
- (b) January 2007;
- (c) February 2007 to date?

**ANSWER**

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

The following passengers on the flight from Gibraltar to Madrid arrived at the Air Terminal from La Linea in:

- |     |               |   |     |
|-----|---------------|---|-----|
| (a) | December 2006 | - | 147 |
| (b) | January 2007  | - | 190 |

Figures for the month of February are not yet available.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 262 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Can I ask the Minister in relation to the bus, the position as I understand it is that there is a bus which leaves La Linea and comes in to the Iberia Terminal in the Airport where the passengers then disembark the bus, get checked in and get into smaller buses which then ferry them into the departure lounge proper. Can I ask the Minister who owns that particular bus, the bus which operates to La Linea and back, who owns this?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

The Gibraltar Government.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is it operated by the Government or by a private contractor?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I think it is operated privately by Bland Limited.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Was that bus service, the provision of that bus service was something that was included in the recent tender that was awarded for the provision of airport facilities? Or is that something separate? If it is separate, is that something which is going to go out to tender as well or how did this happen?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

No, that was not included in the tender for airport handlers, but one would say that this is an addition to the service that needs to be provided by them in order to carry out that new service within the airport. At the time of putting out the contract it was not envisaged that we would be requiring this sort of service. At least it was something that was not envisaged that we would be needed as part of the airport handling facility.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is that facility something which is going to go out to tender in the future separately, or is it going to remain with the company that is presently carrying it out? I seem to remember that when I asked the question about the airport services tender, the Minister said that they did not have to pay the Government anything for that tender, because it was simply a provision of service which they charged other operators for providing, as it were. Can I ask the Minister whether this provision of a bus service to La Linea is something which is going to go out to tender separately? Indeed, can I ask the Minister if he has an idea of what the current cost to the Government is, if any?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I do not think there is any cost to the Government but I am not absolutely sure of that. We are assuming that the present facilities are only temporary facilities which, obviously, will only be in place whilst the new terminal is being built. So therefore, before the new contract is out for airport handling, the new terminal should be in place. One will come before the other, so I cannot foresee it going out to tender, per se, as a separate item in the future.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

If the Minister does not know if there is a cost in the provision of this service, can he write to me and confirm that one way or the other? This is the main bus that comes

from La Linea to the Iberia sort of terminal, there are also smaller buses which then ferry passengers from this terminal to the main air terminal. Can the Government say whether those buses are also owned by the Government and operated by the Government, or are they owned and run by this private company?

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

I will have to give the hon Member the full details of that with the clarification that he is seeking as to costs.

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

If the Minister could also include in that the cost of operating the smaller buses, whether there is any charge in that facility as well.

**HON J J HOLLIDAY:**

Absolutely.

**NO. 263 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MADRID FLIGHT**

What was the total number of passengers carried in either direction by Iberia on the flight to Madrid in December 2006, January 2007 and February 2007 to date, showing outward and inward bound?

**ANSWER**

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

The number of passengers carried in either direction by Iberia on the flight to Madrid was as follows:

	<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>
December 2006	943	847
January 2007	2064	2337

The figure for February 2007 to date is still not available.

**NO. 264 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – MADRID FLIGHT**

Can Government say of the passengers who arrived in Gibraltar by air from Madrid in December 2006, January 2007 and February 2007 to date, how many were deemed to be in transit through Gibraltar and how many stayed in Gibraltar?

**ANSWER**

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

Of the passengers who arrived in Gibraltar by air from Madrid the following were deemed to be in transit through Gibraltar and stayed in Gibraltar:

	<u>Staying in Gibraltar</u>	<u>Transit to Spain</u>	<u>Transit to Ships</u>
December 2006	226	712	5
January 2007	427	1579	58

Figures for the month of February are still not available.

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**NO. 265 OF 2007**

**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) Madrid since December 2006;
- (b) London Gatwick since October 2006;
- (c) London Luton since October 2006?

**ANSWER**

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

I hand the hon Member lists with the information requested.

**Answer to Question 265**

**October 2006 –**

**Flights timetabled**

London Gatwick	-	73
London Luton	-	31

**Flight Cancellations**

0
0

**November 2006 –**

**Flights timetabled**

London Gatwick	-	42
London Luton	-	27

**Flight Cancellations**

0
0

**December 2006 –**

**Flights timetabled**

London Gatwick	-	45
London Luton	-	24
Madrid	-	13

**Flight Cancellations**

0
0
0

**January 2007 –**

**Flights timetabled**

London Gatwick	-	49
London Luton	-	20
Madrid	-	30

**Flight Cancellations**

0
0
0



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**NO. 266 OF 2007**

**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:

- (a) Madrid since December 2006;
- (b) London Gatwick since October 2006
- (c) London Luton since October 2006?

**ANSWER**

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

I hand the hon Member lists with the information requested.

**Answer to Question 266 of 2007**

a. To Madrid	January 2007	Total	<u>19<sup>th</sup></u> (59 mins) 1
b. To London Gatwick	October 2006		2 <sup>nd</sup> (95 mins) 2 <sup>nd</sup> (73 mins) 5 <sup>th</sup> (72 mins) 11 <sup>th</sup> (32 mins) 13 <sup>th</sup> (66 mins) 16 <sup>th</sup> (38 mins) 16 <sup>th</sup> (44 mins) 19 <sup>th</sup> (82 mins) 23 <sup>rd</sup> (42 mins) 25 <sup>th</sup> (35 mins) <u>27<sup>th</sup></u> (35 mins)
		Total	11
	November 2006		8 <sup>th</sup> (31 mins) 16 <sup>th</sup> (48 mins) <u>25<sup>th</sup></u> (35 mins)
		Total	3
	December 2006		16 <sup>th</sup> (83 mins) 19 <sup>th</sup> (35 mins) 19 <sup>th</sup> (45 mins) 20 <sup>th</sup> (53 mins) 21 <sup>st</sup> (58 mins) 22 <sup>nd</sup> (44 mins) 22 <sup>nd</sup> (112 mins) 23 <sup>rd</sup> (39 mins) 29 <sup>th</sup> (50 mins) <u>30<sup>th</sup></u> (32 mins)
		Total	10
	January 2007		18 <sup>th</sup> (140 mins) 24 <sup>th</sup> (81 mins) <u>24<sup>th</sup></u> (33 mins)
		Total	3
c. To London Luton	October 2006		1 <sup>st</sup> (78 mins) 2 <sup>nd</sup> (40 mins) 7 <sup>th</sup> (40 mins) 16 <sup>th</sup> (47 mins) 19 <sup>th</sup> (190 mins) 22 <sup>nd</sup> (77 mins) 23 <sup>rd</sup> (39 mins) <u>24<sup>th</sup></u> (32 mins)
		Total	8
	November 2006		16 <sup>th</sup> (76 mins) 24 <sup>th</sup> (50 mins) <u>30<sup>th</sup></u> (31 mins)
		Total	3

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December 2006

3<sup>rd</sup> (33 mins)

19<sup>th</sup> (75 mins)

21<sup>st</sup> (60 mins)

Total

3

January 2007

2<sup>nd</sup> (33 mins)

14<sup>th</sup> (84 mins)

Total

2

**NO. 267 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**THEATRE ROYAL**

Can Government state how many visits have taken place by officers or officials of the Technical Services Department to the site of what was the Theatre Royal to make sure it is safe?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Inspections of the site that is still the site of the Theatre Royal have been undertaken on a monthly basis by a structural engineering consultant during 2006 to monitor its condition.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 267 OF 2007**

**HON S E LINARES:**

Is this at any extra cost to the Government?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, if it is a consultant and not an in-house engineer, I suppose that the consultant does not do it for free, so there will be some cost but I cannot tell the hon Member what it might be.

**HON S E LINARES:**

I would be obliged if the Chief Minister could pass on those costs to the Opposition, is that possible since he has not got it with him?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The fact that I have not got them does not mean that it is appropriate to pass them on to the hon Member. I will consult as to whether it is appropriate to put into the public domain the fees being paid to a particular consultant for a particular job. If there is no objection by others I have no political objection to giving the hon Member the

information, but before committing myself, I would just like to check that there is not some commercial in-confidence dimension to it. Could I ask the hon Member to drop me a line asking for the information.

ORAL

**NO. 268 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**GTB – THE MOUNT**

Can Government state how much money has been collected from the hiring of the Mount giving a breakdown by event?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 269 and 270 of 2007.

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NO. 269 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

**GTB – THE MOUNT**

Can Government state how many private and public functions have been held at the Mount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 268 and 270 of 207.

**NO. 270 OF 2007**

**THE HON S E LINARES**

**GTB – THE MOUNT**

Can Government state whether the Mount is being used for any purpose other than for functions and parties and if so by who and how much is the rate being paid for the usage?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No, the Mount is not used for any other purpose than for functions and parties. The fee for each event is £100. Fees are waived in the case of charitable events.

The amount received from the hiring of the Mount since the Government introduced the facility to hire in 2000, broken down in financial years, is as follows:

FY 1999 – 2000	£ 1,200.00
FY 2000 – 2001	£ 3,200.00
FY 2001 – 2002	£ 3,000.00
FY 2002 – 2003	£ 2,100.00
FY 2003 – 2004	£ 2,500.00
FY 2004 – 2005	£ 2,400.00
FY 2005 – 2006	£ 1,300.00
FY 2006 – 2007	£ 3,100.00
	<u>£ 18,800.00</u>

There have been a total of 211 private functions, including charitable events, and 118 Government functions.



**NO. 271 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**GTB – AIRPORT LANDING CHARGES**

Can Government say whether a new arrangement has been concluded with the Ministry of Defence in respect of landing charges for commercial aircraft using the runway at Gibraltar airport, and if so when and what is it?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Discussions have been taking place and a public statement is expected shortly.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 271 OF 2007**

**HON DR J J GARCIA:**

Is the statement being made by the Ministry of Defence or by the Government?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I think what is most likely to emerge is a joint statement.

**NO. 272 OF 2007**

**THE HON DR J J GARCIA**

**ROSIA COTTAGES**

In relation to the settlement reached with the owners of the Rosia Cottages, can Government provide the total legal costs with a breakdown showing its own legal costs, the legal costs of the DPC and the legal costs of the owners of the Rosia Cottages?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

At present I cannot provide the hon Member with all the information he is seeking as the Government's legal advisors have not finalised their bill of costs, neither have the legal costs of the owners of the Rosia Cottages yet been agreed or taxed. If they cannot be agreed then they will have to be taxed. However, the legal costs of the Development and Planning Commission were £14,280. I should add that, of course, the Government will not know what has been the net overall cost, if any, it is not impossible that the Government could make a profit from the transaction. The Government will not know whether there has been an overall cost to the Government, and if so, how much from this settlement arrangement until we have resold the four cottages and taken into account the proceeds of sale of those cottages. Only then will we know what, if any, has been the net cost or, indeed, the net profit to the taxpayer.

**ORAL**

**NO. 273 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 inclusive?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 274 of 2007.

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NO. 274 OF 2007

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 October 2006 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Member a schedule with the detailed statistics requested.

**Answer to Question No. 273 of 2007**

The amount of import duty collected from persons entering Gibraltar through the non-commercial gate at the land frontier on a monthly basis since October 2006 is as follows:

October 2006	-	£16,106.30
November 2006	-	£16,654.65
December 2006	-	£20,040.20
January 2007	-	£13,297.37

**Answer to Question No. 274 of 2007**

The amount of import duty collected on building materials on a monthly basis since October 2006 is as follows:

October 2006	-	£106,788.82
November 2006	-	£ 91,856.25
December 2006	-	£ 59,088.25
January 2007	-	£133,508.20

ORAL

**NO. 275 OF 2007**

**THE HON L A RANDALL**

**BUILDING CONTRACTORS**

Can Government state how much was paid to building contractors in the first, second and third quarter of the financial year 2006/2007, giving a breakdown of the amounts paid to each contractor and in respect of which project?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule which sets out each date, each contractor, each invoice paid, the project to which it relates and the total paid to each contractor in respect of each project, which the hon Member can see goes into 13 pages.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 275**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Supplier</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Project Total</u>
12/04/2006	GJBS	£120,754.31	Anchorage	
10/05/2006	GJBS	£141,000.00	Anchorage	
23/05/2006	GJBS	£162,728.65	Anchorage	
30/05/2006	GJBS	£77,261.25	Anchorage	
26/07/2006	GJBS	£55,760.17	Anchorage	
21/09/2006	GJBS	£8,690.00	Anchorage	£566,194.38
27/07/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£85,520.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
27/07/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£73,947.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
15/08/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£51,243.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
15/08/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£87,001.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
02/10/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£39,052.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
16/10/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£60,433.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
31/10/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£58,536.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
29/11/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£17,800.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
08/12/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£3,121.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
22/12/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£18,550.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
11/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£5,126.11	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	
18/12/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£89,223.00	Bayside Sports and Leisure Facilities	£549,552.11
18/07/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£23.60	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
08/08/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£57.02	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
22/08/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£87.60	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
07/09/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£83.80	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
07/09/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£31.81	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
07/09/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£82.79	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
22/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£184.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
07/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£82.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
10/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£315.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
19/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£294.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
19/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£90.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
31/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£135.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
11/07/2006	MONTEVERDE & SONS LTD	£7,700.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
27/07/2006	SELINA LTD	£825.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
08/08/2006	SELINA LTD	£980.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
22/08/2006	SELINA LTD	£90.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
22/08/2006	SELINA LTD	£450.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
19/10/2006	SELINA LTD	£1,015.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
19/10/2006	SELINA LTD	£17.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
23/01/2007	SELINA LTD	£1,790.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	£14,263.62

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**CONTD. ANSWER TO QUESTION 275**

06/04/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,561.96	Brympton Estate Repairs
12/04/2006	GJBS LTD	£48,677.15	Brympton Estate Repairs
29/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,302.81	Brympton Estate Repairs
30/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£24,753.44	Brympton Estate Repairs
18/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£47,677.33	Brympton Estate Repairs
30/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,509.33	Brympton Estate Repairs
31/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£76,612.00	Brympton Estate Repairs
31/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£54,685.00	Brympton Estate Repairs
31/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,878.00	Brympton Estate Repairs
31/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£4,032.00	Brympton Estate Repairs
20/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,902.90	Brympton Estate Repairs
20/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£903.00	Brympton Estate Repairs
20/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£562.00	Brympton Estate Repairs
24/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£36,155.14	Brympton Estate Repairs
24/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£17,162.00	Brympton Estate Repairs
24/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£10,680.00	Brympton Estate Repairs
12/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£4,672.82	Brympton Estate Repairs
18/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£88,783.49	Brympton Estate Repairs
29/11/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£30,000.00	Car Park at Sandpits
08/12/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£104,676.63	Car Park at Sandpits
25/01/2007	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£135,688.59	Car Park at Willis's Road
16/08/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£201,569.15	Car Park at Willis's Road
19/09/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£141,270.75	Car Park at Willis's Road
20/10/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£178,810.10	Car Park at Willis's Road
27/11/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£134,815.98	Car Park at Willis's Road
07/12/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£296,893.80	Car Park at Willis's Road
06/02/2007	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£154,914.28	Car Park at Willis's Road
05/07/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£57,014.00	Cemetery Beautification
06/07/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£81,666.00	Cemetery Beautification
10/08/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£198,141.00	Cemetery Beautification
08/09/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£130,951.00	Cemetery Beautification
10/10/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£183,247.00	Cemetery Beautification
30/11/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£24,488.00	Cemetery Beautification
30/01/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£22,000.00	Cemetery Beautification
08/06/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£448.30	Cemetery Beautification
23/11/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£37,000.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching
15/02/2007	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£2,215.49	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching
08/06/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£70,725.72	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching
27/06/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£2,167.00	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching
		£426,510.37	
		£270,365.22	
		£1,108,274.06	
		£697,507.00	

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**CONTD. ANSWER TO QUESTION 275**

30/06/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£30,923.22	Construction of Swimming Pool for Elderly, Disabled and Teaching	£143,479.73
02/05/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£21,871.00	Customs Equipment	
18/05/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£10,615.00	Customs Equipment	
18/05/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£29,739.00	Customs Equipment	
27/06/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£70,876.00	Customs Equipment	£155,213.00
27/06/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£22,112.00	Customs Equipment	£215,000.00
03/08/2006	Monteverde & Sons	£215,000.00	Demolition at Lathbury Barracks	
19/09/2006	GJBS	£12,917.19	Demolition Works	
20/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£118,483.20	Demolition Works	£152,452.36
24/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£21,051.97	Demolition Works	
05/07/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£167,805.49	Engineer Lane/Bell Lane	
10/07/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£65,903.95	Engineer Lane/Bell Lane	
06/09/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£126,644.97	Engineer Lane/Bell Lane	
05/10/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£151,409.36	Engineer Lane/Bell Lane	
03/11/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£95,648.96	Engineer Lane/Bell Lane	
07/12/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£88,785.27	Engineer Lane/Bell Lane	£696,198.00
02/11/2006	MARR CO LTD	£668.10	Environment Projects	
07/08/2006	MONTEVERDE & SONS LTD	£173,610.00	Environment Projects	
13/02/2007	MONTEVERDE & SONS LTD	£48,886.46	Environment Projects	£223,164.56
18/07/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£39,631.00	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	
22/08/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£39,716.00	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	
27/09/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£23,318.00	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	
23/10/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£25,631.00	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	
27/11/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£50,425.00	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	
08/01/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£18,773.00	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	
16/01/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£6,208.00	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	
06/02/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£45,067.00	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	£248,769.00
04/05/2006	GJBS LTD	£711.13	Fire Department Equipment	
18/05/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,881.03	Fire Department Equipment	
01/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£644.00	Fire Department Equipment	
06/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£243.00	Fire Department Equipment	
08/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£20,000.00	Fire Department Equipment	
03/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£20,221.45	Fire Department Equipment	
05/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,049.50	Fire Department Equipment	
08/05/2006	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£110.00	Fire Department Equipment	
19/05/2006	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£1,056.85	Fire Department Equipment	
22/05/2006	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£710.00	Fire Department Equipment	£50,626.96
06/07/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£23.50	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	
03/08/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£376.75	Government Buildings, Works and Structures	

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14/09/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£108.29	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
07/11/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£45.20	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
16/11/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£7.27	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
28/11/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£51.44	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
24/11/2006	GJBS	£32,624.41	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
25/11/2006	GJBS	£10,041.92	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
10/04/2006	GJBS LTD	£33,306.09	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
12/04/2006	GJBS LTD	£21,513.18	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
25/04/2006	GJBS LTD	£13,688.08	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
25/04/2006	GJBS LTD	£20,979.65	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
04/05/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,621.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
18/05/2006	GJBS LTD	£6,663.02	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
01/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£7,751.74	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
01/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,257.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
06/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,322.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
08/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£15,092.13	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
13/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£7,425.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
13/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£7,664.47	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
15/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£7,704.96	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
27/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£40,546.76	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
29/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£9,778.82	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
03/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£18,085.97	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
05/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£76,514.48	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
06/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£610.24	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
11/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,754.72	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
11/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£4,327.64	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
11/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£6,376.93	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
11/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£5,535.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
13/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£152.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
18/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£9,172.91	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
25/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£4,735.17	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
01/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£5,864.25	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
01/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£891.29	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
08/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,393.50	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
08/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,798.84	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
15/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,044.80	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
24/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£249.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
24/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,939.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
05/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£200.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures

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14/09/2006	G.JBS LTD	£887.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
14/09/2006	G.JBS LTD	£5,084.38	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
19/09/2006	G.JBS LTD	£344.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
19/09/2006	G.JBS LTD	£3,001.41	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
26/09/2006	G.JBS LTD	£142.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
26/09/2006	G.JBS LTD	£453.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
03/10/2006	G.JBS LTD	£8,858.71	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
05/10/2006	G.JBS LTD	£393.64	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
10/10/2006	G.JBS LTD	£6,942.76	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
12/10/2006	G.JBS LTD	£2,495.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
12/10/2006	G.JBS LTD	£2,371.40	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
17/10/2006	G.JBS LTD	£2,214.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
17/10/2006	G.JBS LTD	£6,285.96	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
19/10/2006	G.JBS LTD	£5,222.34	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
24/10/2006	G.JBS LTD	£801.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
02/11/2006	G.JBS LTD	£3,078.89	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
02/11/2006	G.JBS LTD	£287.64	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
07/11/2006	G.JBS LTD	£340.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
07/11/2006	G.JBS LTD	£95.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
07/11/2006	G.JBS LTD	£867.62	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
14/11/2006	G.JBS LTD	£20,467.52	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
23/11/2006	G.JBS LTD	£1,612.79	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
30/11/2006	G.JBS LTD	£125.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
19/12/2006	G.JBS LTD	£2,674.39	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
21/12/2006	G.JBS LTD	£6,322.69	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
28/12/2006	G.JBS LTD	£20,757.53	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
11/01/2007	G.JBS LTD	£10,656.85	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
23/01/2007	G.JBS LTD	£1,868.70	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
01/02/2007	G.JBS LTD	£2,192.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
01/02/2007	G.JBS LTD	£1,422.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
06/02/2007	G.JBS LTD	£459.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
06/02/2007	G.JBS LTD	£231.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
06/02/2007	G.JBS LTD	£27,277.55	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
13/02/2007	G.JBS LTD	£1,256.55	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
15/02/2007	G.JBS LTD	£4,901.92	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
20/02/2007	G.JBS LTD	£858.80	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
07/04/2006	G.JBS LTD	£28,500.10	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
10/05/2006	G.JBS LTD	£30,773.43	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
28/06/2006	G.JBS LTD	£148,735.35	Harbour Views Podium Repairs
			Harbour Views Podium Repairs
			Harbour Views Podium Repairs

£538,288.46

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27/04/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£8,122.30	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	£820,096.19
08/06/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£14,163.35	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
27/06/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£14,570.44	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
25/07/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£11,477.70	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
31/08/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£11,517.50	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
28/09/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£11,259.94	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
26/10/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£8,568.62	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
28/11/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£21,862.50	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
21/12/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£19,735.45	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
13/02/2007	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£17,642.12	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
19/05/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£63,487.75	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
14/06/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£78,555.32	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
04/08/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£29,360.99	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
24/10/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£116,770.21	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
08/12/2006	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£84,994.88	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
06/07/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£31,219.14	Major Remedial Works & Repairs to Housing Stock	
25/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£285,625.07	MOD	
01/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£56,830.41	MOD	
19/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£4,963.38	MOD	
17/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£174,101.86	MOD	
29/11/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£162,623.50	New Car Park at New Harbours	£521,520.72
18/12/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£360,922.60	New Car Park at New Harbours	
30/01/2007	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£83,983.25	New Car Park at New Harbours	£587,529.35
21/06/2006	ROTARY LTD	£3,346.97	New Harbours	
18/10/2006	ROTARY LTD	£56,868.31	New Harbours	
18/12/2006	ROTARY LTD	£18,307.56	New Harbours	
18/12/2006	ROTARY LTD	£53,168.60	New Harbours	
19/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£45,000.00	New Prison	£131,691.44
07/02/2007	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£60,404.62	New Upper Town Relief Road	£45,000.00
30/06/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£84,732.65	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	£60,404.62
30/06/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£86,680.35	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
30/06/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£74,288.22	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
19/07/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£93,885.49	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
19/07/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£47,728.12	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
19/07/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£42,373.17	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
21/08/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£46,868.15	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
21/08/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£122,437.85	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
21/08/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£60,486.64	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
24/10/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£63,202.44	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	

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24/10/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£61,232.24	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
24/10/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£59,574.79	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
23/11/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£102,885.11	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
23/11/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£18,534.45	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
23/11/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£120,816.20	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
14/12/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£43,875.90	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
14/12/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£29,693.70	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
19/12/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£16,045.31	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
23/01/2007	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£108,181.05	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
23/01/2007	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£58,491.58	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
23/01/2007	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£15,713.81	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
20/02/2007	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£79,311.04	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
20/02/2007	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£58,828.91	Orange Bastion/Chantham Counter Guard/Fish Market Road/Public Market	
07/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£35,000.00	Other	£1,475,867.17
12/01/2007	WESTERN ISLES LTD	£1,842.00	Post Office - Capital Works and Equipment	£35,000.00
19/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£184.00	Prison Equipment and Refurbishment	£1,842.00
16/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,194.00	Prison Equipment and Refurbishment	
19/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£114.00	Prison Equipment and Refurbishment	
16/01/2007	GJBS LTD	£200.00	Prison Equipment and Refurbishment	£1,692.00
12/12/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£1,248.30	Provision and Refurbishment of Vacant Premises for Clubs and Associations	£1,248.30
19/09/2006	CIAP (CONSTRUCTION) LTD - BACS	£30.50	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
11/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,822.71	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£26,897.47	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£73,905.40	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
01/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£19,812.51	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
03/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,688.40	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
08/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£4,128.47	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
15/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£23,615.56	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£11,037.91	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£19,282.83	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
31/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,875.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
08/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£21,733.66	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£28,832.96	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,389.40	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£580.30	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
26/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£19,221.93	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
26/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£5,471.76	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
28/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£245.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
		£41,614.07	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	

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10/10/2006	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£10,767.94
12/10/2006	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£650.00
17/10/2006	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£43,257.21
24/10/2006	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£5,669.64
14/11/2006	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£104,639.60
14/11/2006	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£19,685.88
28/11/2006	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£28,641.11
19/12/2006	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£21,877.33
22/12/2006	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£125,233.81
09/02/2007	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£369.00
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£305.00
20/02/2007	GJBS LTD	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£776.00
31/05/2006	Wilkie Ltd	Refurbishment of ex Rock Services Depot	£1,720.10
04/05/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£228.00
04/05/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£8,380.26
01/06/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£562.00
16/06/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£4,355.62
22/06/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£643.00
04/07/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£1,467.40
12/07/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£191.00
26/07/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£2,169.23
16/08/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£392.84
19/09/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£191.04
26/09/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£2,206.10
03/10/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£2,196.86
03/10/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£2,080.54
03/10/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£3,921.05
12/10/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£590.24
17/10/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£10,349.96
03/11/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£224.00
03/11/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£498.80
24/11/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£115.00
24/11/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£75.00
12/12/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£7,903.25
12/12/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£142.00
12/12/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£145.00
25/08/2006	GJBS	Repairs to Government owned flats	£143.00
26/04/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	Replacement Frontier Fence	£35,740.00
08/05/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	Replacement Frontier Fence	£63,460.31

£49,171.19

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11/05/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£2,670.06	Replacement Frontier Fence
16/05/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£22,768.00	Replacement Frontier Fence
31/05/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£516.80	Replacement Frontier Fence
06/06/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£65,308.13	Replacement Frontier Fence
15/06/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£32,974.00	Replacement Frontier Fence
20/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£25,873.52	Replacement Frontier Fence
20/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£39,708.24	Replacement Frontier Fence
26/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£37,355.79	Replacement Frontier Fence
14/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£45,631.21	Replacement Frontier Fence
16/05/2006	MARR CO LTD	£1,040.00	Replacement Frontier Fence
01/06/2006	MARR CO LTD	£1,350.00	Replacement Frontier Fence
01/06/2006	MARR CO LTD	£565.00	Replacement Frontier Fence
13/06/2006	MARR CO LTD	£4,079.30	Replacement Frontier Fence
13/06/2006	SELINA LTD	£1,850.00	Replacement Frontier Fence
05/07/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£115,203.46	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
18/07/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£92,816.37	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
10/08/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£54,512.50	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
05/10/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£85,255.37	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
26/10/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£97,205.54	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
30/11/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£96,742.21	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
08/12/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£75,043.39	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
16/01/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£88,264.94	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
15/02/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£8,743.65	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
20/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£59,333.82	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
05/09/2006	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£1,011.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
11/07/2006	MARR CO LTD	£325.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
11/07/2006	MARR CO LTD	£1,015.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
18/07/2006	MARR CO LTD	£350.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
20/07/2006	MARR CO LTD	£330.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
03/08/2006	MARR CO LTD	£383.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
21/09/2006	MARR CO LTD	£880.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
26/09/2006	MARR CO LTD	£721.60	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
28/09/2006	MARR CO LTD	£1,206.99	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
17/10/2006	MARR CO LTD	£350.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
28/11/2006	MARR CO LTD	£921.40	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
05/12/2006	MARR CO LTD	£715.78	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
14/12/2006	MARR CO LTD	£1,104.04	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
09/01/2007	MARR CO LTD	£1,998.13	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing
16/01/2007	MARR CO LTD	£3,989.63	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing

£380,890.36

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23/01/2007	MARR CO LTD	£5,332.80	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
08/02/2007	MARR CO LTD	£3,558.43	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
11/07/2006	SELINA LTD	£440.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
18/07/2006	SELINA LTD	£365.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
20/07/2006	SELINA LTD	£1,080.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
01/08/2006	SELINA LTD	£3,813.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
31/08/2006	SELINA LTD	£420.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
21/09/2006	SELINA LTD	£1,080.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
28/11/2006	SELINA LTD	£140.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
09/01/2007	SELINA LTD	£140.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
06/02/2007	SELINA LTD	£240.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
19/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,007.95	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	£804,992.05
09/01/2007	GJBS LTD	£307.00	Rock Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
28/07/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£2,273.59	Rock Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
22/08/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£88,329.00	Rock Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
18/11/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£13,925.00	Rock Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
01/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£18,916.90	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	£107,842.54
18/07/2006	SELINA LTD	£350.00	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	
10/08/2006	SELINA LTD	£2,842.00	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	£22,108.90
21/08/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£16,025.00	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	£16,025.00
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£9,407.62	Tourist Improvement and Beautification Projects	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£12,235.29	Upper Rock Tourist Sites	
23/01/2007	MARR CO LTD	£9.24	Upper Rock Tourist Sites	
19/10/2006	SELINA LTD	£550.00	Upper Rock Tourist Sites	
21/12/2006	SELINA LTD	£90.00	Upper Rock Tourist Sites	
21/12/2006	SELINA LTD	£950.00	Upper Rock Tourist Sites	
23/01/2007	SELINA LTD	£495.00	Upper Rock Tourist Sites	£23,737.15
20/06/2006	Brues & Fernandez	£931,006.00	Waterport Terraces	
31/07/2006	Brues & Fernandez	£535,731.00	Waterport Terraces	
31/08/2006	Brues & Fernandez	£455,706.00	Waterport Terraces	
17/11/2006	Brues & Fernandez	£603,146.00	Waterport Terraces	
19/12/2006	Brues & Fernandez	£724,775.40	Waterport Terraces	
10/05/2006	GJBS	£13,306.16	Works at Casemates	£3,250,364.40
02/06/2006	Metal Work Limited	£50.00	Works at Casemates	
22/09/2006	Metal Work Limited	£200.00	Works at Casemates	
18/10/2006	Metal Work Limited	£4,480.00	Works at Casemates	£4,480.00
21/06/2006	A & M Scaffolding	£2,400.00	Works at Casemates	
24/08/2006	Home Emergency Repair Services	£260.00	Works at EBC	£260.00
16/05/2006	C M Services	£650.00	Works at EBC	
			Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	

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21/06/2006	C M Services	£100.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
22/06/2006	C M Services	£210.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
23/06/2006	C M Services	£1,440.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
10/07/2006	C M Services	£720.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
02/10/2006	C M Services	£2,410.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
18/10/2006	C M Services	£360.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
06/11/2006	C M Services	£720.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
08/12/2006	C M Services	£720.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
28/12/2006	C M Services	£810.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
21/06/2006	Metal Work Limited	£78.75	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
28/12/2006	Metal Work Limited	£22.50	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
22/11/2006	Rope Access Works	£4,290.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
02/10/2006	Rotary Ltd	£1,662.93	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
06/11/2006	Rotary Ltd	£31.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
11/05/2006	Metal Work Limited	£2,412.50	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
13/10/2006	Metal Work Limited	£7,237.50	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
18/10/2006	Metal Work Limited	£671.75	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
22/11/2006	GJBS	£150,000.00	Works At Lathbury Barracks Industrial Park	£14,225.18
22/12/2006	GJBS	£100,000.00	Works At Lathbury Barracks Industrial Park	£10,321.75
10/05/2006	GJBS	£1,576.50	Works at the Airport	£250,000.00
13/06/2006	GJBS	£485.00	Works to Asset Sales Unit offices	
26/10/2006	GJBS	£95.00	Works to Asset Sales Unit offices	
28/11/2006	GJBS	£45.00	Works to Asset Sales Unit offices	
22/05/2006	Home Emergency Repair Services	£222.00	Works to the Public Market	
22/09/2006	Home Emergency Repair Services	£282.50	Works to the Public Market	
27/11/2006	Home Emergency Repair Services	£402.60	Works to the Public Market	
22/09/2006	Metal Work Limited	£415.00	Works to the Public Market	
18/10/2006	Metal Work Limited	£450.00	Works to the Public Market	
22/09/2006	Rotary Ltd	£5,510.50	Works to the Public Market	
27/11/2006	Rotary Ltd	£1,276.76	Works to the Public Market	
18/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,629.92	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	£8,559.36
15/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£45.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
15/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£12,862.05	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
22/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£55.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
31/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,618.85	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
07/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£4,735.11	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
14/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£281.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
28/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£192.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
03/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£116.40	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	

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**CONTD. ANSWER TO QUESTION 275**

24/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£55.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment
07/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£90.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment
07/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£145.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment
14/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£342.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment
16/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£926.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment
14/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£698.50	Youth Clubs Refurbishment
09/01/2007	GJBS LTD	£491.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£10,378.09	Youth Clubs Refurbishment
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£170.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment
			£36,830.92

**ORAL**

**NO. 276 OF 2007**

**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 October, November and December 2006 and January 2007, providing a breakdown by month and estate?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Indeed, I now hand the hon Member a table giving the information that he has requested.

**Answer to Question 276 of 2007**

		SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
Oct 06	Monies Received				£30,823.00		£30,823.00
Nov 06	Monies Received						
Dec 06	Monies Received			£32,959.04			£32,959.04
Jan 07	Monies Received	£30,172.43				£37,307.06	£67,479.49
Totals		£30,172.43		£32,959.04	£30,823.00	£37,307.06	£131,261.53

ORAL

NO. 277 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**GOVERNMENT CO-OWNERSHIP PROPERTIES**

Can Government state whether the position currently continues to be that to be able to purchase less than 100 per cent share of a home in a co-ownership estate the purchaser must be someone eligible to be on the Government waiting list for rented accommodation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government's policy continues to be that prospective purchasers of less than 100 per cent must at the time of purchase be eligible to be on the Government waiting list for rented accommodation.

**ORAL**

**NO. 278 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES**

With reference to Bayview Terraces, can Government give a breakdown of the current 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 with 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 Nos. 279 and 280 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 279 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – NELSON'S VIEW**

With reference to Nelson's View, can Government give a breakdown of the current 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 with 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 Nos. 278 and 280 of 2007.



**NO. 280 OF 2007**

**THE HON C A BRUZON**

**HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES**

With reference to Cumberland Terraces, can Government give a breakdown of the current 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 with 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. 278 of 2007**

In respect of Bayview Terraces:

- (1) 30 Flats are being sold with 100 per cent financing from the purchaser;
- (2) 4 are being sold at the 50-50 ratio; and
- (3) 40 are being sold at some other ratio

**Answer to Question No. 279 of 2007**

In respect of Nelson's View:

- (1) 52 Flats are being sold with 100 per cent financing from the purchaser;
- (2) 11 are being sold at the 50-50 ratio; and
- (3) 48 are being sold at some other ratio.

**Answer to Question No. 280 of 2007**

In respect of Cumberland Terraces:

- (1) 17 Flats are being sold with 100 per cent financing from the purchaser;
- (2) 43 are being sold at the 50-50 ratio; and
- (3) 71 are being sold at some other ratio.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 278 TO 280 OF 2007**

**HON C A BRUZON:**

Can the Chief Minister tell us how many homes still remain to be sold from those three schemes? Also, if there are any, will they be put out on the open market?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, I think as the Government have recently said, if I am not mistaken, in a public statement, there are around 80 flats remaining in total and they will all very shortly now be re-advertised with terms which may be less restrictive as to who would get preference and that sort of thing. In other words, as everyone that was targeted for preferences is clearly been satisfied, otherwise there would not be these 80 flats left, for the sale of these 80 flats the Government may widen a little bit, not the eligibility criteria, but the preference criteria. In other words, people who did not feature in great measure in the previous allocations because perhaps they were still students, or because they were young and single and had no family dependants, such people may now get a much better opportunity.

**ORAL**

**NO. 281 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HOUSING – WATERPORT DEVELOPMENT**

Can Government state what amounts have been received to date from purchasers of apartments at Waterport Development and how much has been paid to contractors and other parties over the same period?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I now hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information in respect of this current, still current financial year. The information is up to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007.

**Answer to Question 281 of 2007**

	Purchasers Deposits / Installments	Payments to Contractors / Other Parties
Financial Year 2004/05	£0.00	£1,513,824.15 (i)
Financial Year 2005/06	£140,000.00	£3,832,714.82 (ii)
Financial Year 2006/07 (up to 31/01/07)	£5,605,024.81	£6,352,882.46 (iii)
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,745,024.81</b>	<b>£11,699,421.43</b>

**Notes**

- (i) This amount does not include AMCO's retention for FY 2004/05 which amounts to £4,271.00
- (ii) This amount does not include Brues's retention for FY 2005/06 which amounts to £108,927.00
- (iii) This amount does not include Brues's retention for FY 2006/07 up to 31/01/07 which amounts to £168,120.00

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 281 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not very clear what the footnote on the retentions means. Does it mean that that money has been paid but is not included in those sums? It says the amount does not include, for example, Brue's retention of £168,000 in 2006/2007. So, presumably, the £168,000 is not part of the £6.3 million, does it mean that that has been paid?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I think the amount has not been paid, it is not included in the figure there but, in other words, the certificates, the payments to which those amounts relate, is not 100 per cent of what needs to be paid in respect of that stage of certification. On each certificate there is a retention, so if I were to tell the hon Member, which I am not in a position to tell him because I am just using it to illustrate the conversation, I do not know, but if these payments were to take us up to certificate No. 6, and these certificates are usually issued monthly so it would be more than No. 6 by now, there would be more to pay in respect of certificates Nos. 1 to 6 because there is a retention.....

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In each one?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

ORAL

**NO. 282 OF 2007**

**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, it was passed over on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006.

ORAL

NO. 283 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**TENDER – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

Can Government list the tenders for residential properties it awarded in 2006 and 2007 to date, showing the name/address of the property, the name of the successful tenderer, the date the tender was awarded and the amount of the successful bid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I hand the hon Member a table containing all the information that he has requested.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 283 OF 2007**

Address	Successful Tenderer	Premium	Date Awarded
Mount Barbary	Crestal Group of Companies/Koala Hldgs C/o Peter Cabezutto	£1,905,070.00	19/07/06
Rock Cottage	Historic Buildings Conservation (Gibraltar) Ltd	£1,300,000.00	19/09/06
John Snow House	Mr & Mrs R & C Labrador	£677,000.00	19/07/06
1 South Pavillion House No.1	Mr & Mrs Alman	£335,001.00	05/12/06
1 South Pavillion House No.2	Mr & Mrs Hermida	£335,001.00	20/12/06
1 South Pavillion House No.3	Mr R Benaim	£345,250.00	28/11/06
1 South Pavillion House No.4	Mr & Mrs Gill	£351,000.00	28/11/06
1 South Pavillion House No.5	Mr & Mrs Ostheider	£350,000.00	28/11/06
1 South Pavillion House No.6	Mr & Mrs A & G Palao	£405,000.00	28/11/06
1 South Pavillion House No.7	Mr & Mrs L Massetti	£366,000.00	28/11/06
1 South Pavillion House No.8	Mr J Pau	£341,000.00	28/11/06
1 South Pavillion House No.9	Mr & Mrs A Oton	£410,000.00	28/11/06
7:02:05 Hibiscus Court Sir William Jackson Grove	Sheriff Khamoura	£86,250.00	17/01/07
4:00:05 Rose Court Sir William Jackson Grove	Ms M Ramagge	£81,500.00	17/01/07
2:02:14 Rosemary Court Sir William Jackson Grove	Mr L Pincho	£115,000.00	17/01/07
2:00:06 Rosemary Court Sir William Jackson Grove	Mr J Figueredo	£80,000.00	30/01/07
31 Southampton Court	Mr T Moreno	£100,000.00	17/01/07
3 Rosia Dale	Mr S Martinez	£50,000.00	17/01/07
41 Rosia Dale	Ms M O Gonzalez	£50,000.00	30/01/07
64 Rosia Dale	Mr M Napoli	£52,000.00	17/01/07
Inces Farm, Upper Rock	Mr & Mrs D Feetham	£526,000.00	23/01/07
Beaulieu House, Europa Road	Renata Azzopardi	£725,000.00	23/01/07
Johnstones Passage Cottage	Awarded but tenderer backed out of sale	-	-



ORAL

**NO. 284 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING IN NEWSPAPERS**

What amount has the Government paid, in respect of advertising, to any registered newspaper since October 2006, giving a breakdown by month and newspaper?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 284 OF 2007**

	<b>Oct-06</b>	<b>Nov-06</b>	<b>Dec-06</b>	<b>Jan-07</b>	<b>Feb-07</b>
7 Days	£3,758.00	£3,616.00	£3,118.00	£2,548.00	
Gibraltar Chronicle	£6,533.70	£5,139.23			
Gibsport	£65.00	£80.00		£85.00	£120.00
Panorama	£1,992.00				£12,500.00
Zenith Promotions	£3,656.00	£1,632.00			
	<b>£16,004.70</b>	<b>£10,467.23</b>	<b>£3,118.00</b>	<b>£2,633.00</b>	<b>£12,620.00</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 284 OF 2007**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Government confirm that it is Government policy not to advertise in newspapers that owe the Government money?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, there is no such policy. The Government extend to the newspaper industry the same approach, but not a preferential approach, to the one that it extends to companies in all sectors of the economy. Namely, that if companies fall into arrears of their dues to the Government, the Government make a sustained, and some people would argue exaggerated effort, to give the company the opportunity to enter into arrears agreements to pay their arrears over a period of time. But when such companies either decline to enter into such arrangements, or enter into such arrangements and then systematically fail to honour them, or to keep up with their current payments, which is always a condition of an arrears agreement, then the Government do not exempt them from the natural consequences of their action simply because they are newspapers and in a position to embarrass the Government.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does that policy extend to assignees of newspaper publications who may not have incurred debts to the Government but whose predecessors might have incurred such debts?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, well certainly the Government are not willing to allow themselves in the name of the taxpayer to be duped by what I understand is called phoenixing, whereby one puts oneself into liquidation, leave the Government hanging high and dry with ones debts and re-emerge the next day under another corporate name.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Even when that phoenixing may not be what has occurred and when the assignee is not the party that incurred the debt?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I am not willing to have a debate with the hon Member on the basis of his hypothetical questions. In any case I would breach Standing Orders, but in any case I am not willing to answer hypothetical questions.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

That was not, in my view, a hypothetical question it was a very clear question about what the Government's attitude would be in certain very clearly defined circumstances and certainly not in breach of Standing Orders. I would have thought that if it was, Mr Speaker would have called me up on it. But in any event, let me ask the Chief Minister another question. What method of measuring circulation is it that he intends to implement and which he referred to in a GBC interview, in order to determine which newspapers will receive Government advertising?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, when the Government have determined and have established their policy and have made a decision to announce it, they will announce it. We are not going to announce it in dribs and drabs simply because the hon Member chooses to ask me.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

The hon Gentleman will forgive me for saying that I understood that he had announced such policy in an interview with GBC. I am simply asking him whether in fact he is now ready to implement that policy, or whether he is still making decisions about which newspapers receive advertising, on whatever basis it was, has been made until now?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, my understanding is, from those who are in a position to speak for both, is that the basis upon which this Government make decisions about how they distribute their advertising budget is a good deal fairer than has been applied by more recent Governments.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Those who might be entitled to comment on both are really not people who make decisions about what is or is not fair. On what basis is the Chief Minister going to implement a new system for advertising which is going to be involved with measuring circulation? Why has he made the decision that that is the way to go?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I understand that that is the way advertisers always make their advertising decisions. See, there seems to be a view in Gibraltar, usually held by those who produce the most politically-orientated publications, that somehow the Government have an obligation to financially support and sustain such newspapers. My understanding is that it is normal practice for all advertisers, in all walks of life, in all industries to target their advertising budgets by reference to maximising the number of people that that advertisement will reach. Therefore, I understand, that the standard practice and, therefore, it is not the unusual, peculiar decision that the hon Member is trying to insinuate, is that circulation of the newspaper in which one advertises, is more than just a little bit relevant to that equation. Frankly, an

advertisement placed in a newspaper with a circulation of 3,000 a day is not the same as an advertisement placed in a newspaper with 100 circulation perhaps a week.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Is that why the Chief Minister thinks it proper to have spent £2,096 advertising in 7-Days in July 2006; £3,993 advertising in 7-Days in August 2006; £7,414 advertising in 7-Days in September 2006; £3,758 advertising in 7-Days in October 2006; £3,616 advertising in 7-Days in October 2006 and £3,118 in December 2006 in that newspaper? Which, incidentally, I understand is published in Spain. Printed.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Does the hon Member mean like the GSLP Election Manifestos? Well.....

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Point of order.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order, order.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If the Chief Minister has to make himself responsible for the things that he says, I would like him to produce which manifesto was published in Spain of the GSLP?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Printed.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Or printed in Spain? If it had been sent to a printer here and that printer says 'printed in Gibraltar' and has sent it to Spain, then 90 per cent of the stuff does not go to the Chronicle and is printed in Spain that the Government sent out. If that is what has happened, and if it is what has happened it will never happen again if he brings it to my knowledge.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The hon Member should be sure that it has happened to all political parties, mine and his both included, except that I do not think that there is anything wrong with it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well I do, I think we should support our printers.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, to answer the hon Member's supplementary, yes I do think it is fair but he should bear in mind that the question that he has asked and on which we are embarked on supplementaries at the moment, does not ask to what value have advertisements been placed. It asks what amount have Government paid, so these are statements of payments in the months in question and do not necessarily reflect the extent to which there has been advertising thereby. Presumably, he understands the nuances of the words he chooses to ask using this question. So, for example, he will see that Panorama shows nothing in November, December and January and his colleague, the Hon Dr Garcia, will be relieved to hear that that is not because there have not been advertisements, but because the payment has been made in February because there was some issue about an increase in rates, something which now appears to have been resolved but was in the throes of resolution. So these are payment schedules and not value of advertising in those months schedules, because that is not what the hon Member has asked. To answer his question, yes, I do believe that it is fair but let me tell him this. That if the 7-Days newspaper ignored its liabilities to the Government and therefore to the taxpayer, and chose to behave as if it was somehow exempt from liability to taxation, to social insurance contributions, to electricity or to rates, then it would be treated exactly the same way as the Government have chosen to treat the newspaper of which he is speaking but which he has not yet mentioned by name.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Believe me that I have no fear of the Chief Minister and I would mention any newspaper of which I am speaking without any concern. I am speaking generically because I think this is an issue that has to be dealt with generically. But I am quite happy to speak specifically, for example, about the £23,995, namely £5 short of £24,000 that has been spent in advertising in 7-Days in the period up to December 2006 without including the amount spent in January 2007. Will the Chief Minister confirm that the policy which he has just articulated is one which he has been applying consistently for the 11 years since he was first elected in 1996 to every newspaper on this list?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Where newspapers, including the Vox, the Government spent more than two or three years with involvement at every level – administrative at all levels, political at all levels, trying to seduce Vox into entering into arrears agreements, so that the Government could go forward. They declined, they refused. When eventually they were cajoled into entering agreements they were ignored and not implemented. The hon Member may wish to attribute to the Government some political motivation for the way they have dealt with the Vox newspaper. I do not know if that is because he is particularly close to the Vox newspaper, but let me assure the hon Member that if the Government are open to any criticism, it is to the criticism that they failed for too long to treat Vox in accordance with how Government should treat somebody that takes that view of its debts to the taxpayer. The Government, if anything, have made

the mistake, or erred on the side of excessive molly coddling of that particular publication, rather than going for it for any other purpose. The answer is yes, all the other newspapers that have fallen into arrears with its liabilities, have all engaged with the Government, entered into sensible, meaningful, reasonable arrears agreements and complied with them. The conditions of the arrears agreement is not just that one complies with the payment of the arrears pursuant to the arrears agreement, but that one also remains current in respect of the current liabilities. Absolutely.

**NO. 285 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

On a hopefully less controversial issue, has a date for an oral hearing now been fixed in the legal proceedings (Court of First Instance register number 240836 and allocated case number T-211/04) against the EU Commission? I note that since the question was put the Government have made a public statement in respect of this matter.

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

This question is no more, no less controversial than the previous one since, I suppose, the hon Members as Parliamentarians and law-abiding citizens, join the Government in subscribing to the proposition that taxpayers in all walks of life, and that companies engaged in all economic activities, including newspapers, should honour their legal obligations to pay their taxes and, worse still, should forward to the Commissioner of Income Tax monies that they had deducted from their employees' wage packets. I have not thought that that proposition was controversial.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

.....speech, he did not answer my question.

**MR SPEAKER:**

Order, order.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It was the hon Member who chose to link this question to the previous one by saying 'on a less controversial subject'. He cannot then complain when I link the answers as well. The hon Member has got to be nimbler on his feet if he wants to score cheeky goals of that sort, but the answer is that there has now been a date set the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007 and we are very much hopeful of a satisfactory outcome.



**MR SPEAKER:**

I must beg to differ with the Hon Chief Minister, I do not think there was a linkage between the two questions. In fact, there was a clear distinction. Anyway, we have the answer.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

On a point of order, what the hon Member said was that he hopes on a less controversial note, less controversial than what?

**MR SPEAKER:**

Than the last one, he is drawing a distinction.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Exactly so.

**MR SPEAKER:**

He is clearly drawing a distinction rather than linking. Well, I take the view he was drawing a distinction. Next question perhaps.

**ORAL**

**NO. 286 OF 2007**

**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**

I will give the hon Member the information that he has sought in the schedule that I now hand to him.

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Name of Firm	Legal Assistance		Legal Aid	
	Disbursements	Fees	Disbursements	Fees
A Haynes				£ 476.00
A MacDonald	£ 9.00	£ 91.20		
Attias & Levy	£ 2,761.80	£ 25,764.69	£ 95.00	£ 8,893.00
B Vaughan				£ 1,200.00
C A Gomez & Co		£ 6,306.08		£ 1,500.00
C Salter				
College Clinic	£ 586.00			
Dr A Bauer	£ 400.00			
Dr R Benians	£ 7,941.64			
Gold Law	£ 1,592.10	£ 9,440.40		£ 1,930.00
Hassans	£ 12,965.20	£ 92,373.20		£ 6,185.00
Heart of England-NHS Foundation	£ 270.00			
I Watts		£ 520.00	£ 31.20	£ 9,241.80
Isola & Isola	£ 3,378.00	£ 37,181.36	£ 15.00	£ 6,792.00
J A Evans	£ 10,627.72	£ 82,755.72		
J D Rosado		£ 6,400.00		
Janet A Stowe	£ 800.00			
Marrache & Co	£ 13,346.50	£ 25,356.00		£ 3,242.00
MM Consultancy	£ 700.00			
N Vaughan				£ 630.00
Northern Medical Services	£ 2,458.00			
OAC Plc	£ 15,358.00			
O'Callaghan Elliot Hotel	£ 238.36			
Phillips & Co	£ 24,092.00	£ 106,520.49		£ 791.50
Professor H M Hodgkinson	£ 4,307.54			
R Pilley	£ 127.50	£ 720.00		
S Bossino	£ 1,306.60	£ 9,590.16	£ 1,165.50	£ 16,766.50
S J Bullock	£ 7,463.20	£ 44,519.20	£ 18.20	£ 4,728.00
Terence Jenks & Assoc	£ 1,493.00			
Triay & Triay	£ 55,923.20	£ 124,363.21		£ 580.00
Triay Stagnetto Neish	£ 1,200.00			
Verralls Solicitors				£ 5,217.00
	£ 169,345.36	£ 571,901.71	£ 1,324.90	£ 68,172.80
	Sub Total Paid 1st April 2006 to 20th February 2007 =			
				£ 810,744.77
		Less Legal Assistance recovered =		-£ 16,487.55
				£ 794,257.22

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 286 OF 2007**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Would the Chief Minister know if the amount paid to one practitioner includes the amount referred to in a recent judgement of the Court of Appeal, or whether it is not possible from the information that he has to produce that?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not know the answer to that.

**NO. 287 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CM'S VISITS OVERSEAS**

Let us see what all that tax money is spent on. 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 in October 2006 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**

Since the hon Member starts his question by saying 'let us see what all that money is spent on', presumably he does not mean the money referred to in the previous question. But, of course, if I am improperly linking the two answers then, of course, I withdraw and I apologise to the Learned Speaker.

Yes, I am very happy to give the hon Member the information that he has sought in relation to my travel during that period.

**Answer to Question 287**

CM's travel since October 2006 to date

DATE	PURPOSE	PERSONS TRAVELLING	MET WITH	CHIEF MINISTER'S TRAVEL COSTS			
				AIR FARES £	TRAVEL EXPENSES £	ACCOMMODATION £	OTHER £
13-17 Oct 2006	1) Mass & Enthronement of Our Lady of Europe 2) Gibraltar Day in London 3) Meeting at Gatwick Airport	CM, Mrs Caruana, Media Director, Private Secretary (Legal), Private Secretary (Projects), Chief Technical Officer	Gib Air Terminal Design Team	878.60	1,590.00	1,739.52	387.63 (meals/misc)
30 Oct – 1 Nov 2006	UK Gambling Summit	CM, Private Secretary (Legal), Mr Bristow, Peter Montegriffo		878.60	425.00	321.95	68.36 (meals/misc)
2 November 2006	Press Engagement	CM, MD, Driver, Bodyguards			6.00 (petrol - approx)		
11 December 2006	TV Debate-Los Barrios	CM, MD, Driver, Bodyguards			6.00 (petrol - approx)		
5 February 2006	TV Interview – Cadena Ser	CM, MD, Driver, Bodyguards			6.00 (petrol - approx)		
	Mancomunidad de Municipios – Medal Presentation						

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 287 OF 2007**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can the Chief Minister clarify that the amount set out in respect of air fares and travel expenses in the schedule relates to the cost in respect of himself and not in respect of the total party travelling?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, I think so. Yes, clearly.

ORAL

**NO. 288 OF 2007**

**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 October 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 Finance Centre Department has not attended any conferences from the end of October 2006 to date.



**NO. 289 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES ACT**

Has Government now made a policy decision on whether or not to implement “white wash” provisions into the Companies Act?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Should Government decide to modify any provision of the Companies Act, it will publish a draft Bill and/or a Consultation Paper. Until it does so, no such modifications are decided.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 289 OF 2007**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

That is not contrary to what the Chief Minister has said in respect of a question similar to this in the past but a slight departure. I think it is fair to say that the House may have been given the impression that the Government were considering the possibility of implementing “white wash” provisions in our Companies legislation. It appears that that is no longer the case, is there a reason for that departure?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, I do not think that any such departure is implicit in the answer that I have given. The fact that it has not yet been decided does not mean it is not still under consideration.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

In the time that I have been in this House I think I have been pursuing the Government on this issue almost since our first meeting. Is there a reason why the Government are not reaching a decision in respect of their consideration of this matter, if it is still in fact under consideration? Given that it is an issue that does affect some financial structuring and engineering, and in respect of which Gibraltar

suffers a disadvantage in respect of the United Kingdom and other common law jurisdictions.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, there is no particular reason why the Government have not yet reached a decision but it is now more likely that any decision that they do reach will be taken in the context of a wider review of the Companies Act, rather than the hitherto piecemeal approach that has resulted in the hodgepodge that we now have in respect of companies legislation.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Does the Chief Minister have a date in mind to commence that review?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

Can I press him to try and bring that to the top of his legislative agenda, given that issues such as this and the piecemeal amendment of the existing Companies legislation does result in us have a hodgepodge as he himself has said, and an effective Finance Centre needs to have effective company law legislation. Will he agree with me, therefore, that this is an issue that needs to come quickly up the ladder of Government priorities?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No I do not.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I think I have exhausted the Chief Minister's generosity for the day.

**ORAL**

**NO. 290 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 291 to 295 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 291 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 290 and 292 to 295 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 292 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 290, 291 and 293 to 295 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 293 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 2 STATUS**

How many individuals have surrendered Category 2 status since November 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 290 to 292, 294 and 295 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 294 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**CATEGORY 3 STATUS**

How many individuals have surrendered Category 3 status since November 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 290 to 293 and 295 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 295 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

**CATEGORY 4 STATUS**

How many individuals have surrendered Category 4 status since November 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information that the hon Member seeks is set out in the schedules that I now hand to him.



## **ANSWER TO QUESTION 295/2007**

### **Answer to Question 290**

In the months of November 2006 to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 the following numbers of individuals joined the register of people with Category 2 status:

November '06	6
December '06	3
January '07	8
Up to 20 <sup>th</sup> February '07	6

### **Answer to Question 291**

In the months of November 2006 to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 the following numbers of individuals joined the register of people with Category 3 status:

November '06	6
December '06	2
January '07	4
Up to 20 <sup>th</sup> February '07	1

### **Answer to Question 292**

In the months of November 2006 to 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 the following numbers of individuals joined the register of people with Category 4 status:

November '06	4
December '06	1
January '07	1
Up to 20 <sup>th</sup> February '07	2

Cont...

**CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 295 OF 2007**

**Answer to Question 293**

A total of 2 individuals have surrendered their Category 2 status since November 2006.

**Answer to Question 294**

A total of 6 individuals have surrendered their Category 3 status since November 2006.

**Answer to Question 295**

There have been no Category 4 certificates surrendered since November 2006.

ORAL

**NO. 296 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006 which remain pending consideration or which have been rejected?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 297 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 297 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 296 of 2007**

No applications to form a Protected Cell Company have been submitted in the months from the end of October 2006 which remain pending consideration or which have been rejected.

**Answer to Question No. 297 of 2007**

Consent has been granted for seven funds to be established as Protected Cell Companies.

**NO. 298 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The number of tax exempt companies which terminated their tax exempt certificates in each of the months from the end of October 2006 are as follows:

October 2006	40
November 2006	40
December 2006	42
January 2007	37
Up to 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2007	51

I should just point out that “terminated” is interpreted by the Finance Centre Department as meaning companies which have returned their certificates and no longer require exempt status.

**ORAL**

**NO. 299 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

Can Government list the companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months since October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes, without wishing to link this answer to the previous one, it is being pointed out to me that in respect of January 2007 I said 37 and it should be 36.

I will answer Question 299 together with Question Nos. 300 and 301 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 300 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**COMPANIES REGISTER**

How many companies have been removed from the companies register in each of the months since October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 299 and 301 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 301 OF 2007**

**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 October 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 is now being taken to him.



## **ANSWER TO QUESTION 301 OF 2007**

### **Answer to Question 299**

The list of companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months since October 2006 are as follows:

October '06	208
November '06	225
December '06	195
January '07	217

### **Answer to Question 300**

The list of companies removed from the companies Register in each of the months since of October 2006 are as follows:

October '06	101
November '06	119
December '06	163
January '07	121

### **Answer to Question 301**

The number of companies re-domiciled out of Gibraltar in each of the months since October 2006 are as follows:

The registrar gives consent 30 days after the notice is issued and consent is given almost without exception.

October '06	22
November '06	20
December '06	35
January '07	24

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 October 2006 to date.

ORAL

NO. 302 OF 2007

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 October 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

None have been issued.

**NO. 303 OF 2007**

**THE HON F R PICARDO**

**PACE 1984**

What has been the result if any of the Government's consideration of the legislation that has been drafted for the implementation of parts of PACE 1984?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Draft legislation has now been settled and the Government hope to publish the Bill during the next two weeks.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 303 OF 2007**

**HON F R PICARDO:**

It may be that the Chief Minister does not want to go down this road but as he knows this is an issue which I have been pursuing in Question Time since I was elected. Can he give us the headlines of the areas that are to be implemented or would he rather wait until the Bill is published?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think it is most if not almost all of it but there are bits of it which are being reserved for subsidiary legislation, because we have just not had time to devise the scheme and did not want to hold up the legislation any longer. For example, I think that whereas the UK Act has in it primary legislative provision for a duty solicitor scheme, we have included an enabling power to enable that to be done by regulations, so that that can be done at a slightly slower order. We have also taken the opportunity to consolidate the law. Ours is not a Police and Criminal Evidence Act it is a, I cannot remember the exact name that we called it but, basically, it has a title that reflects the fact that we have consolidated into the one piece of legislation the PACE provisions and our current Criminal Procedure Ordinance, bits of which overlapped with PACE and would have had to be amended anyway. But rather than have the law relating to evidence and criminal procedure in two bits of legislation, we brought them together in just one which will then serve as a codified evidence and procedure, and Police powers and Police obligations in relation to evidence gathering in one codified Act.

**HON F R PICARDO:**

I look forward to seeing the draft.

ORAL

NO. 304 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

What was the amount of Company Tax collected in each month since September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 305 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 305 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

As at the end of January 2007, how many companies, in each tax year 1995/1996 to 2005/2006 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**

The information that the hon Member requests is set out in the schedule which I now hand to him.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 305/07****Answer to Question 304**

The Corporation Tax collected (net of refunds) in the months of October 2006 to January 2007 is:

	£M
October 2006	0.56
November 2006	0.41
December 2006	0.63
January 2007	0.59

**Answer to Question 305**

	1995/96 £M	1996/97 £M	1997/98 £M	1998/99 £M	1999/00 £M	2000/01 £M
Assessed	15.8	15.6	19.9	25.9	90.2	28.7
Discharged	5.8	5.1	9.3	11.2	76.4	15.4
	10.0	10.5	10.6	14.7	13.8	13.3
Paid	9.5	10.3	10.4	14.4	13.6	13.2
Outstanding	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1
No. of Companies	1446	1419	1468	1461	1549	1586

	2001/02 £M	2002/03 £M	2003/04 £M	2004/05 £M	2005/06 £M
Assessed	31.0	36.3	38.1	33.7	40.2
Discharged	16.3	19.7	14.8	10.5	16.0
	14.7	16.6	23.3	23.2	24.2
Paid	14.1	15.5	21.8	20.0	20.8
Outstanding	0.6	1.1	1.5	3.2	3.4
No. of Companies	1542	1531	1574	1493	1229

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 304 AND 305 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I note in the corporation tax collected that the figures for October, November, December and January follow the relatively low rate of last year. Do the Government expect that the February figure will be higher as a result of the change introduced requiring the thing to be brought forward by one month?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

This is now really a pattern that is with us for keeps and it reflects also the fact that the rule change that took effect in relation to the month means that, in effect, all the tax now comes in, well most of it comes in, in respect of the current year. The position is that they have to send in now a return account by a certain date after the end of the financial year. So the effect of that is, because most companies have the same financial year end, that since they all go to the limit so to speak, that all the tax comes in or most of the tax, certainly the lion's share of it, comes in in February or March, one of the two months, as it was in the last time that we saw the February/March figures. Which I think was February.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

My question was in fact, it was March last year and the Chief Minister remembers that he brought a change which we supported to make it come in earlier. So my question is, are we likely to see that reflected in February this year? That change that was brought in since last year.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I will just have to work out given that companies pay tax on a preceding year basis. I think so, but I will just have to think about that to see if it comes in this year or next because of the basis periods. I think so, I think that it will happen this year and we will see it, the hon Member will not see the monthly figures of course but when I see the February figures I will be very happy to tell him whether the February figures reflect a boost or not.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The Chief Minister will recall that in fact the argument was that because they had to do it by April it meant that all of it was not coming in in the current financial year in March and that was the reason for the change. So, I think when the amendment was made the impression was given that it would kick in this year.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, it was actually a banking issue as I recall because it had to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> March, and things that came in on the last day there was no administrative time to bank it so



that it could go into the accounts of the Government for that year. For that purpose it was brought forward by a month to February.

ORAL

**NO. 306 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

Can Government confirm that the exceptional amount of Company Tax collected in the financial year 2004/2005 relating to prior tax years is now reflected in the figures given in the House showing the amounts payable and paid in respect of tax years since 1995/1996?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 307 of 2007.

**NO. 307 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

Can Government state whether the amount of company tax collected in March 2006 of £17.4 million included any sums which related to tax years previous to 2004/2005 and whether such sums were already reflected in the information provided as to tax payable by companies since 1995/1996?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I can confirm to the hon Member that the amount of corporation tax collected in the financial year 2004/2005 relating to prior tax years is reflected in the figures given to Parliament regarding tax paid and payable by companies assessed since tax year 1995/1996. Of the £17.4 million collected in corporation tax in March 2006, the sum of £308,000 was in respect of tax years prior to 2004/2005. The breakdown is as follows:

1999/2000 and earlier	£3,000
2000/2001	£2,000
2001/2002	£5,000
2002/2003	£1,000
2003/2004	£297,000

I can also confirm that these amounts are reflected in the statistical information provided regarding tax paid and payable by companies assessed since the tax year 1995/1996.

**ORAL**

**NO. 308 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

As at the end of January 2007 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 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 309 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 309 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

As at the end of January 2007 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**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 309**

**Answer to Question 308**

**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	745	555	269	289	328	394	463	476
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	1.5M	0.9M	0.5M	0.6M	0.8M	1.0M	1.3M	1.1M
Total Paid	1.3M	0.7M	0.2M	0.3M	0.5M	0.7M	1.2M	1.1M
<b>Over £35,000</b>								
No. of Companies assessed	42	34	10	12	29	32	44	65
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.2M	0.8M	1.1M	1.7M	1.8M
Total Paid	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.2M	0.6M	1.0M	1.6M	1.7M

**Answer to Question 309**

**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	224	310	372	421	414	407	358	339
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	0.5M	0.6M	0.8M	1.0M	1.0M	0.9M	0.9M	0.8M
Total Paid	0.5M	0.6M	0.8M	1.0M	1.0M	0.9M	0.9M	0.7M
<b>Over £35,000</b>								
No. of Companies assessed	77	100	133	147	150	157	145	116
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	6.3M	9.7M	12.0M	13.3M	15.0M	21.1M	21.0M	20.9M
Total Paid	6.3M	9.7M	11.9M	13.0M	14.9M	21.0M	21.0M	20.9M

ORAL

NO. 310 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**INCOME TAX – PAYE**

How much was collected in PAYE each month since September 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

As follows:

	£m
October 2006	8.42
November 2006	6.31
December 2006	6.35
January 2007	8.33

**ORAL**

**NO. 311 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – PAYE**

Can Government state, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 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. 312 to 317 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 312 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – PAYE**

Can Government state, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 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. 311 and 313 to 317 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 313 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – PAYE**

Can Government state, as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 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. 311, 312 and 314 to 317 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 314 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – PAYE**

Can Government state, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 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. 311 to 313 and 315 to 317 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 315 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – PAYE**

Can Government state, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 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. 311 to 314, 316 and 317 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 316 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – PAYE**

Can Government state, as at the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 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**

Answered together with Question Nos. 311 to 315 and 317 of 2007.

**NO. 317 OF 2007**

**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 and number of employees as follows:

- (1) MOD;
- (2) Gibraltar Government;
- (3) Government owned/JV companies; and
- (4) Private sector employment?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 311 of 2007**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 145 employers had not yet returned their 2004/2005 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

**Answer to Question No. 312 of 2007**

A total of 270 employers had not yet returned their 2005/2006 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 No. 313 of 2007**

Based on the 2004/2005 annual PAYE Employers' Return received at the Income Tax Office by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 116 employers owed PAYE Tax totalling £830,000.

**Answer to Question No. 314 of 2007**

Based on the 2005/2006 annual PAYE Employers' Return received at the Income Tax Office by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 170 employers owed £1.95 million.

**Answer to Question No. 315 of 2007**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 1,841 employers had submitted their 2004/2005 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

**Answer to Question No. 316 of 2007**

As at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007, 1,767 employers had submitted their 2005/2006 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

**Answer to Question No. 317 of 2007**

Based on the 2005/2006 Employers' Annual Statement, Declaration and Certificate submitted up to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007 the information sought is as follows:

	£m
(a) MOD	5.2
(b) Gibraltar Government	21.5
(c) Government-owned and Joint Venture companies	3.7
(d) Private Sector Employment	45.7
	<u>76.1</u>

The PAYE Deduction Cards for the year 2005/2006 are currently being processed and it is not possible at this time to provide details of the number of Deduction Cards returned.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 311 TO 317 OF 2007****HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is there a particular reason for, I think in the past, by this time of the year the Chief Minister has been able to provide the information? He has not been able to provide it when I have asked earlier than this, is there a particular reason why it seems to be taking longer this year? There does not seem to be an increase in the number of returns from the figures that he has given me, 1,841 and 1,767. It suggests that this year we are not talking about more employers than in the previous year.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I understand that he is asking me whether I can think of a reason why contrary to what he says has been the case in previous years I cannot by now, which is end of February, give him the same information. I cannot give him a reason for that. I do know but I am now speculating and this may have absolutely nothing to do with it, but the Commissioner of Income Tax has been making a concerted effort to get up to date with assessments. Whether this has diverted resources I do not know, but that is pure speculation on my part.

ORAL

**NO. 318 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

Can Government state whether there has been any irrecoverable Corporation Tax written-off in the financial year 2005/2006, and if so, how much and how many companies were involved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 319 to 321 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 319 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – SELF-EMPLOYED**

Can Government state whether there has been any irrecoverable Income Tax written-off in the financial year 2005/2006 in respect of self-employed individuals, and if so, how much and how many individuals were involved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 318, 320 and 321 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 320 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the tax years to which the £550,584 of tax arrears written-off in 2004/2005 in respect of 19 companies relates in the case of each company?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 318, 319 and 321 of 2007.

**NO. 321 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – SELF-EMPLOYED**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the tax years to which the £610,593 of tax arrears written-off in 2004/2005 in respect of 14 self-employed persons relates in the case of each individual?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Yes, the very large amount of detailed information which the hon Member seeks is set out in the three page schedule that I now hand to him.

I could have read out the answers to Question Nos. 318 to 319. There has been no corporation tax written-off in the financial year 2005/2006. There has been no income tax in respect of self-employed individuals written-off in the financial year 2005/2006, and all the detailed information provided relates to Question Nos. 320 and 321 of 2007.

### **ANSWER TO QUESTION 321**

#### **Answer to Question 318**

There has been no Corporation Tax written-off in the financial year 2005/06.

#### **Answer to Question 319**

There has been no Income Tax in respect of self-employed individuals written-off in the financial year 2005/06.

#### **Answer to Question 320**

The breakdown requested by the Hon Member regarding the Corporation Tax written-off in the financial year 2004/05 in respect of 19 companies is as follows:

Taxpayer	Period	Amounts written-off each period	Total write-off for taxpayer	Taxpayer	Period	Amounts written-off each period	Total write-off for taxpayer	
		£	£			£	£	
1	1990/91	3,850	14,438	5	1985/86	4,472	41,300	
	1991/92	4,813			1986/87	4,891		
	1992/93	5,775			1987/88	4,891		
2	1995/96	6,737	39,218		1988/89	5,870		
	1996/97	5,775			1989/90	1,925		
	1998/99	9,188			1990/91	2,888		
	1999/00	10,780			1991/92	3,850		
	2001/02	1,925			1992/93	4,813		
	2002/03	1,925			1993/94	7,700		
	2003/04	2,888		6	1994/95	4,295	22,347	
3	1988/89	1,750	31,500		1995/96	4,314		
	1989/90	2,800			1997/98	6,738		
	1990/91	4,200			1998/99	7,000		
	1991/92	5,950			7	1991/92	11,185	79,024
	1992/93	8,050				1992/93	27,414	
1993/94	8,750	1993/94	19,250					
4	1991/92	2,927	50,475	1994/95	21,175			
	1992/93	4,620		8	1993/94		3,500	3,500
	1993/94	5,005		9	2001/02		2,506	12,131
	1994/95	5,775			2002/03		9,625	
	1995/96	6,738		10	1989/90		6,334	39,584
	1996/97	7,700			1990/91		15,750	
	1997/98	8,085			1991/92		17,500	
	1998/99	9,625						

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 321**

**Cont'd Answer to Question 320**

Taxpayer	Period	Amounts written-off each period	Total write-off for taxpayer
		£	£
11	1991/92	1,925	27,913
	1992/93	5,775	
	1993/94	9,625	
	1994/95	10,588	
12	1994/95	1,513	10,737
	1995/96	1,524	
	1996/97	3,500	
	1997/98	4,200	
13	1987/88	1,731	13,090
	1988/89	2,118	
	1989/90	2,503	
	1990/91	2,888	
	1991/92	3,850	
14	1987/88	1,750	9,625
	1988/89	1,750	
	1989/90	2,625	
	1990/91	3,500	
15	1997/98	3,825	3,825
16	1990/91	1,924	33,495
	1991/92	2,888	
	1992/93	3,850	
	1993/94	4,620	
	1994/95	5,775	
	1995/96	1,925	
	1996/97	2,888	
	1997/98	3,850	
	1998/99	5,775	

Taxpayer	Period	Amounts written-off each period	Total write-off for taxpayer
		£	£
17	1991/92	3,250	44,060
	1992/93	5,775	
	1993/94	6,930	
	1994/95	7,700	
	1995/96	9,625	
	1996/97	10,780	
18	1992/93	1,924	25,025
	1993/94	2,888	
	1994/95	5,775	
	1995/96	6,738	
19	1996/97	7,700	51,297
	1995/96	21,937	
	1996/97	19,557	
	1997/98	4,798	
	1998/99	5,005	
GRAND TOTAL			552,584

It should be noted that the amount actually written-off was £552,584 and not £550,584 as stated in the Question.

**Answer to Question 321**

The breakdown requested by the Hon Member regarding the Income Tax written-off in the financial year 2004/05 in respect of 14 self-employed individuals is as follows:

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 321**

Taxpayer	Period	Amounts written-off each period	Total write-off for taxpayer
		£	£
1	1992/93	13,174	36,824
	1993/94	10,450	
	1994/95	13,200	
2	1990/91	7,065	58,627
	1991/92	8,113	
	1992/93	9,213	
	1993/94	10,312	
	1994/95	11,412	
3	1995/96	12,512	56,213
	1985/86	4,743	
	1986/87	5,723	
	1989/90	4,295	
	1990/91	4,495	
	1991/92	4,695	
	1992/93	4,895	
	1993/94	5,095	
	1994/95	5,298	
	1995/96	5,524	
4	1996/97	5,658	44,602
	1997/98	5,792	
	1992/93	7,065	
	1993/94	9,763	
5	1994/95	12,512	10,524
	1995/96	15,262	
	1998/99	4,555	
6	1999/00	5,969	37,991
	1989/90	2,742	
	1990/91	3,512	
	1991/92	4,285	
	1992/93	5,165	
	1993/94	6,075	
	1994/95	7,065	
	1995/96	2,741	
	1996/97	3,434	
7	1997/98	2,972	29,196
	1992/93	2,658	
	1993/94	3,543	
	1994/95	3,895	
	1995/96	4,295	
	1996/97	4,615	
	1997/98	4,935	
8	1998/99	5,255	136,287
	1984/85	3,931	
	1985/86	5,029	
	1986/87	5,234	
	1987/88	12,575	
	1988/89	24,108	
	1989/90	38,083	
9	1990/91	47,327	42,659
	1993/94	4,105	
	1994/95	4,380	
10	1995/96	4,649	29,967
	1996/97	10,275	
	1997/98	10,675	
	1998/99	8,575	
	1995/96	1,109	
11	1996/97	3,435	42,579
	1997/98	3,743	
	1998/99	4,461	
	1999/00	5,143	
	2000/01	6,175	
12	2001/02	5,901	47,348
	1997/98	4,989	
	1998/99	5,781	
	1999/00	6,566	
	2000/01	7,549	
13	2001/02	8,448	30,817
	2002/03	9,246	
	1991/92	3,850	
	1992/93	4,225	
	1993/94	6,798	
14	1994/95	5,025	6,959
	1995/96	9,750	
	1996/97	8,775	
	1997/98	8,925	
	1989/90	2,742	
15	1990/91	2,934	30,817
	1991/92	3,127	
	1992/93	3,319	
	1993/94	3,512	
	1994/95	3,704	
16	1995/96	3,897	6,959
	1996/97	3,648	
	1997/98	3,934	
	1990/91	706	
	1991/92	2,742	
17	1992/93	3,511	610,593
	GRAND TOTAL		

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 318 TO 321 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In the case of the companies the auditor says that these companies either ceased trading, had been wound-up or liquidated but it provides no information in the case of the self-employed individuals. I note that, in fact, one particular individual alone had £136,000 of arrears of PAYE written-off. Would this be individuals that are no longer in Gibraltar and this is why it has been written-off?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, I think the hon Member has mis-spoken when he referred to £136,000 of PAYE, it is not PAYE. These are self-employed. I have not been provided with any background information to these. Indeed, I have no means of telling even who they are because the Commissioner, quite properly, does not provide me with that information either. So I just have taxpayer No. 2. If I knew who it was I might be able to speculate at the reason but it might be somebody who has left Gibraltar or something like that. I just do not have the information to answer that question.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Given that there is no explanation given, in the case of the companies the auditor identifies really the reason as a fact that they are no longer trading or they have been liquidated or wound up, so presumably there is nobody to collect the tax from. I wonder whether given the dates, could it be that they are time-barred and therefore it is not possible to collect? Could that be the reason?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, I do not think that is the reason. The reason why I think the information is provided in the case of companies and not employees, is that most of that information about the company and, indeed, the name of the company is already in the public domain. So tax administration confidentiality rules do not apply. I mean, if a company is wound-up or liquidated, that is in the public domain because that takes place in the Gazette with notices and orders, there is no confidentiality issue there. In the case of an individual there are clear rules about confidentiality, and I suppose that is why the Commissioner does not give us the identity of the individual concerned. I doubt very much that it has anything to do with it being time-barred because these things are quite aggressively pursued, and by the time they are written-off it must be because they are irrecoverable for reasons of physics. In other words, either that the person is not amenable, has died, is bankrupt, it is not simply because they have been indolent in the pursuit of the debt.

ORAL

**NO. 322 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – HNWIs**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the years to which the tax payments related in the case of the 37 High Net Worth Individuals whose arrears of £2,277,599 were written-off in 2004/2005?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 323 to 325 of 2007.



ORAL

**NO. 323 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – HNWIs**

Can Government state whether any of the 37 High Net Worth Individuals were still in the jurisdiction in 2004/2005, when their arrears of tax was written-off?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 322, 324 and 325 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 324 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – HNWIs**

Can Government give a breakdown in respect of the 37 High Net Worth Individuals whose arrears of tax were written-off in 2004/2005, indicating the date of their arrival, whether they purchased or rented property, and the amount of the flat rate tax paid in each case in each year since their arrival?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 322, 323 and 325 of 2007.

**NO. 325 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INCOME TAX – HNWIs**

Can Government state whether any amounts in respect of arrears of tax payable by High Net Worth Individuals has had to be written-off in the financial year 2005/2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 322 of 2007**

I provide the information sought by the hon Member.

**Answer to Question No. 323 of 2007**

I am informed by the Commissioner of Income Tax that according to his records none of the 37 High Net Worth Individuals were in the jurisdiction in 2004/2005 when their arrears of tax were written-off.

**Answer to Question No. 324 of 2007**

The Commissioner of Income Tax advises me that details regarding the date of arrival in Gibraltar of these individuals and whether they purchased or rented property are not available to him. However, the date when the Finance Centre Director issued the Certificate has been provided in the answer.

**Answer to Question No. 325 of 2007**

No amounts in respect of arrears of tax payable by High Net Worth Individuals have been written-off in the financial year 2005/2006.

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

# **ANSWER TO QUESTION 325**

## **Answer to Question 322**

The information requested is as follows:

Taxpayer	Period	Amounts written-off each period	Total write-off for taxpayer	Taxpayer	Period	Amounts written-off each period	Total write-off for taxpayer
		£	£			£	£
1	1999/00	19,914	62,721	13	2000/01	4,583	25,665
	2000/01	21,725			2001/02	21,082	
	2001/02	21,082		14	1995/96	11,000	76,175
2	1997/98	19,750	1996/97		21,725		
	1998/99	19,750	1997/98		21,725		
3	1995/96	11,000	76,175		1998/99	21,725	
	1996/97	21,725		15	1998/99	21,725	86,257
	1997/98	21,725			1999/00	21,725	
	1998/99	21,725			2000/01	21,725	
4	1997/98	21,725	43,450		2001/02	21,082	
	1998/99	21,725		16	1996/97	21,725	108,625
5	1995/96	11,000	1997/98		21,725		
	1996/97	21,725	1998/99		21,725		
	1997/98	11,000	1999/00		21,725		
	1998/99	19,750	2000/01		21,725		
6	1997/98	21,725	107,982	17	1998/99	21,725	65,175
	1998/99	21,725			1999/00	21,725	
	1999/00	21,725			2000/01	21,725	
	2000/01	21,725		18	1999/00	11,000	54,082
	2001/02	21,082			2000/01	11,000	
7	1998/99	21,929	65,929	2001/02	21,082		
	1999/00	22,000		2002/03	11,000		
	2000/01	22,000		19	1996/97	21,725	65,175
8	1993/94	21,725	119,625		1997/98	23,700	
	1994/95	21,725			1998/99	19,750	
	1995/95	21,725		20	1995/96	5,500	33,000
	1996/97	21,725			1996/97	5,500	
	1997/98	21,725			1997/98	5,500	
	1998/99	11,000			1998/99	5,500	
9	1994/95	19,750	98,750		1999/00	5,500	
	1995/96	19,750		2000/01	5,500		
	1996/97	19,750		21	1999/00	11,000	32,725
	1997/98	19,750			2000/01	21,725	
	1998/99	19,750		22	1996/97	21,725	65,175
10	1996/97	10,000	1997/98		21,725		
	1997/98	21,725	1998/99		21,725		
11	1993/94	11,000	30,500	23	1994/95	11,000	61,500
	1994/95	19,500			1995/96	11,000	
12	1997/98	21,725	43,450		1997/98	19,750	
	1998/99	21,725			1998/99	19,750	

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 325**

**Cont'd Answer to Question 322**

Taxpayer	Period	Amounts written-off each period	Total write-off for taxpayer	Taxpayer	Period	Amounts written-off each period	Total write-off for taxpayer
		£	£			£	£
24	1995/96	22,000	132,000	30	2000/01	416	42,222
	1996/97	22,000			2001/02	21,082	
	1997/98	22,000			2002/03	20,724	
	1998/99	22,000		31	1997/98	11,000	32,725
	1999/00	22,000			1998/99	21,725	
	2000/01	22,000		32	1999/00	11,000	53,806
25	1996/97	10,000	2000/01		21,725		
	1997/98	19,750	2001/02		21,081		
	1998/99	19,750	33	2000/01	21,725	41,460	
26	1997/98	21,725		2001/02	19,735		
	1998/99	21,725	34	1996/97	21,725	65,175	
27	1999/00	21,725		1997/98	21,725		
	2000/01	21,725		1998/99	21,725		
28	1997/98	21,725	86,900	35	1997/98	21,725	86,900
	1998/99	21,725			1998/99	21,725	
	1999/00	21,725			1999/00	21,725	
	2000/01	21,725			2000/01	21,725	
29	1994/95	11,000	83,225	36	1996/97	5,500	48,950
	1995/96	11,000			1997/98	21,725	
	1996/97	21,725			1998/99	21,725	
	1997/98	19,750		37	1995/96	11,000	11,000
	1998/99	19,750					
						GRAND TOTAL	2,277,599

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**CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 325**

**Cont'd Answer to Question 324**

Taxpayer	Date Certificate issued	Amount of tax paid in each year since arrival (£)								
		92/93	93/94	94/95	95/96	96/97	97/98	98/99	99/00	00/01
1	23-Jul-99									
2	22-Aug-97									
3	10-Jul-95									
4	02-Dec-94			20,000	10,000					
5	27-Jun-95									
6	01-Oct-97									
7	07-Apr-92	485								
8	15-Oct-93									
9	02-Aug-92		19,750							
10	28-Apr-97							10,000	10,000	10,000
11	20-Jan-94									
12	16-Jul-96					10,000				
13	14-Feb-97									
14	10-May-96									
15	28-Oct-98									
16	28-Mar-95			20,000						
17	21-Jul-97						10,000			
18	17-May-94			10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		
19	07-Jan-96									
20	01-Sep-98									
21	27-Jul-98									
22	28-Jun-96									
23	30-Nov-94									
24	14-Jul-94									
25	12-Feb-96				10,000					
26	15-Dec-99									
27	17-Jul-94			10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000		
28	01-Oct-97									
29	02-Dec-94									
30	06-Sep-00									8,333
31	18-Aug-97									
32	21-Dec-97						10,000	10,000		
33	20-Mar-00								3,333	
34	30-Sep-96									
35	08-Sep-97									
36	09-Sep-94			10,000	10,000	10,000				
37	27-Oct-95									
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>485</b>	<b>19,750</b>	<b>70,000</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>40,000</b>	<b>13,333</b>	<b>18,333</b>

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 322 TO 325 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The date of issue of the certificate is on first arrival. Is there not anything in the system that requires renewal of these certificates?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, and therein lies the administrative difficulties of this. This regime, I should add and I suspect the hon Member knows and understands, is hugely beneficial to Gibraltar. These are people who really pay this tax here because they want to because they would not otherwise have any liability to pay tax, since High Net Worth Individuals are mainly people who would not otherwise be resident in Gibraltar for tax purposes, and in a sense whatever the system yields is valuable. It is not as if but for their High Net Worth Individual status they might be liable to tax, very few of them are actually resident in fact in a way that would introduce them into the tax net. But the way that it happens is that the certificate is issued. If the hon Member looks at many of these figures that he now has in front of him, in respect of for example tax payer No. 16, the same amount for each year - £21,725. That suggests to me, although I am speculating, because of course he knows as Finance Minister I would not get involved in any individual tax payer's affairs, but the fact of the coincidence of numbers suggests to me that what has happened here is precisely because certificates are not issued annually, people then abandon it, go away, cease to feel bound by it but do not actually surrender the certificate. So the Commissioner of Income Tax continues to issue assessments. If one does not submit a return he issues an assessment. After a certain number of years I suppose it dawns on people that this man or woman has just disappeared and has broken the link without actually having surrendered the certificate. That would be my interpretation on a speculative basis of the information that I have just handed to the hon Member. The answer to his question is no, there is no annual renewal of the certificate. If there were, perhaps the system could be that one does not get the certificate for the next year until one pays the tax for the previous year. Then one might not get the money because if somebody loses interest he is not going to pay the money he can just surrender the certificate, but at least, from an administrative point of view, it will avoid all this business of raising assessments only then to write them off. But that has never been the system.

**NO. 326 OF 2007**

**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 1,652 persons were employed by 15 companies as at mid-January 2007. The breakdown requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule I now hand to him, except of course, despite the insinuation in the question I mean, Gibraltarian is not a nationality as such but we provide the statistics broken down as between Gibraltarians and other British. I, of course, give him the usual caution that we cannot be sure that all gaming companies properly segregate between Gibraltarians and British, because of course Gibraltarians are British. We can just go by the way that they submit their returns, subject to that caveat.



**OFFSHORE GAMING COMPANIES - EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AS AT 15 JANUARY 2007**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 326**

	<u>Gibraltarian</u>	<u>Other British</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ladbrokes (Gibraltar) Limited	22	61	6	5	94
Victor Chandler (International) Limited	64	171	15	56	306
Stan James (Gibraltar) Limited	9	112	14	38	173
bwin.com	18	31	14	77	140
Eurobet (Gibraltar) Limited	7	1	1	2	11
Carmen Media Group Limited	16	9	3	28	56
32 Red Plc	25	15	0	1	41
St Minver Limited	28	23	10	28	89
Digibet Limited	0	1	0	5	6
888 Holdings Plc	47	107	9	79	242
Globet.com Group Limited	0	5	0	9	14
International Betting Association Limited	0	0	0	5	5
PartyGaming Plc	33	145	11	92	281
Mansion (Gibraltar) Limited	16	123	4	39	182
Futuresbetting.com Limited	2	10	0	0	12
<b>Overall Total</b>	<b>287</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>1652</b>

Source : Ministry of Finance, Gambling Division

**ORAL**

**NO. 327 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 328 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 328 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached schedules which I now hand to him.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 328 OF 2007****Answer to Question 327****Banking**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
October 2006	15	766	504	151	42	1	62	6
November 2006	15	769	502	153	44	1	63	6
December 2006	15	769	499	155	44	1	64	6

**Answer to Question 328****Insurance**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
October 2006	29	209	130	68	2	0	6	3
November 2006	29	207	127	68	2	0	6	4
December 2006	29	208	127	69	2	0	6	4

ETB statistics are prepared quarterly. In the time frame available it is not possible to generate information for January 2007.

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. 329 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**IMMIGRATION – ENTRY VISAS**

Can Government state when the policy decision was taken not to continue to issue multiple entry visas for Moroccan widows resident in Morocco to travel to Gibraltar on monthly visits to collect their widows pension from the Social Security, and how many Moroccan widows had such visas at that time?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 330 of 2007.

**NO. 330 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**IMMIGRATION – ENTRY VISAS**

Since the decision to discontinue the issue of multiple entry visas to Moroccan widows to travel monthly to Gibraltar to collect their widows pension was taken, how many visas if any, have been (a) issued (b) renewed (c) discontinued, giving a breakdown by month?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The policy decision to discontinue the issue of multiple entry visitors visas to the non-resident widows of Moroccan nationals who had worked in Gibraltar was taken in July last year. Those widows who already held multiple entry visas to visit Gibraltar to collect their widow's pension were permitted to retain their visas and to continue to benefit from this facility if they wish to do so. There are 134 such persons who retained their visas and who may continue to renew them. No visas in this category have been discontinued. However, no new visas have been issued to the non-resident wives of Moroccan workers who have died since the policy decision was taken.

These visas (that is to say, the ones that are in issue) are renewed by the British Consular authorities in Morocco and there is no information readily available to indicate, on a monthly basis, how many have been renewed since last July.

ORAL

**NO. 331 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**NATURALISATION**

Can Government state for each year since 1996/1997 how many applications for the suspension of residential restrictions in order to apply for naturalisation have been received and of these how many have been rejected?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 332 and 333 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 332 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**NATURALISATION**

As regards the applications for the suspension of residential restrictions in order to apply for naturalisation, which have been rejected since 1996/1997, can Government provide a breakdown for each year showing the years of residence in Gibraltar, gender and whether the individual was the spouse of a British national, in respect of each applicant?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 331 and 333 of 2007.



**NO. 333 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**NATURALISATION**

Does Government have any discretion on the language requirement in respect of applications for naturalisation by spouses of Gibraltarians and resident British citizens?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question Nos. 331 and 332 of 2007**

I hand the hon Member a schedule with a breakdown of the information he requested.

**Answer to Question No. 333 of 2007**

All applicants for naturalisation are now required, under the provisions of the British Nationality Act, to have sufficient knowledge of the English language. This includes persons who are married to British citizens or to British Overseas Territories citizens. The statutory language requirement for spouses of British nationals was introduced in July 2004.

There is discretion to waive the requirement if because of the applicant's age, physical or mental condition it would be unreasonable to expect the applicant to fulfil it. It can normally be expected to be waived in the case of applicants aged 65 and over.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 333/07**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 331/07**

**NATURALISATION**

**APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND REFUSED**

	<b>RECEIVED</b>	<b>REFUSED</b>
<b>1996</b>	26	NIL
<b>1997</b>	30	NIL
<b>1998</b>	30	4
<b>1999</b>	61	2
<b>2000</b>	45	26
<b>2001</b>	110	8
<b>2002</b>	21	NIL
<b>2003</b>	57	4
<b>2004</b>	73	2
<b>2005</b>	42	NIL
<b>2006</b>	108	29
<b>2007</b>	7	NIL
<b>TOTAL</b>	610	75

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 333/07**

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 332/07**

**NATURALISATION**

**APPLICATIONS REFUSED – BREAKDOWN**

**1996**

**NIL**

**1997**

**NIL**

**1998**

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL</b>	<b>YEARS OF RESIDENCE</b>
Male	No	25 Years
Female	No	32 Years
Female	No	31 Years
Female	No	24 Years

Total Applications Refused	4
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**1999**

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL</b>	<b>YEARS OF RESIDENCE</b>
Male	No	7 Years
Female	No	10 Years

Total Applications Refused	2
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**Contd Answer to Question 333/07**

**2000**

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL</b>	<b>YEARS OF RESIDENCE</b>
Female	No	33 Years
Female	No	22 Years
Female	No	31 Years
Male	No	13 Years
Male	No	15 Years
Male	No	13 Years
Male	No	13 Years
Female	No	12 Years
Female	No	18 Years
Male	No	25 Years
Male	No	22 Years
Male	No	25 Years
Male	No	26 Years
Male	No	29 Years
Male	No	30 Years
Male	No	33 Years
Male	No	32 Years
Female	No	28 Years
Male	No	30 Years
Male	No	31 Years
Male	No	31 Years
Male	No	35 Years
Male	No	27 Years
Male	No	22 Years
Male	No	25 Years
Male	No	31 Years
<b>Total Applications Refused</b>		<b>16</b>

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**Contd Answer to Question 333/07**

**2001**

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL</b>	<b>YEARS OF RESIDENCE</b>
Male	No	22 Years
Male	No	33 Years
Male	No	36 Years
Male	No	35 Years
Male	No	31 Years
Male	No	31 Years
Male	No	31 Years
Male	No	29 Years

Total Applications Refused	8
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**2002**

**NIL**

**2003**

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL</b>	<b>YEARS OF RESIDENCE</b>
Male	Yes	17 Years
Male	No	11 Years
Male	No	22 Years
Male	No	34 Years

Total Applications Refused	4
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**2004**

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL</b>	<b>YEARS OF RESIDENCE</b>
Female	Yes	3 Years
Male	Yes	16 Years

Total Applications Refused	2
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**2005**

**NIL**

Contd.....

**Contd Answer to Question 333/07**

**2006**

<b>GENDER</b>	<b>SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL</b>	<b>YEARS OF RESIDENCE</b>
Female	Yes	28 Years
Female	No	28 Years
Female	No	27 Years
Male	No	37 Years
Female	No	21 Years
Male	No	32 Years
Male	No	33 Years
Male	No	34 Years
Male	No	37 Years
Male	No	31 Years
Male	No	34 Years
Male	No	37 Years
Male	No	35 Years
Male	No	37 Years
Male	No	25 Years
Male	No	32 Years
Male	No	33 Years
Male	No	27 Years
Male	No	31 Years
Male	No	34 Years
Male	No	39 Years
Female	No	39 Years
Female	No	15 Years
Male	No	27 Years
Male	No	40 Years
Male	No	37 Years
Male	No	31 Years
Male	No	33 Years
Male	No	37 Years
<b>Total Applications Refused</b>		<b>29</b>

**2007**

**NIL**

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 331 TO 333 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can I ask in respect of the answer that has been given, who has the responsibility for taking the decision on waiving it? To whom should such a query be addressed?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, the hon Member knows that Gibraltar is fortunate enough to be amongst now the few if not the remaining Overseas Territory that is allowed to administer this area of policy, given that, in effect, we are in fact talking about dispensation of British nationality which is not really in our gift. But I think reflecting the degree of seriousness and sophistication with which Gibraltar has administered this over the years, this policy continues to be administered in Gibraltar, which means that the decisions are made here. Of course, they are in principle decisions to be made by the Governor, but in fact, he is aware that they are made elsewhere in the department and that His Excellency is kind enough, absent obvious evidence of abuse, to simply accept the recommendation made to him by the Gibraltar Government and its administration. So the answer is that I think the application should be to the Head of the Civil Status and Registration Office, who would then process it, but of course, it could not be granted unless His Excellency were to sign off a minute put up to him by the Head of the Civil Status and Registration Office.

ORAL

**NO. 334 OF 2007**

**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. 1236 of 2006, and if so, show the grade and department?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 335 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 335 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVIL SERVANTS**

Can Government state whether any further vacant posts in Government departments have been filled since the answer to Question No. 1237 of 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

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

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 335****Answer to Question 334/2007**

36 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>
<b>Building &amp; Works</b>	M/T Driver	1
	Mason	1
	Painter	2
	Plumber	3
<b>Customs</b>	AO-Customs	1
<b>Education &amp; Training</b>	Qualified Teacher	1
	Classroom Aide (Special Needs) P/T	1
	Cleaner 20 Hr	3
<b>Environment</b>	Environmental Monitor	1
<b>Gibraltar Health Authority</b>	AO	3
	Cleaner	2
<b>HM Prison</b>	Prison Superintendent	1
	Operational Support Grade (Basic)	1
<b>Housing</b>	EO	1
	TG1 (Housing Inspector)	1
<b>No.6 Convent Place</b>	Typist	1
<b>Police</b>	Police Sergeant	1
	Police Constable	2
<b>Social Security</b>	AO	1
<b>Social Services Agency</b>	Senior Social Worker	1
<b>Technical Services</b>	AO	1
	PTO (Highways Inspector)	1
	M/T Driver	1
	Storekeeper	1
<b>Trade and Industry</b>	Typist	1
<b>Treasury</b>	AO	2

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**ANSWER TO QUESTION 335****Answer to Question 334/2007**

36 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>
<b>Building &amp; Works</b>	M/T Driver	1
	Mason	1
	Painter	2
	Plumber	3
<b>Customs</b>	AO-Customs	1
<b>Education &amp; Training</b>	Qualified Teacher	1
	Classroom Aide (Special Needs) P/T	1
	Cleaner 20 Hr	3
<b>Environment</b>	Environmental Monitor	1
<b>Gibraltar Health Authority</b>	AO	3
	Cleaner	2
<b>HM Prison</b>	Prison Superintendent	1
	Operational Support Grade (Basic)	1
<b>Housing</b>	EO	1
	TG1 (Housing Inspector)	1
<b>No.6 Convent Place</b>	Typist	1
<b>Police</b>	Police Sergeant	1
	Police Constable	2
<b>Social Security</b>	AO	1
<b>Social Services Agency</b>	Senior Social Worker	1
<b>Technical Services</b>	AO	1
	PTO (Highways Inspector)	1
	M/T Driver	1
	Storekeeper	1
<b>Trade and Industry</b>	Typist	1
<b>Treasury</b>	AO	2

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ORAL

**NO. 336 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDC – EMPLOYEES**

Can Government state whether any of the 160 posts provided for in the Estimates of Expenditure of the Gibraltar Development Corporation for 2006/2007 were vacant on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006, and if so, identify the posts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Two posts were vacant on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006. These were one Information Officer Grade I post at the GTB and one Grade III at the Madrid Office.

ORAL

**NO. 337 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ENVIRONMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL MONITOR**

Can Government state how many employees applied for the post of Environmental Monitor in the Department of the Environment in December 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 338 to 343 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 338 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EDUCATION – CLASSROOM AIDE (SPECIAL NEEDS)**

Can Government state how many employees applied for the vacancy of Classroom Aide (Special Needs) in the Department of Education and Training in December 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 337 and 339 to 343 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 339 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA – MESSENGER**

Can Government state how many employees applied for the vacancy of Messenger (Support Grade Band 2) in the Gibraltar Health Authority in December 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 337, 338 and 340 to 343 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 340 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HOUSING – TG1 (HOUSING INSPECTOR)**

Can Government state how many employees applied for the vacancy of T.G.1 (Housing Inspector) in the Ministry for Housing in December 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 337 to 339 and 341 to 343 of 2007.



ORAL

**NO. 341 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**TECHNICAL SERVICES – PTO (HIGHWAYS INSPECTOR)**

Can Government state how many employees applied for the vacancy of PTO (Highways Inspector) in the Technical Services Department in December 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 337 to 340, 342 and 343 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 342 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**DTI – PTO (TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANT)**

Can Government state how many employees applied for the vacancy of PTO (Town Planning Assistant) in the Department of Trade and Industry in December 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 337 to 341 and 343 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 343 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**DTI – PTO (ENFORCEMENT OFFICER)**

Can Government state how many employees applied for the vacancy of PTO (Enforcement Officer) in the Department of Trade and Industry in December 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The information the hon Member requests is as follows:

<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>VACANT POST</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u></b>
<b>Environment</b>	Environmental Monitor	4
<b>Education and Training</b>	Classroom Aide (Special Needs)	15
<b>Gibraltar Health Authority</b>	Messenger (Support Grade Band 2)	8
<b>Housing</b>	T.G.1 (Housing Inspector)	8
<b>Technical Services</b>	P.T.O. (Highways Inspector)	5
<b>Trade and Industry</b>	P.T.O. (Town Planning Assistant)	1
<b>Trade and Industry</b>	P.T.O. (Enforcement Officer)	3

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 337 TO 343 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Can the Chief Minister say whether in any of these vacancies the vacancy has not been filled because none of the applicants were successful or found suitable or have they been filled internally?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not know, I can tell him that I see from the background information that has been provided to me, that most of these Selection Boards took place from mid-February onwards. The one for the Environmental Monitor took place on 25<sup>th</sup> January so that one might be through, but the ones that have taken place on 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> February.....

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Too soon.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

ORAL

NO. 344 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**STAMP DUTY**

Can Government state what has been the amount collected in each month since September 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:

October 2006	-	£2,240.00
November 2006	-	£2,030.00
December 2006	-	£1,360.00
January 2007	-	£3,600.00

ORAL

**NO. 345 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY – PROPERTY SALES**

Can Government now state what has been the revenue yield per month of the 1.6 per cent Stamp Duty on property sales since September 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 346 and 347 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 346 OF 2007**

**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 September 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 345 and 347 of 2007.

**NO. 347 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**STAMP DUTY**

Can Government state how much has been collected as Stamp Duty in each month since September 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

**Answer to Question No. 345 of 2007**

The revenue yield in respect of the 1.6 per cent duty that was paid is as follows:

October 2006	-	£ 4,640.00
November 2006	-	£13,904.00
December 2006	-	£14,560.00
January 2007	-	£37,832.00

**Answer to Question No. 346 of 2007**

The number of properties which have qualified for Zero Stamp Duty on its sale is as follows:

October 2006	-	16
November 2006	-	19
December 2006	-	18
January 2007	-	19

**Answer to Question No. 347 of 2007**

Stamp Duty collected in October, November and December 2006 and January 2007 is as follows:

October 2006	-	£ 82,902.84
November 2006	-	£453,459.18
December 2006	-	£ 49,282.49
January 2007	-	£382,187.27



ORAL

**NO. 348 OF 2007**

**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 October 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The amount of outstanding Government debt in respect of the revolving loan from local banks from October 2006 to January 2007 has been as follows:

Date	Barclays	NatWest	Total
October 2006	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£10,000,000
November 2006	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£10,000,000
December 2006	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£10,000,000
January 2007	£5,000,000	£5,000,000	£10,000,000

**NO. 349 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**HOTELS – AMOUNTS WRITTEN-OFF**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £85,863 written-off at the end of March 2005 as between the 2 hotels that previously had loans provided by the I&D Fund and the amount of loan outstanding in each case and repaid?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

This related to the sum of £46,471.02 in respect of the Caleta Palace Hotel and £39,391.74 in respect of the Rock Hotel. It is not so much a question of write-off, these loans were repaid in full from bank loans. In other words, the Government procured that a bank took the loans over but the banks wish to charge a different rate of interest to the hotels than the hotels were being charged by the Government. This amount, in effect, represents a capitalisation of the differential which was paid for by the Government. So it is not sort of a write-off in the normal sense of the word.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 349 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But is the Chief Minister aware that that is what the auditors describe it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, write-off is proper, this is why I have read out the supplementary even though this is not a supplementary question, because in a sense, in so far as it is public monies it is a write-off. In other words, the Government are getting back less than they would have if they would have stayed as lender for the duration. So, in effect, what the Government were doing is retrieving their capital at a cost. Now that can be called a write-off if he likes, I suppose it is a write-off as against future.....

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The amount due.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, but it is not a write-off in so far as the hotels are concerned. In other words, this is not a write-off that has benefited the hotels. I suppose one would have to then, before calling it a write-off, is to see well, what have the Government done with that capital that they have retrieved, what rate of interest they have been able to obtain, because some of that might have been recouped, depending on what the Government have done with that money. So this is why I have given him the explanation that he has not asked for because simply to call it a write-off without further explanation, I think, would probably give the reader the impression that this has been a debt forgiven to the hotel.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am grateful that he has given me what I did not ask but he has not given me what I did ask, which was the amount outstanding and repaid in each case.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, the amount outstanding in each case broken down by each hotel. The amount outstanding in the case of the Caleta Palace was £1,232,500.00; in the case of the Rock Hotel £1,140,631.65, totalling £2,373,131.65. The amounts repaid were Caleta Palace Hotel - £1,290,038.37; and the Rock Hotel £1,205,102.66, totalling £2,495,141.03. A total of £36,146.44 of that was accrued interest. So it was repaid but not as capital.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

£36,000 of the joint amount, is that correct?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, £11,000 in one case and £25,000 in another.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Was it £11,000 in the case of the Caleta and £25,000.....

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes.

**NO. 350 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**I & D FUND – WESTERN BEACH PROJECT**

Can Government state what was the source of the £150,000 reimbursement received by the I&D Fund in 2004/2005 in respect of the Western Beach Project and in respect of what expenditure was this sum reimbursed?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The £150,000 received in the I&D Fund in 2004/2005 was paid by Bassadone Project Vehicles Limited. This amount was the first payment by the company in relation to the design phase of the Western Beach Reclamation Project.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 350 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I am not sure that I have understood the answer. This amount was paid by the Government to Bassadone Project initially and then recouped, is that the answer?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, there is a project whereby the Government will carry out a reclamation project at Western Beach, in respect to which Bassadone Project Vehicles will relocate, amongst other things, the parking of these jeeps that they stock hold, and because they are a signed-up user, or signed-up client of the reclamation from the Government, they are contributing in advance to the costs of implementing the project. So this is, in effect, expenditure which “the Government” have incurred because it is a Government project, of which Bassadone has paid in. So, in effect, the Government have spent their money and are passing it through the books as revenue on the one hand and expenditure on the other.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, in fact, Bassadone then really is contributing partly to the cost of that, is that so?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, one could look at it that way or look at it as advance of premium.

**ORAL**

**NO. 351 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**DEPARTMENT FEES, SUBHEAD 52A BUSINESS FEES**

Can Government state what was the source of £500,000 in new Subhead 52a, Businesses Fees, under Head 4 – Department Fees, in the 2004/2005 Government Audited Accounts?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I prefer to give the hon Member a fuller explanation of this in private, but for now if he would perhaps just accept that this is related to the disappearance of the Qualifying Status companies. I am quite happy to give him a full explanation, it is just that when he hears it I think he will agree that it is best not.....

ORAL

NO. 352 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**LAND/BUILDING SALES AND LEASES**

Can Government provide a breakdown of the land and building sales and leases completed in the current financial year and the amount received in respect of this by the I&D Fund to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I give the hon Member a table giving all the information that he has requested.

**Answer to Question 352 of 2007****Breakdown of Cash Collected in respect of Land Sales during the period  
April 2006 to January 2007**

Property	Cash Received
4E Rulander House (Part payment iro profit of GOG's share)	£600.00
51 Line Wall Road	£8,838.00
17/2 Castle Road	£5,992.00
6/C Castle Road	£1,000.00
305 Trafalgar House	£3,468.60
29/2 Lime Kiln Road	£2,910.00
301 Trafalgar House	£2,491.00
3 Tarik Passage	£38,600.00
27 Scud Hill	£117,000.00
Additional land at "The Anchorage" site	£505,000.00
Ex. St. Peter's School, Catalan Bay	£750,000.00
303 Trafalgar House	£2,411.10
Kiosk No. 2, 5 Waterport	£6,000.00
30 Devil's Tower Road	£600,000.00
Flat 3 Trafalgar House	£4,117.20
9/3 South Barrack Road	£5,792.58
Premium iro licence to operate ATM's	£1,000.00
Rock Cottage, South Barrack Road	£1,300,000.00
Mount Barbary, Mount Road	£190,507.00
504 Trafalgar House	£3,468.60
11/3 South Barrack Road	£2,160.00
2C Engineer Road	£18,445.00
1C Waterport	£200,000.00
John Snow House, 35 Europa Road	£677,000.00
Flat 1 Trafalgar House	£3,337.00
2 Transport Lane	£65,000.00
Queensway Quay (The Sails)	£1,026,000.00
7 South Barrack Road	£27,600.00
Kiosk at 18A Queensway	£800.00
	<b>£5,569,538.08</b>



ORAL

NO. 353 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

**GDP FIGURE**

Can Government state when they expect to be able to provide the estimated GDP figures for 2004/2005?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I am very happy to provide them to the hon Member now. GDP for the year was £599.18 million, a rise of 7 per cent gross over the previous year. I will now give the hon Member a table showing the build up.

**ANSWER TO QUESTION 353 OF 2007**

INCOME METHOD, (£ million)	* 2004/05
INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT	B 338.57
INCOME FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT	C 52.79
GROSS TRADING PROFITS OF COMPANIES	C 111.77
GROSS TRADING SURPLUS OF GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES	A 3.30
RENT	C 93.89
TOTAL DOMESTIC INCOME	B 600.33
LESS STOCK APPRECIATION	C -1.15
GDP (FACTOR COST)	B 599.18
NET PROPERTY INCOME FROM ABROAD	C -0.59
NET FACTOR INCOME FROM ABROAD	B -47.09
GNP (FACTOR COST)	B 551.50

EXPENDITURE METHOD, (£ million)	* 2004/05
CONSUMERS' EXPENDITURE	B 243.86
GOVT. FINAL CONSUMPTION	A 179.25
GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAP. FMTN	C 55.93
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPENDITURE	C 479.04
EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	C 882.46
IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	B -701.09
RESIDUAL ERROR	1.50
GDP (MARKET PRICES)	B 661.91
SUBSIDIES	C 6.03
TAXES ON EXPENDITURE	A -68.76
GDP (FACTOR COST)	B 599.18
NET PROPERTY INCOME FROM ABROAD	C -0.59
NET FACTOR INCOME FROM ABROAD	B -47.09
GNP (FACTOR COST)	B 551.50

**NO. 354 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**INPUT/OUTPUT MODEL**

Can Government confirm whether the final results of the update to the Input/Output model have now been received from the consultants?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The final results of the update to the Input/Output model have not yet been received from the consultants. The updated model is expected by around April this year.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 354 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Have the Government given consideration to whether they will be in a position to provide the new information when they have it, so that we can update the output?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Do I understand from the hon Member that some consideration was due?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, when I asked the Chief Minister the last time he said he would have to ask the people concerned. When I pointed out to him that since he had given me the full report confidentially of the existing model, was there a problem with letting me have the changes that have been made to it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

When they are made.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

When they are made, of course.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I honestly do not envisage any difficulty with the hon Member receiving the equivalent information that he received in respect of the original model.

**NO. 355 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDP FIGURE**

Given the answers to Question Nos. 1231 and 827 of 2006, can Government explain how the Trading Loss of the Electricity Authority of £2.838 million in 2003/2004 is converted into a Trading Surplus for the purpose of calculating the Government Enterprise Trading Surplus component of GDP?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The trading surplus of Government enterprises was £4.13 million in respect of the Electricity Authority for 2003/2004 was calculated as follows. Based on the Gibraltar Electricity Authority receipts and payments accounts in respect of that same period, receipts £15.68 million, and that figure includes £2.84 million contribution from the Consolidated Fund, less payments of £4.85 million; purchase of electricity from OESCO £6.38 million; purchase of electricity from the MOD £0.10 million; commercial works £0.23 million; and deducting the total of those four items of payments from the receipts, provides the trading surplus used for these particular purposes of £4.12 million rounded up to the nearest hundred thousand.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 355 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But is it not the case that the contribution from the Consolidated Fund, which we approved in this House that year, was in fact to cover their loss?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, this is why I said in my answer for these very particular purposes. I am advised by the Statistics Office that in accordance with the guidelines set out in the National Accounts sources and methods manual, subsidies in respect of Government trading bodies are payments which have the effect of reducing selling prices below the cost of production. This is so, as Government trading bodies do not have independent pricing policies and cannot raise prices. Therefore, the subsidies can be seen as income in lieu for the resulting reduction in revenue. For national income purposes, therefore, these subsidies are not treated as losses for the enterprises and are thus included in the receipts for the enterprises concerned. With respect to the Authority,

the subsidy or contribution from the Consolidated Fund amounted, as we have said, to that figure of just under £2.84 million. The purchase of electricity by the Authority from the Government which was used, it was a transitional year in which the Authority purchased electricity from the Government, that for national income purposes had not been included in the calculation as it has been deemed to be an internal transaction. So although it suggests that there is a trading surplus, it is only by the application of the rules of national income accounting. It does not mean that the electricity enterprise as a whole was in profit because some of the cost was borne in the Government on the production side, during that transitional year, the hon Member will recall, that for one year there were payments. So, for the very particular purposes of national income accounting, it emanates as a trading surplus by virtue of the application of these somewhat peculiar rules. But, of course, it does not mean that there was any profit – indeed as the hon Member knows there certainly was not a profit.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I see, so these rules would not apply prior to the existence of the Electricity Authority in terms of profits shown as being due to electricity?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I think before the establishment of the Authority, the electricity may not have been categorised as a Government enterprise for the trading. I will have to check back to see how it was dealt with. But, certainly, it would be true that in respect of the first full year where the Electricity Authority had both its income and its expenditure, this calculation will more accurately reflect the position because the whole picture will be in the Electricity Authority. The problem here is that these figures reflect the fact that half of the electricity industry was still parked in the Government. The generation side, this is why the Government were selling electricity to the Authority, because the Government were still generating it because the Government still had all the generating people in the Government, they had not yet gone to the Authority. Now, even when we see this calculation for a full year in which all the undertaking was in the Electricity Authority rather than split, as my understanding of the answer that I have just given is, that any subsidy would still be regarded as revenue because of this rule that it is regarded as an internal transfer because this is not an organisation with autonomous price fixing competence. So in other words, it is regarded as rather like happens in the water industry, the Government providing the revenue stream in compensation for the fact that the Government do not allow the enterprise to raise tariffs to meet their, I think in the water industry it is called contribution in lieu of tariff increases or something like that.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Yes, but presumably that does not appear as an increase in the national income. Those contributions appear in the Estimates as Government spending.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Absolutely, but in terms of calculating the profit which gets included in national income, they add and subtract things which in ordinary parlance in the private sector

would be dealt with differently. There is this particular treatment of internal transfer, to avoid, I presume, any item being double-counted in the context of national income.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Surely the Chief Minister appreciates that the bottom line of the explanation that he has given me is that the more money the Government lose in producing and selling electricity, the higher the national income. If the deficit had been double, the profit would have increased since the subsidy is being removed.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Yes, whether there are then compensating impacts on the Government side of the equation, has then to be taken into account. I doubt very much, I am not a great expert on statistics or rather the rules relating to their compilation in terms of national accounting, but I doubt very much that simply by generating or saving losses one can actually show a wealthier picture of national income. This is a product of the way rules are treated and it must all come out in the wash somewhere. In some other part of the account there must be some figure which would have been different but for this. Otherwise there is an artificial figure here which would not be in accordance with the rules. I am assured by the Head of the Statistics Office that this is how it is done in accordance with the rules but I cannot explain or justify the rule myself to the hon Member because I am just not familiar with it.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Will the Chief Minister look, I believe in the figure that he gave me, when he gave me the breakdown in the last House, where in fact he said he was giving it to me initially in confidence until he had cleared up why it could not be public, the figures which gave the breakdown of how the trading surplus was arrived at for each of the last four years. That is to say, 2003/2004 and the preceding three. Does the Chief Minister remember that he passed a piece of paper to me at the time, and he said he was going to go back and check why it could not be provided so that I could refer to it?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The problem with these, this is why I ask the Hon Mr Linares to drop me a note, because the problem is that then I go to the office and I forget about these things. It is much easier for me to receive a letter which I can then pass to the relevant department and that way the hon Member is immunised from the consequences of my forgetting this. So if he will drop me a line I undertake to pass his letter straight on to the Head of Statistics, who will then deal with replying to him.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

In fact, let me draw attention to the Chief Minister that I have actually been careful not to mention the £4.130 million, because that was on the bit of paper that he gave me which he said was confidential. That is why my question did not identify the sum, but if he goes back and looks at that paper, from memory, I think in fact, there was in one of the years an amount shown as being from the same source. That is to say,

from the profits on electricity which was before the setting up of the Authority. In fact, in an earlier question in 2006, when he was giving me the breakdown as between the Savings Bank profits and the balance, he told me that he thought the source was sales of electricity, I asked him whether this applied only since the Authority had been created and not whilst it was a Government department. That point is not clear because I actually believe he gave me a figure for one year when it was still a department.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Could I invite the hon Member then to include this query in his letter so that when they answer it they can provide it in the context of the purpose for which he wants the information.



**ORAL**

**NO. 356 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CIVILIAN POPULATION**

Can Government state what was the civilian population at the end of 2006, giving a breakdown by sex?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Government estimates that the civilian population was 28,875 of which there was almost an exact 50/50 split, which is convenient for a manner of reasons, 14,440 were girls and 14,435 were boys.

ORAL

**NO. 357 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**NATWEST LOAN FACILITY**

Can Government explain why it has felt a need to increase the recurring loan facilities with NatWest from £30 million to £50 million?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question No. 358 of 2007.

**NO. 358 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**NATWEST LOAN FACILITY**

Can Government state what additional expenditure, if any, beyond the £75,000 Front End fee has been incurred as a result of increasing the NatWest loan facilities from £30 million to £50 million?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Treasury decided to increase the NatWest revolving loan facility from £30 million to £50 million in order to provide the Treasury Department with flexibility in its management of the public debt during the next eight years. The revolving loan matures in June 2015. This increase in the facility, of course, does not mean an increase in debt. There has been no increase in the borrowing, there is just an increase in the facilities available to the Government should they either wish to increase their borrowing or, indeed, restructure any part of its existing borrowing. The Treasury wish to take advantage of the fine margin offered by that bank at the current level of just 20 basis points over LIBOR, plus there was in addition a one-off front end fee of £75,000 and these reflect the continued excellent credit rating that the Government enjoy. Legal and other costs were a relatively small amount at £8,150.

**NO. 359 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GBC**

Can Government explain why the information on the breakdown of Administration and Selling Expenses and Programme and Operating Expenses, which was included in previous years in the accounts of GBC tabled in the House, were omitted in the 2003/2004 accounts tabled at the October 2006 meeting?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

These, of course, are issues for which the Government are not accountable because they are not responsible, but we are told by GBC that there is no particular requirement for this information to be included by it in its accounts. It sometimes includes them some years but not others, the information is put together for management purposes, sometimes it gets reflected in the accounts and sometimes it does not. The Government are not involved in the preparation of GBC's accounts, our role is limited to just bringing them to the House. I am told, but I have not checked the information for myself, that the information was included, for example, in the accounts for 2001/2002. Or rather, that the information was not included in the accounts for 2001/2002, 2000/2001, 1999/2000 and 1998/1999, but they have been included in 2002/2003 and 1997/1998. So, they have been included some years and not included others, they do not seem to think that it is something that needs to be included and sometimes it appears there, sometimes it does not and they have not given me any hard and fast rule as to when they choose to include it and when they do not.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 359 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

But presumably there is no problem in the information being provided?

ORAL

**NO. 360 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - RECEIPTS**

Can Government now 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. 361 to 375 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 361 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY - PAYMENTS**

Can Government now 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. 360 and 362 to 375 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 362 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ELDERLY CARE AGENCY - PAYMENTS**

Can Government now 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. 360, 361 and 363 to 375 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 363 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ELDERLY CARE AGENCY - RECEIPTS**

Can Government now 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. 360 to 362 and 364 to 375 of 2007.



ORAL

**NO. 364 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY - EXPENDITURE**

Can Government now state what has been the recurrent expenditure of the Sports 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. 360 to 363 and 365 to 375 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 365 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY - RECEIPTS**

Can Government now state what have been the receipts of the Sports and Leisure Authority for the current financial year to 30 September 2006?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 360 to 364 and 366 to 375 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 366 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY - REVENUE**

Can Government now 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. 360 to 365 and 367 to 375 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 367 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY - EXPENDITURE**

Can Government now 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. 360 to 366 and 368 to 375 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 368 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA - PAYMENTS**

Can Government now state what have been the payments made by the Gibraltar Health Authority for the current financial year to 30 September with breakdown by personal emoluments, industrial wages, other personnel and other recurrent expenditure?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

Answered together with Question Nos. 360 to 367 and 369 to 375 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 369 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GHA - RECEIPTS**

Can Government now 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. 360 to 368 and 370 to 375 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 370 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDC - EXPENDITURE**

Can Government now 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. 360 to 369 and 371 to 375 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 371 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GDC - REVENUE**

Can Government now 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. 360 to 370 and 372 to 375 of 2007.



**ORAL**

**NO. 372 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**I & D FUND - REVENUE**

Can Government now 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. 360 to 371 and 373 to 375 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 373 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**I & D FUND - EXPENDITURE**

Can Government now 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. 360 to 372, 374 and 375 of 2007.

ORAL

**NO. 374 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CONSOLIDATED FUND - EXPENDITURE**

Can Government now 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. 360 to 373 and 375 of 2007.

**ORAL**

**NO. 375 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**CONSOLIDATED FUND - REVENUE**

Can Government now 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**

I will now hand the hon Member statements based on Treasury records as they stand. However, figures do not include Treasury adjustments, for example, contributions from the Consolidated Fund and Social Assistance Fund to the Agencies, Authorities and Corporation, which are normally effected by the Treasury at the end of the financial year. With those caveats I now hand the hon Member the compilation of the statistics which I think he has asked for.

**Answer to Question 375 of 2007**

**Answer to Question 360**

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – RECEIPTS**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

**RECEIPTS**

**NIL**

**Answer to Question 361**

**SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – PAYMENTS**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

**EXPENDITURE**

Personal Emoluments	£1,230,405.92
Industrial Wages	£ 23,680.58
Other Personnel	£ 179,974.03
Employer's Contributions	£ 140,788.64
Other Recurrent Expenditure	£ <u>376,486.40</u>
	£ <u>1,951,335.57</u>

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Answer to Question 362

ELDERLY CARE AGENCY – PAYMENTS

1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007

PAYMENTS

Personal Emoluments	£1,729,650.78
Industrial Wages	£ 526,480.67
Other Personnel	£ 15,329.06
Employer's Contributions	£ 232,701.35
Other Recurrent Expenditure	£ <u>572,608.01</u>
	<u>£3,076,769.87</u>

Answer to Question 363

ELDERLY CARE AGENCY – RECEIPTS

1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£ 277,791.68</u>
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Contd Answer to Question 375 of 2007

Answer to Question 364

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007

EXPENDITURE

Personal Emoluments	£379,332.01
Other Recurrent Expenditure	£213,988.26
	£593,320.27

Answer to Question 365

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – RECEIPTS

1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	£5,000.00
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**Contd Answer to Question 375 of 2007**

**Answer to Question 366**

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – OPERATING REVENUE**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>	<b><u>£9,033,438.85</u></b>
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**Answer to Question 367**

**GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – OPERATING EXPENDITURE**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

**EXPENDITURE**

Personal Emoluments	£2,802,452.77
Employer's Contributions	£ 154,826.23
Other Recurrent Expenditure	<u>£8,687,892.34</u>
	<u>£11,645,171.34</u>

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**Contd Answer to Question 375 of 2007**

**Answer to Question 368**

**GIBRALTAR HEALTH AUTHORITY – PAYMENTS**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

**PAYMENTS**

Personal Emoluments	£10,859,343.58
Industrial Wages	£ 1,146,368.71
Other Personnel	£ 1,796,753.76
Other Recurrent Expenditure	<u>£12,900,550.29</u>
	<u>£26,703,016.34</u>

**Answer to Question 369**

**GIBRALTAR HEALTH AUTHORITY – RECEIPTS**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

**RECEIPTS**

Social Assistance Fund	£ 0.00
GPMS	£12,433,046.09
Consolidated Fund	£ 0.00
Other Receipts	<u>£ 71,611.37</u>
	<u>£12,504,657.46</u>

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**Contd Answer to Question 375 of 2007**

**Answer to Question 370**

**GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – EXPENDITURE**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

**Expenditure**

Employment	£ 258,548.22
Training	£ 817,078.32
	<u>£1,075,626.54</u>

**OTHER DIVISIONS**

**Expenditure**

Other Divisions	<u>£1,713,275.97</u>
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**Answer to Question 371**

**GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – REVENUE**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

**EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING**

**Revenue**

Training Levy	£1,199,831.87
Contribution by European Social Fund ESF (I)	£ 105,232.00
Contribution from Consolidated Fund – Head 1B	£ 0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>£ 47,886.07</u>
	<u>£1,352,949.94</u>

**OTHER DIVISIONS**

**Revenue**

Other Receipts	<u>£1,713,275.97</u>
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**Answer to Question 372**

**IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – REVENUE**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

<b><u>HEAD</u></b>		<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>
101	Contributions and Loans	£ 0.00
102	Sale of Government Properties	£2,050,022.48
103	Grants	£ 319,297.00
104	Reimbursements	£ 46,136.14
		<u>£2,415,455.62</u>

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**Contd Answer to Question 375 of 2007**

**Answer to Question 373**

**IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – EXPENDITURE**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

<b><u>HEAD</u></b>		<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>
101	Departmental	£3,855,060.25
102	Central Public Administration and Essential Services	£ 625,089.84
103	Projects	<u>£5,346,477.66</u>
		<u>£9,826,627.75</u>

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**Contd Answer to Question 375 of 2007****Answer to Question 374****CONSOLIDATED FUND EXPENDITURE****1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

<b><u>HEAD</u></b>	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>
1A Education	£10,133,522.27
1B Training	£ 279,418.02
2A Heritage and Culture	£ 682,435.00
2B Youth and Sport	£ 253,765.10
2C Broadcasting	£ 805,000.00
3A Housing – Administration	£ 1,367,315.99
3B Housing – Buildings and Works	£ 2,665,689.00
4A Environment	£ 5,066,576.46
4B Technical Services	£ 2,455,038.73
4C Utilities	£ 3,958,224.27
5A Social and Civic Affairs	£ 2,804,626.45
5B Prison	£ 553,394.94
6A Trade and Industry	£ 685,338.97
6B Tourism	£ 1,662,624.09
6C Port	£ 1,119,792.03
6D Maritime Administration	£ 246,413.11
6E Airport	£ 557,965.69
6F Employment	£ 236,714.82
6G Transport – Traffic	£ 591,017.51
6H Postal Services	£ 1,087,229.46
7A Health and Civil Contingency	£ 213,576.90
7B Fire Service	£ 1,811,467.26
7C Police	£ 4,595,277.05
8A No. 6 Convent Place	£ 3,902,008.48
8B Human Resources	£ 296,635.47
8C Civil Status and Registration Office	£ 253,090.00
8D Financial and Development Secretary	£ 93,970.72
8E Treasury	£ 2,662,878.48
8F Customs	£ 2,001,288.22
8G Income Tax	£ 658,573.06
8H Finance Centre	£ 470,064.37
9A Law Officers	£ 234,019.79
9B Supreme Court	£ 270,498.01
9C Magistrates' and Coroners Court	£ 174,906.70
10 House of Assembly	£ 481,056.34
11 Audit Office	£ 266,406.20
12 Supplementary Provision	£ 0.00
13 Contributions from Consolidated Fund – Reserve	£ 403,259.58
	<u>£56,001,078.54</u>

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**Contd Answer to Question 374**

**CONSOLIDATED FUND CHARGES**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

<b><u>HEAD</u></b>	<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>
01 Statutory Offices	£ 301,361.37
02 Judicature	£ 502,112.67
03 Pensions	£ 9,805,908.18
04 Employer's Contribution	£ 1,359,627.30
05 Public Debt Charges	£ 2,673,030.15
06 Public Services Ombudsman	£ 87,885.97
07 Revenue Repayment	£ 6,945.41
08 Public Debt Repayment	£ <u>191,300.00</u>
	£ <u>14,928,171.05</u>

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**Answer to Question 375**

**CONSOLIDATED FUND REVENUE**

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT  
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

<b><u>HEAD</u></b>	<b><u>REVENUE</u></b>
1 Income Taxes	£48,226,111.93
2 Duties, Taxes and Other Receipts	£19,885,501.51
3 Gambling Fees	£ 2,703,455.05
4 Rates and Rents	£ 8,914,594.87
5 Departmental Fees and Receipts	£ 7,623,488.61
6 Government Earnings	<u>£ 2,610,189.30</u>
	<u>£89,963,341.27</u>

**NO. 376 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**EASTSIDE DEVELOPMENT**

Can Government state whether there are any circumstances in which the payments made by MCB in respect of the Eastside Project would have to be refunded, and if so, specify what such circumstances would be and whether there is a cut-off date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The only such circumstance envisaged in the agreement is if no scheme is approved by DPC through no fault of the developer.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 376 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

If no scheme were approved through no fault of the developer would all the payments that have been made have to be refunded or was the original one that they could not recover, the first payment?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Some of the payments that have already been made but the smaller parts of them, very smaller parts of them, would not be refundable.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I take it, since there has not been an answer on the final part of the question, that there is no cut-off date, is there? There is no time limit to this?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, there are agreed timetables but the Government are not in default of them.



**HON J J BOSSANO:**

What I am saying is, there is no cut-off date that applies to the Government. That is, the cut-off dates that have been published presumably are the ones that have got to be delivered by the other side once they get the permission, once they get the planning permission.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

What does the hon Member mean by cut-off date?

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Well, do the Government have to provide an answer by a given date, otherwise, presumably, on the basis of the answer that we are being given, if there is no answer there is no trigger. The trigger is a negative answer, is that correct?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Oh yes, but the Government do have contractual commitments to proceed in accordance with a certain timetable. There are submissions of things, for example, at the moment the ball is in their court because they have got to submit the environmental impact assessment report. When that comes in, the Government are committed to doing certain things within a certain timetable. So yes, the agreement contains timescales which apply to both sides, depending on who the action is required by. The agreement does not say, 'if you breach that you have to give me back my money'.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

It does not say that.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Well, no, but of course, the agreement does not say it but it might be the effect in law. Technically, theoretically, if a party to a contract breaches its obligations to the other, the other has a claim for breach of contract. The amount of those damages may very well reflect premiums paid and possibly more even, see what I mean. The question asks whether the contract envisages, whether the agreement itself envisages.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

No, the question asked whether there are any circumstances in which payments would be made, and the answer has been the only circumstance is if planning permission is not given for any version of the scheme.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

The answer says, the only such circumstances envisaged in the agreement. The Government accounts for what is written in the agreement, the Government is not accountable to the hon Member here for explaining what the general law of the land is. There are obviously implications for breaches of contract to everybody in society, including the Government, that breaches a contract. So that is why the answer says, the only such circumstances envisaged in the agreements.

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

So, theoretically there could be a situation where, although not envisaged in the agreement, it could be triggered off by failure to comply with a certain target date when the Government had to do something.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

Depending on the effect and longevity of that default, the damages that flow would be accordingly. The hon Member must not link a claim for general damages for breach of contract, he must not link it to the refund of particular sums of money, they are different calculations. I mean, one could be in breach of contract in the sense of causing delay, but that would not entitle one to an award of damages equivalent to what one has already paid. I suppose in those cases the court might say, 'how much have you lost by reason of the delay?', the two things are separate.

**NO. 377 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – TUNNEL WITH SPAIN**

Does Government propose to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment in respect of the proposed project to provide a tunnel access to the frontier with Spain from Eastern Beach?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The proposed tunnel certainly provides access to the frontier with Spain but it is not only for that purpose. It also provides access from those parts of Gibraltar which are south of the runway to those parts of Gibraltar which are north of the runway. So it is not just about providing access to the frontier. It is sort of people going to the Air Terminal, people going to North Front but the answer to the hon Member's question is yes. There is, in fact, it is underway.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 377 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Is that something that has got to be contracted out to a specialist entity or people with expertise in that area, or is it something the Government themselves can do?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

No, it is being contracted out to a specialist. I should add, that the Government are carrying this out voluntarily because it appears that there is actually no legal compulsion to do so, but the Government have made a policy decision to do it.

**NO. 378 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE FUND – ACTUARIAL REVIEW**

Can Government state whether the Actuarial Review of the Social Insurance Scheme has now been completed, and if so, when the report from the Actuary was received?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

I can confirm that the Actuarial Review of the Social Insurance Scheme has been completed. The report, in draft form, was received in October 2006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 378 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

The last time I asked about the Report I think in a supplementary the Chief Minister told me that he did not think it would address the question of revaluation of payments but he was not 100 per cent sure. Does he know for sure now? Now that it is finished he will know whether it addresses it or not, presumably.

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I have not yet looked at the document myself. My understanding is, from a very quick glance of it, that it does not specifically quantify the increased costs of the increase of local pensions by 65 whatever per cent, but that there is some general stuff in there about what the implications would be as revalorising pensions. I think the document is still in draft because there is some technical to-ing and fro-ing between the DSS and the Actuaries about issues relating to maternity allowances and guardian's allowance, where there appears to be some mistake in the report. That is why it has not yet been converted into a final document. When the report is produced in final form I will study it, together with the officials, and will consider what action should be taken in consequence of it.

**ORAL**

**NO. 379 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**SOCIAL INSURANCE SCHEME – REIMBURSEMENT OF MEDICAL COSTS**

Has Government received, at any time, any requests for reimbursement of medical costs in respect of former workers who had contributed to the Gibraltar Social Insurance Scheme and are now retired and resident in another Member State, and if so, give the date and the number of former workers involved?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

No, the Government have not received any formal request or invoice or anything of the sort.

**NO. 380 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**GOVERNMENT HOSTEL**

Has Government now taken a final decision on the location and size of the proposed Workers Hostel?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The Government have decided to locate the new Workers Hostel at the ex-Ready Mixed Site at Devil's Tower Road. The approximate size is 2,300 square metres.

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 380 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

Will it house the same number of people that the present one does or is there any change intended?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

It is a different concept, it is not based on dormitories or cubicles, it is based on slightly more modern civilised living conditions. It will contain single rooms, double rooms and things of that sort. It will offer in total 242 beds in rooms of different configuration sizes. I think 240 is a figure which, at least, accommodates everybody at the moment and I think produces a margin of about 40 extra ones. I think at the moment the capacity is 200.

**ORAL**

**NO. 381 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**LEISURE CENTRE – KING’S BASTION**

Can Government now confirm what is the ceiling of the additional cost of the Leisure Centre at King’s Bastion in excess of the £5.5 million paid by the developer and how much has the Government paid to date?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The position as finally agreed with the Developer in the Development Licence is that of the £11.5 million cost of the Leisure Centre, the Developer pays half (that is, £5.75 million) with Government paying the remaining half. The Government are paying, in fact, has now almost finished paying the first half. Therefore, now the Developer makes the second half contribution of cost through to completion.

**NO. 382 OF 2007**

**THE HON J J BOSSANO**

**REFUSE DISPOSAL – LOS BARRIOS CONTRACT**

What is the annual cost of the contract with Los Barrios recycling plant for handling Gibraltar's municipal waste and what is the volume handled?

**ANSWER**

**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The rate charged by the Los Barrios municipal waste handling facility during 2006 was €31.98 per tonne. The total volume of refuse delivered for processing during 2006 was 16,702 tonnes and an additional 8,548 tonnes of other bulky items such as furniture and the like

**SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 382 OF 2007**

**HON J J BOSSANO:**

I take it from the answer that the €31 per tonne does not distinguish between the bulky items and the normal refuse, it is the same rate for both, yes?

**HON CHIEF MINISTER:**

I do not have that information but my understanding of it is that it does not, it is just a flat rate regardless of the type of waste. I think we are entitled to assume that is correct because otherwise, having split the tonnage, they would have split the rates as well.