

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 14th 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 14th 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
TOTAL	68	£196,233.94

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

	Collected (£)	Billed (£)
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

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

Answer to Question No. 35 of 2007

	Primary Units (£)
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

	Number of Customers
October 2006	5,174
November 2006	5,270
December 2006	5,056
January 2007	5,653

Answer to Question No. 37 of 2007

	Water Standing Charges (£)
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
Collected	£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
Collected	£1,518,398.20	£1,446,419.94	£1,134,509.35	£1,453,912.41
Billed	£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
Invoiced	£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
Invoiced	£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
Invoiced	£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
Units	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**

YEAR 2007	Date	Duration	Districts affected	Cause
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 failue 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:-

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

Answer to Question No. 53 of 2007

Financial Year	2005/2006
Amount	£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:-

25th July 2006
31st October 2006
19th December 2006
22nd 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
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
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 19th December 2006 and 19th 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 31st 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 11th 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.

ORAL

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

CT Scans carried out in Gibraltar	
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
TOTAL	£1902.44

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

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

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
Totals	11,112	8,235	1,954	133	2,724

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

	Non-Entitled Patients Admitted
October 2006	2
November 2006	0
December 2006	1
January 2007	1

Answer to Questions 88 to 91

DEPARTMENT	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07
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
TOTAL	14,677	15,786	12,165	15,278

*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
TOTAL	3,033	2,182	2,046	2,480
GRAND TOTAL	17,710	17,968	14,211	17,758

Answer to Question 92

	Oct 06	Nov 06	Dec 06	Jan 06
Medical	66	50	35	36
Orthopaedic	44	40	37	54
ENT	44	41	38	48
Paediatric	10	12	14	10
Gynaecology	38	42	27	35
Surgical	120	111	92	75
Ophthalmology	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 31st 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

Speciality	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
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	-	-
Total	255	274	147	230

Emergency operations performed

Speciality	October 2006	November 2006	December 2006	January 2007
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
Total	24	28	22	29

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
TOTAL	63

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
Total	25

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 31st 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 31st 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.

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 1st October 2003 to 1st 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 14th July 2005 to 3rd 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 8th August 2005 to 29th 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 23rd January 2006 to 27th June 2006.

Group E

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

Group F

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

Group G

1 Consultant Psychiatrist employed to provide cross cover in this speciality and save on locum cover costs. (Employed since 10th 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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Answer to Question 114

	WTE
Director of Nursing & Patient Services	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 31st, 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 31st 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:-

Cause	Number	%
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%
TOTAL	223	100%

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:

October 2006	-
November 2006	-
December 2006	-
January 2007	£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

	Date received	Nature of complaint	Outcome
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**

	Date received	Nature of Complaint	Outcome
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.**

2006	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

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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>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£3,932,761.17	£3,893,367.01	£3,852,908.09	£3,781,829.22
<u>Add</u>				
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
<u>Less</u>				
Payments	(£60,587.11)	(£61,708.98)	(£92,265.48)	(£45,898.05)
<u>Closing Balance</u>	£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>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£1,219,845.13	£1,250,563.42	£1,246,340.62	£1,255,142.93
<u>Add</u>				
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)
<u>Closing Balance</u>	£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>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>£340,942.03</u>	<u>£384,340.86</u>	<u>£350,864.51</u>	<u>£722,719.61</u>
<u>"Local Account"</u>				
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>
<u>"Spanish Account"</u>				
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>
<u>Fund Account</u>				
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<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>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£12,852,794.69	£13,083,422.81	£13,008,537.56	£12,478,289.53
<u>Add</u>				
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>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<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 2007 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>

ORAL

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.

ORAL

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.

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

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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.

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

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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.

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

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 31st 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 1st 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
Qtr.1/02	1280	16036	350	331	1135	11120	312	206	4393	16	36	523	22	89
Qtr.2/02	1296	16188	339	331	1149	11232	293	205	4425	23	37	531	23	89
Qtr.3/02	1308	16454	339	332	1154	11483	267	206	4432	41	37	539	31	89
Qtr.4/02	1315	16241	380	328	1163	11217	299	201	4480	43	38	544	38	89

Note:-

Those classified under pending are in respect of contribution records for which no notification of termination has been provided and no contribution return has been recorded since the introduction of the new system or in the 1st Quarter of 2002.

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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 1st 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
Qtr. 1/04	1412	16685	444	1169	1214	11918	346	426	4201	83	611	566	15	132
Qtr. 2/04	1425	16785	464	1172	1217	12067	310	429	4141	134	611	577	20	132
Qtr. 3/04	1441	16767	914	1170	1237	12041	745	424	4137	142	614	589	27	132
Qtr. 4/04	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 1st 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
Qtr.1/05	1465	16464	799	1882	1238	11754	637	1038	4117	142	685	593	20	159
Qtr.2/05	1479	16827	1129	1869	1217	12013	936	1026	4223	150	684	591	43	159
Qtr.3/05	1500	17314	1234	1866	1223	12442	1041	1025	4275	127	682	597	66	159
Qtr.4/05	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 1st 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 1st 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.

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.”

ORAL

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.

ORAL

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 25th 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.

ORAL

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 25th 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 25th 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 9th and 16th 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 25th September and that had been reduced by five to eight. So, obviously, as at 25th September there were eight outstanding, now the Minister says there are 11.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is correct. After 25th 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 25th 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 31st 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.

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
October 2006	14.08.06	03.10.06	04.07.06	02.10.06
	14.08.06	27.10.06		
November 2006	11.07.06	29.11.06	06.07.06	24.11.06
			30.09.06	17.11.06
December 2006	28.09.06	18.12.06		
January 2007	03.10.06	08.01.07		
	18.12.06	22.01.07		
February 2007	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 31st 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 31st January 2007

Grade	Number of Employees	Civil Service / GoG Pension	Eligible to Gib Provident Fund PS No.2	On Contract Terms (Non-pensionable)
<u>Employees on GoG Terms:</u>				
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
<u>ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE</u>				
St. Bernadette's Manager	1	1		
St. Bernadette's Deputy Manager	1	1		
Enrolled Nurses	2	2		
Administrative Officer - Part-time (GOG)	1	1		
Classroom Aides (full time)	7	7		
(Special Needs)				
Classroom Aides (part time) (20hrs)	7	7		
Handyman/Driver	1	1		
Vehicle/Escort	1	1		

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO 160/2007

Social Services Agency Employees as at 31st January 07

Grade	Number of Employees	Civil Service / GoG Pension	Eligible to GIB Provident Fund PS No.2	On Contract Terms (Non-pensionable)
<u>DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</u>				
Drug strategy Co-ordinator	1	1		
Assistant to Drug Strategy Co-ordinator	1			
<u>Employees on SSA terms:</u>				
Counsellor	1		1	
Social Workers (Out of Hrs)	2		2	
Community Service Officer	1		1	
<u>Accounts/Admin</u>				
Finance Officer	1		1	
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 31st January 07

Grade	Number of Employees	Civil Service / GoG Pension	Eligible to Gib Provident Fund PS No.2	On Contract Terms (Non-pensionable)
<u>DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL</u>				
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	
<u>CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL</u>				
Senior Care Workers (40hrs)	6		6	
Care Workers (37.5hrs)	30		30	
Care Workers (31hrs)	9		10	
<u>Industrial Staff</u>				
Cleaner - 37 hrs per week	2	2		
Cleaner - 25 hrs per week	1	1		
School Attendant Driver	1	1		

* As at 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st January 2007

Grade	Number of Employees	Female	Male	Gibraltar	UK National	Spanish National	Other Nationality	Resident Gibraltar	Resident Spain
<u>EMPLOYEES on GOG Terms</u>									
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	
<u>ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE</u>									
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	
<u>DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</u>									
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 31st January 2007

Grade	Number of Employees	Female	Male	Gibraltarian	UK National	Spanish National	Other Nationality	Resident Gibraltar	Resident Spain
EMPLOYEES on SSA Terms									
Counsellor	1	1		1				1	
Social Workers (Out of Hrs)	2	2			2			1	1
Community Service Officer	1		1		1			1	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	
DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL									
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	
CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL									
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	
Industrial Staff									
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 31st 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 1st 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 1st 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 1st 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 Domestic;
- 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 1st 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

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

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.

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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.

ORAL

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

Comments		Placement
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 dished 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**

School	Responsibility Post	Total
Bayside	Admin	16
	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	
Westside	Year Tutor	15
	Year Tutor	
	Science Coord/Phys	
	Head of English	
	Head of MFL	
	Home Econ	
	SENCO	
	Physics	
	Biology	
	Textiles	
	Maths	
	RE to MA3	
	SEN	
	Art	
	Careers	
Bishop Fitzgerald School	Assistant to HoD Maths	1

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College	Admin Coord C&PD Manager Sport	3
Governor's Meadow	Science & Tech RE/Year Coord Maths/Year Coord	3
Hebrew School	Science/Maths	1
Notre Dame	SEN	1
St Anne's	ICT	1
St Joseph's First	Maths PE	2
St Joseph's Middle	Maths English PE	3
St Mary's First	Art/Craft	1

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.

ORAL

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 13th and 14th 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

SCHOOL	2004/5	2005/6	2006/7
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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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

ORAL

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 1st 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.

ORAL

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 1st 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**

Nurseries	Boys	Girls
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

First Schools	Boys	Girls
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 1st 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.

ORAL

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 31st 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 31st 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 31st March 2006.

Answer to Question No. 193 of 2007

There were 27 fee paying school children as at 31st 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
Gibraltar	15	43	58
UK British	5	11	16
Moroccan	0	0	0
Spanish	0	0	0
Other EU	0	1	1
Other	0	0	0
TOTAL	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.

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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 7th 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) 30th January and 1st and 2nd 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) 12th 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 7th 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 16th November 2006.

The Port Advisory Council has met twice; on Thursday 9th November 2006 and Friday 16th February 2007.

The Business and Commerce Advisory Council has met once; on Thursday 16th November 2006.

The E-Business Advisory Council has met once; on Monday 13th 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 1st February 2007.

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
TOTAL	2240		£22,400

*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
TOTAL	£666,226.12

- (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
TOTAL	£5,608.84

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.

ORAL

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 H₂S 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

Laboratory results of H₂S 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

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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

ORAL

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 12th 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

Project No.	Sponsor	Status	ERDF	GOG	Purpose of Grant
107	Charlies/Start 2000 Ltd	Active	£4,599.90 (15%)	£4,599.90 (15%)	Building Works, Purchase of Furniture & Payment of Import Duty
108	P & H 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 31st March 2006 was £939,656 and that it is therefore identical to the level as at 31st 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 31st March 2005 and £366,050 as at 31st 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 31st 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:

31st October 2006
1st November 2006
23rd November 2006
14th December 2006
9th January 2007
8th February 2007
13th February 2007
20th February 2007

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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 jointing 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 Guiliano	Proposed internal & external refurbishment of shop	Pending	23 Main Street
10560	J Guiliano	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

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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.

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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 23rd 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 30th 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.

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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.

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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 30th 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 30th 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 30th 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 16th 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 16th 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

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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

	PRESS		
	SURNAME	NAME	COMPANY
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 Autonomias
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	Hosteleria 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

	LIST TORRES DE COLON	
	PRESS	
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.

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

ORAL

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>19th</u> (59 mins) 1
b. To London Gatwick	October 2006		2 nd (95 mins) 2 nd (73 mins) 5 th (72 mins) 11 th (32 mins) 13 th (66 mins) 16 th (38 mins) 16 th (44 mins) 19 th (82 mins) 23 rd (42 mins) 25 th (35 mins) <u>27th</u> (35 mins)
		Total	11
	November 2006		8 th (31 mins) 16 th (48 mins) <u>25th</u> (35 mins)
		Total	3
	December 2006		16 th (83 mins) 19 th (35 mins) 19 th (45 mins) 20 th (53 mins) 21 st (58 mins) 22 nd (44 mins) 22 nd (112 mins) 23 rd (39 mins) 29 th (50 mins) <u>30th</u> (32 mins)
		Total	10
	January 2007		18 th (140 mins) 24 th (81 mins) <u>24th</u> (33 mins)
		Total	3
c. To London Luton	October 2006		1 st (78 mins) 2 nd (40 mins) 7 th (40 mins) 16 th (47 mins) 19 th (190 mins) 22 nd (77 mins) 23 rd (39 mins) <u>24th</u> (32 mins)
		Total	8
	November 2006		16 th (76 mins) 24 th (50 mins) <u>30th</u> (31 mins)
		Total	3

Contd....

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December 2006

3rd (33 mins)

19th (75 mins)

21st (60 mins)

Total

3

January 2007

2nd (33 mins)

14th (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.

ORAL

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.

ORAL

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	£426,510.37
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 Sandpits	£270,365.22
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	£1,108,274.06
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	£697,507.00
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	

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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	GJBS LTD	£887.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
14/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£5,084.38	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
19/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£344.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
19/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,001.41	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
26/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£142.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
26/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£453.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
03/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£8,858.71	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
05/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£393.64	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
10/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£6,942.76	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
12/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,495.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
12/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,371.40	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
17/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,214.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
17/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£6,285.96	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
19/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£5,222.34	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
24/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£801.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
02/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,078.89	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
02/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£287.64	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
07/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£340.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
07/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£95.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
07/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£867.62	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
14/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£20,467.52	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
23/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,612.79	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
30/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£125.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
19/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,674.39	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
21/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£6,322.69	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
28/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£20,757.53	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
11/01/2007	GJBS LTD	£10,656.85	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
23/01/2007	GJBS LTD	£1,868.70	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
01/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£2,192.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
01/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£1,422.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£459.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£231.00	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£27,277.55	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£1,256.55	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
15/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£4,901.92	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
20/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£858.80	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
07/04/2006	GJBS LTD	£28,500.10	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
10/05/2006	GJBS LTD	£30,773.43	Government Buildings, Works and Structures
28/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£148,735.35	Harbour Views Podium Repairs
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			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	£10,767.94	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
12/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£650.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
17/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£43,257.21	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£5,669.64	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£104,639.60	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£19,685.88	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
28/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£28,641.11	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
19/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£21,877.33	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£125,233.81	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
08/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£369.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£305.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£776.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
31/05/2006	Wilkie Ltd	£1,720.10	Refurbishment of ex Rock Services Depot	£670,058.36
04/05/2006	GJBS	£228.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	£1,720.10
04/05/2006	GJBS	£8,380.26	Repairs to Government owned flats	
01/06/2006	GJBS	£562.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
16/06/2006	GJBS	£4,355.62	Repairs to Government owned flats	
22/06/2006	GJBS	£643.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
04/07/2006	GJBS	£1,467.40	Repairs to Government owned flats	
12/07/2006	GJBS	£191.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
26/07/2006	GJBS	£2,169.23	Repairs to Government owned flats	
16/08/2006	GJBS	£392.84	Repairs to Government owned flats	
19/09/2006	GJBS	£191.04	Repairs to Government owned flats	
26/09/2006	GJBS	£2,206.10	Repairs to Government owned flats	
03/10/2006	GJBS	£2,196.86	Repairs to Government owned flats	
03/10/2006	GJBS	£2,080.54	Repairs to Government owned flats	
03/10/2006	GJBS	£3,921.05	Repairs to Government owned flats	
12/10/2006	GJBS	£590.24	Repairs to Government owned flats	
17/10/2006	GJBS	£10,349.96	Repairs to Government owned flats	
03/11/2006	GJBS	£224.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
03/11/2006	GJBS	£498.80	Repairs to Government owned flats	
24/11/2006	GJBS	£115.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
24/11/2006	GJBS	£75.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
12/12/2006	GJBS	£7,903.25	Repairs to Government owned flats	
12/12/2006	GJBS	£142.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
12/12/2006	GJBS	£145.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
25/08/2006	GJBS	£143.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
26/04/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£35,740.00	Replacement Frontier Fence	£49,171.19
08/05/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£63,460.31	Replacement Frontier Fence	

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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	£3,250,364.40
10/05/2006	GJBS	£13,306.16	Works at Casemates	
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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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.

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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 31st 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)
Total	£5,745,024.81	£11,699,421.43

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.

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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 6th 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

	Oct-06	Nov-06	Dec-06	Jan-07	Feb-07
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			
	£16,004.70	£10,467.23	£3,118.00	£2,633.00	£12,620.00

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 14th 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.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 286 OF 2007

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 20th 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 th February '07	6

Answer to Question 291

In the months of November 2006 to 20th 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 th February '07	1

Answer to Question 292

In the months of November 2006 to 20th 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 th February '07	2

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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 th 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 31st 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 £
Under £35,000								
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
Over £35,000								
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 £
Under £35,000								
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
Over £35,000								
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

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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 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st 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 31st January 2007, 170 employers owed £1.95 million.

Answer to Question No. 315 of 2007

As at 31st January 2007, 1,841 employers had submitted their 2004/2005 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificate.

Answer to Question No. 316 of 2007

As at 31st 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 19th 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		
	1995/96	21,937		51,297
	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	18	2001/02	21,082	
	1999/00	22,000			2002/03	11,000	
	2000/01	22,000			19	1996/97	21,725
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	
	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	
	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									
TOTALS		485	19,750	70,000	50,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	13,333	18,333

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
Overall Total	287	814	87	464	1652

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

	RECEIVED	REFUSED
1996	26	NIL
1997	30	NIL
1998	30	4
1999	61	2
2000	45	26
2001	110	8
2002	21	NIL
2003	57	4
2004	73	2
2005	42	NIL
2006	108	29
2007	7	NIL
TOTAL	610	75

ANSWER TO QUESTION 333/07

ANSWER TO QUESTION 332/07

NATURALISATION

APPLICATIONS REFUSED – BREAKDOWN

1996

NIL

1997

NIL

1998

GENDER	SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL	YEARS OF RESIDENCE
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

GENDER	SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL	YEARS OF RESIDENCE
Male	No	7 Years
Female	No	10 Years

Total Applications Refused	2
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2000

GENDER	SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL	YEARS OF RESIDENCE
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
Total Applications Refused		16

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2001

GENDER	SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL	YEARS OF RESIDENCE
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

GENDER	SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL	YEARS OF RESIDENCE
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

GENDER	SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL	YEARS OF RESIDENCE
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

GENDER	SPOUSE OF BRITISH NATIONAL	YEARS OF RESIDENCE
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

Total Applications Refused	29
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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:-

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u>
Building & Works	M/T Driver	1
	Mason	1
	Painter	2
	Plumber	3
Customs	AO-Customs	1
Education & Training	Qualified Teacher	1
	Classroom Aide (Special Needs) P/T	1
	Cleaner 20 Hr	3
Environment	Environmental Monitor	1
Gibraltar Health Authority	AO	3
	Cleaner	2
HM Prison	Prison Superintendent	1
	Operational Support Grade (Basic)	1
Housing	EO	1
	TG1 (Housing Inspector)	1
No.6 Convent Place	Typist	1
Police	Police Sergeant	1
	Police Constable	2
Social Security	AO	1
Social Services Agency	Senior Social Worker	1
Technical Services	AO	1
	PTO (Highways Inspector)	1
	M/T Driver	1
	Storekeeper	1
Trade and Industry	Typist	1
Treasury	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:-

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u>
Building & Works	M/T Driver	1
	Mason	1
	Painter	2
	Plumber	3
Customs	AO-Customs	1
Education & Training	Qualified Teacher	1
	Classroom Aide (Special Needs) P/T	1
	Cleaner 20 Hr	3
Environment	Environmental Monitor	1
Gibraltar Health Authority	AO	3
	Cleaner	2
HM Prison	Prison Superintendent	1
	Operational Support Grade (Basic)	1
Housing	EO	1
	TG1 (Housing Inspector)	1
No.6 Convent Place	Typist	1
Police	Police Sergeant	1
	Police Constable	2
Social Security	AO	1
Social Services Agency	Senior Social Worker	1
Technical Services	AO	1
	PTO (Highways Inspector)	1
	M/T Driver	1
	Storekeeper	1
Trade and Industry	Typist	1
Treasury	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 1st April 2006, and if so, identify the posts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Two posts were vacant on 1st 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:

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>VACANT POST</u>	<u>NUMBER OF APPLICANTS</u>
Environment	Environmental Monitor	4
Education and Training	Classroom Aide (Special Needs)	15
Gibraltar Health Authority	Messenger (Support Grade Band 2)	8
Housing	T.G.1 (Housing Inspector)	8
Technical Services	P.T.O. (Highways Inspector)	5
Trade and Industry	P.T.O. (Town Planning Assistant)	1
Trade and Industry	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 25th January so that one might be through, but the ones that have taken place on 14th, 16th, 28th, 28th, 13th and 13th 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
	£5,569,538.08

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
	<u>£593,320.27</u>

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>	<u>£5,000.00</u>
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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**

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>£9,033,438.85</u>
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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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Contd Answer to Question 375 of 2007

Answer to Question 372

IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – REVENUE

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

<u>HEAD</u>		<u>REVENUE</u>
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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Answer to Question 373

IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – EXPENDITURE

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

<u>HEAD</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
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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Answer to Question 374

CONSOLIDATED FUND EXPENDITURE

**1 APRIL 2006 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2006 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT
19 FEBRUARY 2007**

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
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**

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
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	£ 191,300.00
	<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**

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
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>

ORAL

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.

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.

ORAL

NO. 383 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government state on what date did it take the policy decision to look at whether to proceed with the present theatre in town or to build a new one?

ANSWER

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

This question is actually a replica of Question No 389.

I will, therefore, answer this question with Question No 389 of 2007.

HON S E LINARES:

I would like to withdraw this question.

ORAL

NO. 384 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government state on what date they commissioned a new detailed report on the future of the Theatre Royal?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 385 to 388 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 385 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government say who is conducting the new detailed report into the future of the Theatre Royal and at what cost?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 384 and 386 to 388 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 386 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government say what are the terms of reference of the new detailed report being carried out into the future of the Theatre Royal?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 384, 385, 387 and 388 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 387 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government say when they expect the new detailed report into the future of the Theatre Royal to be completed?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 384 to 386 and 388 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 388 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government list the experts and the components of the Rock's theatre community that it intends to consult once the new report into the future of the Theatre Royal has been compiled?

ANSWER

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

No new report on the future of the Theatre Royal has been commissioned.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 384 TO 388 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister say when he intends to commission this new report which they announced?

HON E J REYES:

I do not quite understand why the hon Member is assuming I am going to commission a report.

HON S E LINARES:

I am asking about this because he himself said it in the Heritage Trust meeting, he has said in a number of places, he has been mentioning this new report. Hence the question, if not I would not have put it.

HON E J REYES:

At the Annual General Meeting of the Heritage Trust, in answer to a question at general question time, what I told the members gathered there is that I would be

looking further into whether Government should proceed with the present theatre site of the old Theatre Royal or build a new one elsewhere. What I said was that I would consult widely with experts and the Rock's theatre community. That does not mean I was going to commission a report.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister then list who he is going to consult, as I asked in Question No. 388, the experts and the components of the Rock's theatre community that he intends to consult?

HON E J REYES:

No, in my normal day to day business I have already received members of the local theatre community, I meet people in the street, I pay attention to letters that are published in the press, I even follow GBC debates and so on and I take very careful note of peoples' views. But I am not going to commit myself to exactly who I am going to consult. I am willing to listen to any member of the Gibraltar community.

HON S E LINARES:

I am glad the Minister is now going to consult via reading his newspaper and consult via talking to people in the streets. It seems that this is a new policy of Government in the way of handling Government and the departments.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is that the consultation process? Is the consultation process to monitor the press and the media and to generally just take the views when one might occasionally meet them of members of the theatre community? Is that the consultation process that has been announced in relation to the Theatre Royal?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, nor is that what the Minister said what he was intending to do.

HON F R PICARDO:

Certainly it is what I take from what the Minister said, because the ordinary meaning of the words that he used in the English language, were that he was going to take cognizance of the letters that he read in the newspaper and take cognizance of what he saw on television, and that he had already met some members of the press. Is there a detailed consultation process being carried out in relation to the Theatre Royal and whether it should be sited there?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, but what the hon Member cannot do is to convert an illustrative list, select one or two items from what was in any event an illustrative list, and then attribute his own selective choice of items as the full extent of what the Minister said was the Government's policy. That is what the hon Member cannot do. The Minister said that he was going to engage in a consultation process, that he had already met with people who had expressed their views, that he had already seen peoples' views remotely, through letters and things of this sort. The hon Member can then pretend that what the Minister has said is that the nature of the consultation process is that he is going to pick up the newspaper every morning and read the letters. He can misrepresent if he wants what the Minister said, but it does not cease to be different to what the Minister said. The Government will consult as deeply and as widely as they consider appropriate on this question, so that the Government can form a view, informed to the greatest possible extent by the views of the people who wish to express a view to it. But if the hon Member means, is the Government going to issue a formal consultation paper, publish a formal consultation paper, the answer to that is no. That is not the form in which the Government are going to test the temperature of public opinion on this issue, but we will do it by means which will enable the Government to make a decision, based not just on the views that people express to them, but indeed on the Government's own views.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can I take it from what the Chief Minister has said that there will not be a formal consultation process in relation to the siting of the Theatre Royal, and that it is going to be an informal consultation process?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the hon Member can take what I have said not his distortion of what I have said in reformulating my words for the purposes of formulating his question. I have not said that there is not going to be a formal consultation process. What I have said is that there is not going to be the issue of a written consultation paper. That is what I have said, the Government, and he can certainly take it that there is not going to be the issue of a consultation paper. That is what he can take from my words.

HON F R PICARDO:

So is there going to be a formal consultation process?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There is going to be a consultation process. I do not know what he means by the word "formal", he is not going to do it on the beach, he is not going to walk around in a bathing costume asking people what they think. What does he mean by formal? But nor is he going to walk around in a black tie to make it formal. I do not know

what he means by formal and informal consultation process. There is going to be a consultation process.

HON F R PICARDO:

Should this consultation not have happened a long time ago, before the expenditure that has already been incurred in relation to the site where the old Theatre Royal used to be?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, if the hon Member reads our manifesto, he will see that the Government's preferred choice is still to build it where we have announced. It is still declared to be the Government's preferred site, and if we do not use the site for that, we will use it for some other public amenity. The Government consider they have done a very good deal in acquiring that site, even if we ultimately decide not to build the Theatre Royal there but to do something else with it. So the answer to that is that the Government continue to believe that that is an appropriate and preferable site for the theatre. But of course, if the Government turn out that we are a minority of one and the whole of the rest of the community thinks it should not be built there, the Government are not so pig-headed that we will persevere with our own views despite the fact that we are the only ones who think that that is an appropriate site for it. That is not, by the way, what we think. We know that there are many people who do not want the theatre built at all because they think that we are adequately served by our two existing theatres. Then we know that there are also many people who do want a new theatre built but think that it should not be built there but it should be built somewhere else. We know that there are people who think that that is a very good site for a theatre. What we need to try and assess is the strength and width and depth of the feelings in relation to each of those options.

HON F R PICARDO:

Having been pig-headed enough to spend millions on the site which is now derelict, and for the past eight years insisted on pursuing the project there, the Theatre Royal project there, does the Chief Minister not recall that, as I understand it, the lease that the Government have of that require them to hand back a theatre at the end of the period and that the idea of using it for another public purpose may in fact require renegotiation?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is only if we do not exercise the option to purchase the site. I have just said to him that we think we have done a good deal in purchasing the site. Obviously, if we remain tenants we have tenants obligations but if we acquire the property we become owners and have none of the obligations that the hon Member has described.

HON F R PICARDO:

So is the Chief Minister saying that if the consultation process that will run so deep and will run so wide, and may be formal and may not be formal, and may be carried out in whatever leisure wear the Minister may decide to be in at the time, may result in us actually having to exercise the option to purchase that site, because if he does not build the Theatre Royal there we cannot hand it back as leaseholders?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

What I am saying is that the Government believe that it is a jolly good site for the Government to have acquired, and we took the precaution of having an option to purchase, precisely so that we would not be locked in. This is not a case of the Government now finding themselves between a rock and a hard place, this is a question of the Government having seen the rock from a very far distance and having avoided the hard place as a result.

HON F R PICARDO:

I will not pursue this matter and I will allow the Chief Minister to stop wriggling.

HON S E LINARES:

Is this a second consultation process for the theatre?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Is that a rhetorical question? Does he not know whether there have been previous consultations?

HON S E LINARES:

Is this the second one?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is the first one since the General Election.

ORAL

NO. 389 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government state on what date did it take the policy decision to look at whether to proceed with the present theatre in town or to build a new one?

ANSWER

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

Our 2007 Manifesto says, "We will proceed with the construction of a theatre. Although our preferred site remains the site of the old Theatre Royal, we will consult widely before proceeding on this site, as opposed to an alternative site." That is therefore our policy since the date of our re-election into Government.

NO. 390 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

CULTURE – ZARZUELA

Can Government say what was the cost, with a breakdown, of bringing the zarzuela company from Spain that recently performed at the John Mackintosh Hall?

ANSWER

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

The amounts paid to the Teatro Lirico Andaluz was 9,000 euros for the staging of Mozart's "Le Nozze di Figaro" and 16,000 euros for staging two performances of the zarzuela "La del Manojito de Rosas", which I trust the hon Member enjoyed when he came along as my guest. That makes a grand total expenditure of 25,000 euros, approximately £18,000.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Let me just say to the Minister that I was particularly sorry not to have been able to go to the zarzuela which I would have very much have enjoyed going to but unfortunately, was unable to attend. I hope that he will organise many more zarzuelas so I can see one in the not to distant future.

NO. 391 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

CULTURE – INCE’S HALL

Can Government say whether phase two of the refurbishment of the Ince's Hall has commenced and whether a lift will be installed?

ANSWER

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

The Ince's Hall complex continues to be refurbished. I would not, therefore, term it phase two as such but, rather, a continuation of the works started a couple of years back and which has seen such splendid improvements to the theatre. Now that the discotheque and the restaurant have vacated the area, it is proposed that the entire complex be refurbished and restored and converted into a cultural and performing arts centre for Gibraltar. There are, as yet, no specific plans so I cannot say whether there will be a lift installed or not.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 391 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

The question comes in light of the previous Minister who said that he had finished phase one and was beginning to do phase two. He actually said that in phase two he would include a lift, hence the question. If the Minister now thinks that he is not going to break it down into phases, so be it, but it was because the previous Minister said that in phase two he was going to put in a lift, hence the question.

HON G H LICUDI:

Does the Minister's answer signal a change of policy, a change of mind by the Government if previously there was a phase two with a lift and now the Minister does not commit to that, is it a change of mind?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, there is no change in policy. I do not know whether this phase business came in a supplementary or in a written answer. I think the distinction between phases, there is no existing document divided into phases. Therefore, there is no scheme which is formally phased. That is to say, in morning coats, but there are phases in the sense that we have been able to do some things in the past, the bits of the area that was in Government possession, but until we have obtained the restaurant and the discotheque we have not been able to extend the project into that. So really it is more extending the project into the areas that the Government have since repossessed, rather than there being any formal phased programme that we could show anyone.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Government state, regardless of whether there are phases or not, whether the end product will include a lift? I am thinking particularly of the disabled community who would benefit from a lift in order to go and be able to benefit from the theatre performances.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, we cannot say that there is going to be a lift, which is not to say that we are saying that there is not. There is, as the hon Member knows, disability access legislation in place which requires disability access to be provided unless it is economically unreasonable or physically impossible to do so. Of course, the Government would wish to comply with that legislation. So the Minister's words "there are as yet no specific plans so I cannot say whether there will be lift", should not read into that any inclination that there will not be a lift. It is just that because the plans do not exist we cannot say there are plans and they include a lift. He should read no more into it than that.

HON G H LICUDI:

The issue arises because of the previous indication that there was going to be a lift, now there is an indication as to uncertainty, can the Government confirm that it would be desirable for the end product to include a lift so that members of the disabled community and the elderly would benefit from those facilities?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.

ORAL

NO. 392 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY

Can Government state how many persons were employed by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority as at the end of October 2007, providing a breakdown by grade, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

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

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

Answer to Question 392/2007

**PERSONS EMPLOYED BY THE GIBRALTAR SPORTS & LEISURE
AUTHORITY AS AT END OF OCTOBER 2007**

NO.	GRADE	SEX	NATIONALITY
1	Chief Executive Officer	Male	British
1	Finance and Administration Manager	Male	British
1	Facilities and Resources Manger	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 and 1 Moroccan
2	Groundsman	Male	British
3	Duty Managers	Male	British
8	Sports Assistants	Male	British
1	Sports Assistant	Female	British
1	Cleaner/Support Staff	Female	British

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 392 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Minister state whether in addition to the persons listed in the document handed over to me, there are other persons working at the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority who are Civil Servants seconded to the Authority? The question is simply whether people who were Civil Servants previously continue to be Civil Servants and are simply seconded because they did not transfer to the Authority?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I believe that on the clerical and administrative grades the answer is no. I believe the Chief Executive of the Sports and Leisure Authority may wear a dual hat because he had responsibilities, I do not know whether that has ended now, he had responsibilities under the youth portfolios that required him to be a Civil Servant. That may have been discontinued now. But I know that there are three, I do not know if in the words of Government nomenclature were groundsmen, that have chosen not to join the Authority and they still, therefore, maintain their status. One of them, I understand, is shortly to leave the service and the other two are seeking transfers. But in the meantime, they are continuing to work on sports facilities notwithstanding that they have chosen not to join the Authority personally. But I believe that they are not in the clerical and administrative grades, I think they are groundsmen.

HON G H LICUDI:

In relation to those particular persons, can Government state whether there are any differences in the conditions of employment and pension arrangements?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, I believe that there are, their terms and conditions as Civil Servants are different to the terms and conditions of the Authority employees, absolutely. The Civil Servants who transferred to the Authority have their terms and conditions respected, but cease to be Civil Servants.

HON G H LICUDI:

Does that mean that there are persons who did transfer and there are subsequent persons who are new employees who are working in the same position employed by the Gibraltar Sports and Leisure Authority under different conditions of employment? Quite apart from the issue of the Civil Servants who were seconded.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Absolutely, that is one of the principal purposes of establishing these Authorities. To establish a model of employment that is more affordable going forward for future generations of the community. It is not the only purpose but it is one of the gains of that and there are indeed, the situation that the hon Member describes has indeed been the case and not just in this Authority, but indeed in all the other Authorities as well. There will be situations where future recruits will be on different terms, not least to pensions, than people who transferred into the Authority from the Civil Service. Yes, that is fully intended to be the case.

HON G H LICUDI:

Does the Government not accept that it is generally undesirable to have people employed by the same organisation, doing exactly the same job but working under different conditions of employment?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government do not think it undesirable because if the Government thought it undesirable we would not have done it.

ORAL

NO. 393 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

BAYSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Can Government state what is the current monthly cost of maintenance of the hockey pitch at the Bayside Sports Complex?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 394 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 394 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

BAYSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Can Government state the current cost of the cleaning contract for the Bayside Sports Complex?

ANSWER

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

The current total monthly cost of maintaining the hockey pitch, and hockey training pitch, at the Bayside Sports Centre is £1,500 that excludes direct labour costs.

The cost of the current cleaning contract for the Bayside Sports Centre is £7,839.15 per month. This contract commenced on Monday 3rd December 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 393 AND 394 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Minister repeat the second figure?

HON E J REYES:

Yes, the second set of figures said that the cost of cleaning Bayside Sports Centre is £7,839.15 per month.

HON G H LICUDI:

In relation to the maintenance costs of the hockey pitch, of £1,000 per month, can the Minister provide a breakdown of that cost or the components of that figure? Who is it actually paid for, what does it reflect?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Mr Speaker, because these are water-based pitches much of this cost relates to the water circulation. The hon Member presumably understands how water-based pitches work. There is a bed of water under the grass, this requires to be circulated, it drains away, it rains, it drains through so there is a cost, both electricity and plant and machinery and pump maintenance in keeping this water-based facility in operation. There may also be some cleaning expenses and some surface tendering, but I understand the principal element of the cost comes from the fact that it is a water-based system which has plant and machinery and the cost is principally focussed on that aspect of it.

HON G H LICUDI:

It was precisely the purpose of the question to establish whether a principal component of that was the water element. Do the Government know whether it is the cost of the water itself or whether it is the cost of circulating the water?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The cost of the water is, let me see if I can extract it from some figures. I have a figure of £5,000 a month as an average for watering pitches but what I cannot deduce from this note is whether that relates only to the water..... yes it must relate only to the water pitches because I do not think the football pitches are watered. The sand-based are not watered. So I assume that that relates to the cost of the water itself as opposed to the maintenance of the circulating equipment.

HON G H LICUDI:

Was the original figure not £1,500 and we established that includes the water? Now the figure that we have been given is £5,000.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member is now asking whether it includes the cost of the water as a supplementary. The original question related to the maintenance costs, he is now asking whether it includes the cost of purchasing the water. I am telling him what the average cost of purchasing the water is. Ergo it is not included in the maintenance figure.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can Government then state why that water is not recycled and reused, given that it is only used for that purpose?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is recycled, hence the cost of the recycling equipment, but there is still loss and leakage, it is not a pipe system so there is a recycling of water but there is a loss and this is the cost of maintaining it. This is the cost of replenishing the water.

HON G H LICUDI:

It does appear that there is an awful lot of loss of water to cost £5,000 if water is being recycled. Does it not suggest that whatever system is being used is inefficient and the Government should look at it to redress whatever faults exist? The information I have is that the recycling is not working and that water is wasted.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, these are matters of judgement of course and different people will come to different conclusions in the answer to the question that the hon Member poses. Let me say that it is quite unusual to have a water recycling system. This was one that, I am advised, which is of relatively low cost but these pitches do not normally in other parts of the world have the capacity to capture and recycle the water. This is something that we did. The extent to which it is effective is therefore a bonus. In most parts of the world, perhaps where water is not in such short supply, these are not normally installed with water recovery mechanisms. Of course, we do not pretend that it is 100 per cent efficient but I think any degree of water saved is some degree of efficiency that would not exist if we were just simply not recovering any of the water. Whether the expense of maintaining the equipment is justified by the amount of water that is saved is not an equation that I have ever drawn up or calculated.

ORAL

NO. 395 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

CULTURE – MUSIC CENTRE

Can Government confirm whether the Music Centre at the old BFBS building has been handed back to the Government and if so why and on what date?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 396 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 396 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

CULTURE – MUSIC CENTRE

Can Government state whether there are any new arrangements in place for the day to day running of the building that housed the Music Centre?

ANSWER

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

The Music Centre at the old BFBS building has not been handed back to Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 395 AND 396 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister then state whether it is still being run by the trustees?

HON E J REYES:

Since there are no new arrangements then it is still being run by the trustees.

HON S E LINARES:

Does the Ministry of Culture have anything to do with the day to day running of the place with the trustees?

HON E J REYES:

No, the day to day running is entrusted upon the trustees and the Ministry for Culture does not have a direct involvement.

NO. 397 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CULTURE – NEW YEAR’S EVE CELEBRATIONS

Can Government say whether the tender award for £38,990 to Word of Mouth to organise, produce and stage the New Year’s Eve celebrations in Casemates Square 2007 was the lowest of the four tenders received?

ANSWER

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

No, Sir it was not.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 397 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say why they chose a tender which was not the lowest tender? What criteria was used in making a selection?

HON E J REYES:

The tender was awarded to the successful tenderer because he was considered to be the most innovative as compared to the others that were submitted.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Perhaps I can just expand on that answer a little. There were two tenders that were lower than this one, and at the time that the tenders were submitted no evidence was provided, as required by the tender, that the acts being offered were actually available and committed to come at the time, and therefore there was no certainty. If the hon Member wants to know the figures, there was one tender for £34,600, another tender for £35,000 and, in fact, a third tender for £38,000. This was actually the highest sum received. Two of them were considered non compliant for the reasons I have just explained, and the other one which was by Film Exhibitors that

has organised it in the past, was regarded as less innovative and less value for money than the Word of Mouth one. So as against two of them, the hon Member has asked what was the criteria. In respect of two of them the criteria was non-compliance. In respect of one of them the criteria was less innovative and less value for money given the acts that were being offered.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say what exactly are these innovations?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I cannot, I did not see the previous years or that year so I could not make even a personal comparison for him. But tenders of this sort are not just about giving it to the lowest, it is what one gets for the money. Very often by paying a little bit more one gets quantitatively much more in terms of the value of the act. This is not like two people offering the same bottle of water which is cheaper. These sort of artistic or content tenders cannot be assessed just on a strict basis of money, there is the question of value for money, the nature of the acts, the quality of the acts and things of that sort. But I cannot tell him what the actual alleged innovativeness was.

ORAL

NO. 398 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE

How often and on what dates has the Heritage Action Committee met since 22 February 2007?

ANSWER

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

The Heritage Action Committee met on three occasions since February, that is on 2nd May, 18th July and 2nd October.

ORAL

NO. 399 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE – MANAGEMENT OF PARSON'S LODGE

Can Government say whether they have now reached an agreement with the Heritage Trust for the future management of Parson's Lodge?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 400 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 400 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE – NUN’S WELL/PARSON’S LODGE

Can Government confirm whether the Heritage Trust still hold the leases to Nun’s Well and Parson’s Lodge?

ANSWER

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

The answer to both Question Nos. 399 and 400 is yes.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 399 AND 400 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is it still the policy of the Government to take back part of the lease of Parson’s Lodge from the Heritage Trust?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government aim for the future use of Parson’s Lodge is for the Gibraltar Museum to develop the site as a field centre. What I do not know is whether that involves a formal surrender of the lease by the Trust or whether that use is possible, or intended, or envisaged to proceed with the lease remaining with the Trust.

NO. 401 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE – NORTH GORGE

Can Government say whether a study has been conducted into the heritage value of the stores and tunnels under North Gorge, and if so when and by whom?

ANSWER

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

No study has been conducted.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 401 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is conducting such a study something which the Government envisage doing?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the Government only conduct studies when they do not already know the answer to what they are trying to find out. The existence of these things are known, there is nothing to study. If the hon Member wants to be more specific about what he thinks should be studied, I can try and give him an indication. But we do not need to investigate to find out what is there. What is there is well known. I should add, of course, that this is now more academic because it is no longer intended to develop the site in the way that it was previously intended, but the question I suppose is still relevant and may continue to be relevant for a new different development.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I point out to the Chief Minister that the question is not that they should carry out a study to find out what is there, but to establish whether it has heritage value. So if they already know that can they say whether it has heritage value? The question does not ask him to find out what there is under North Gorge. The question is whether it has heritage value. Does it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, that is an unanswerable question. Everything has heritage value. Everything that has heritage value, the older it is the more heritage value some people think it has. There are others who think the heritage value is not a product of age but of age combined with other things. This is a question about which a room full of heritage experts would not come to an agreement. Everything has heritage value. The question is, in balancing whatever that heritage value may be thought to be, with the benefit of interfering with it, where does the balance lie? Does it lie in interfering with it or does it lie in not interfering with it? It is not a black and white issue. It is not that the Government do things when there is no heritage value and never do things when there is any degree of heritage value. There is always a judgement which different people disagree about. The Rosia Tanks site is perhaps the most recent prime example where different people take a different view about the importance of retaining a certain thing that everybody agrees has heritage value. Therefore, I cannot stand up here and sort of be the oracle. It is not a science. Different people will have different views and make the judgement as to the balance differently. Then when Government make that judgement and they disagree with the judgement made by a substantial number of citizens, we pay the political price for it as we did in the case of Rosia Tanks. Governments constantly have to make these judgements.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Then in the light of that answer, would the Chief Minister not agree that if there was something planned for the site which might impact on the nature of the tunnels that exist, it would make sense to avoid taking a decision, perhaps, without sufficient investigation or information having first been obtained and there might be merit in considering that a study like that should be carried out, if and when it looks as if something is going to happen in that area?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Not as formulated by the hon Member but a slightly different formulation, yes. The Government should always make the judgement that I have just described. That may not require a study but it may require an assessment of the heritage value of these tunnels and these chambers which are under there, and decide whether understanding what the extent of the heritage value is, the Government believe that they should nevertheless be in any way adversely interfered with. I accept that that judgement should be made before any development is made, whether or not it requires a study as such I do not know. It may just be an assessment on what is already known and available, but certainly, the judgement should be made not just on this occasion but on every occasion that something of heritage value is affected by an alternative use of the area.

ORAL

NO. 402 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE – MAIN GUARD BUILDING

Can Government say when the lease for the Main Guard building will be issued to the Gibraltar Heritage Trust?

ANSWER

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

Government remains fully committed to restoring the Main Guard building in John Mackintosh Square as the headquarters of the Gibraltar Heritage Trust. The matter is in hand at present but, unfortunately, I still cannot say when such formalisation of tenure may take place.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 402 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the refurbishment of the building linked to the granting of the lease? Is that what he is saying?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The answer is carefully drafted because we are not conceding just yet that there is a lease involved. We are trying to trace the records to see whether the understanding between the Trust and the Government is that there would be a lease. In other words, the answer is intended to make a distinction between the question of the refurbishment and the question of the lease. There will be some tenure document but whether it is a lease or not depends either on a discussion with the Trust, if there has not already been a discussion and an agreement to that effect, or if there has been, we have got to find our records and establish it. But in the time that we have had to answer this question, we have not been able to lay our hands on records that will have allowed us to formulate the answer in a way that, including this statement, there was intended to be a lease as opposed to some other method of documenting the occupation by the Trust. It may be that the intention is that there should be a lease but we are just not in a position to assert it at this moment.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the Trust under the impression that what they are getting is a lease?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know. If they are under the impression it must be because they have good reason to be under that impression, which may be confirmed by what we find. This is not a battle of impressions. We have not been able to get to the bottom of our own records or our own recollections on the matter. There is no dispute between the Government and the Trust on this, it is just that we did not want to answer the question in a way which assumed things which we could not be certain of.

ORAL

NO. 403 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

WORLD HERITAGE STATUS

Can Government say at what stage is their policy of pursuing World Heritage Status for specific heritage sites in Gibraltar?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 404 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 404 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

WORLD HERITAGE STATUS

On what date did the committee responsible for formulating Gibraltar's bid for World Heritage Status last meet?

ANSWER

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

The Government have not yet made the decision to draw up a management plan for a specific site for subsequent consideration by Ministers.

The committee last met on 24 September 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 403 AND 404 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Given that they have not met since 2001, can the Minister confirm then that the decision which was taken not to pursue the World Heritage bid, as originally formulated, was taken without the involvement of this committee?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, correct. It was taken by the Government for reasons which, I think, I have explained to him in the past. I do not know if he recalls them.

ORAL

NO. 405 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE ACT

Have Government now taken a policy decision to produce a new Heritage Act as opposed to amendments to the existing one?

ANSWER

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

Yes, Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 405 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister then say whether it is going to be a new Heritage Act or whether it is going to be amendments to the existing one?

HON E J REYES:

Government will soon publish a draft new Heritage Act.

ORAL

NO. 406 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**PALEO-ECOLOGICAL STUDIES AND METHODOLOGIES IN MAGHREBIAN
ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE**

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of the Paleo-ecological studies and methodologies in Maghrebian archaeology conference which took place in Gibraltar from 9-11 March?

ANSWER

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

There were no costs to the Government of Gibraltar.

NO. 407 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SPECIAL NEEDS

Can Government state how many children are statemented as in the special educational needs code of practice, in this academic year, giving a breakdown by school, year and statemented level?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Children are not statemented in Gibraltar as in the special educational needs code of practice in the UK. However, if what the hon Member is seeking is the number of children who have been identified by the Child Assessment panel as requiring Special Needs provision, that information I can give to him in a schedule which I have here. But statementing is no longer the practice. It has never been the practice here.

Answer to Question 407 of 2007

Pupils with specialised support in LSFs

Pupil	School	Year	Aide to Pupil Ratio
1	Notre Dame	R	0.5
2	Notre Dame	1	0.3
3	Notre Dame	1	0.18
4	Notre Dame	2	0.18
5	Notre Dame	2	1
6	Notre Dame	3	0.3
7	Bishop Fitzgerald	4	0.18
8	Bishop Fitzgerald	4	0.18
9	Bishop Fitzgerald	4	0.18
10	Bishop Fitzgerald	4	0.3
11	Bishop Fitzgerald	4	0.3
12	Bishop Fitzgerald	5	0.18
13	Bishop Fitzgerald	5	0.5
14	Bishop Fitzgerald	5	0.18
15	Bishop Fitzgerald	5	0.18
16	Bishop Fitzgerald	5	0.5
17	Bishop Fitzgerald	5	1
18	Bishop Fitzgerald	6	0.5
19	Bishop Fitzgerald	6	0.3
20	Bishop Fitzgerald	6	0.18
21	Bishop Fitzgerald	6	0.5
22	Bishop Fitzgerald	6	0.13
23	Bishop Fitzgerald	6	0.13
24	Bishop Fitzgerald	6	0.18
25	Bishop Fitzgerald	7	0.18
26	Bishop Fitzgerald	7	0.18
27	Bishop Fitzgerald	7	0.13
28	Westside	9	0.3
29	Westside	10	0.18
30	Westside	10	0.18
31	Westside	11	0.18
32	Westside	11	0.13
33	Westside	11	0.13
34	Bayside	8	0.18
35	Bayside	8	0.18
36	Bayside	8	0.3
37	Bayside	8	0.18
38	Bayside	8	0.18
39	Bayside	9	0.13
40	Bayside	9	0.13
41	Bayside	9	0.13
42	Bayside	10	0.13
43	Bayside	10	0.13
44	Bayside	11	0.13
45	Bayside	11	0.13
46	Bayside	11	0.13

Pupils with specialised support outside LSFs

1	St Bernard's First	3	0.5
2	St Bernard's First	3	0.5
3	Sacred Heart	5	0.5
4	St. Joseph's middle	5	1
5	Sacred Heart	6	0.5
6	St. Anne's	6	2
7	St. Anne's	7	1
8	Bayside	9	1
9	Westside	11	1

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 407 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

I would be grateful for whatever the Minister gives me, but I am surprised he says that the children are not statemented. I have asked that question previously in this House and I have had an answer about the statemented level. I presume that it is not happening now but it has happened in the past. I would like to thank the Minister for the information.

HON C G BELTRAN:

That is fine, it might be because even in the UK statementing levels as such also went out. They do not have levels now they have areas of concern, I believe.

ORAL

NO. 408 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – REFERRALS TO EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST

Will the Minister for Education state how many referrals the Principal Educational Psychologist has, as at the beginning of the academic year 2007/2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Educational Psychologist has received a total of 40 referrals at the beginning of this academic year.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 408 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Is this just over and above what he had previously or new ones, as in 40 new, or are they continuous?

HON C G BELTRAN:

From the information I have before me, I understand it is 40 new referrals.

ORAL

NO. 409 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – BEST

Will the Minister for Education state how many pupils have been supported by BEST (Behavioural and Educational Support Team) from the beginning of the academic years of 2006/2007 and 2007/2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

In 2006/2007 there was a total of 276 pupils supported by the BEST team and so far this academic year there are 226. Of course, I am sure the hon Member understands that these are on-going lists.

NO. 410 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PRIVATE NURSERIES

Can the Minister for Education state or give the dates when private nurseries were last inspected, indicating which Government department carried this out and what areas were examined?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The last visits to private nurseries were made by the Department of Education, the Environmental Health Agency and the City Fire Brigade as follows:-

1. Education Department – October 2007, this was in response to a request for advice.
2. Environmental Health Agency – November 2007, this was a routine environmental visit, washing, the sanitary facilities, that kind of thing.
3. City Fire Brigade – July 2007, routine fire prevention visit, fire safety standards and that sort of thing.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 410 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Did the Department at any time have a specific inspection in relation to curriculum, roles of children and other educational matters, other than a normal routine or what the Minister has just said that somebody rang and they needed help?

HON C G BELTRAN:

The hon Member has asked this question on numerous occasions in the past, I think it has been made clear that the Department of Education and Training works very closely with parents and nursery personnel whenever they raise concerns. There is not a stipulated inspection sort of twice or three times a year or anything like that.

ORAL

NO. 411 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – GOVERNMENT NURSERIES

Can Government state how many children there are in Government nurseries giving a breakdown by school, morning and afternoon session and class?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question No. 412 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 412 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – GOVERNMENT PRE-SCHOOL NURSERIES

Can Government state how many children attend Government pre-school nurseries giving a breakdown by nursery and by morning and afternoon sessions?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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

Answer to Question 412 of 2007

Answer to Question 411 and 412

Government Nurseries (pupil population) as at November 2007

Name of School	Pupil Population
St Mary's First School	30am
St Bernard's First School	30am
Notre Dame First School	30am, 16pm
St Paul's First School	38am (19x2)
St Joseph's First School	60am (30x2)
Governor's Meadow First School	21am
Varyl Begg Nursery	31am, 17pm
St Martin's Special School	7am

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 411 AND 412 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

I notice from the schedule the Minister has passed over that there are some nurseries that do not operate in the afternoon, is that correct?

HON C G BELTRAN:

There is no demand at that time.

HON S E LINARES:

I asked in the question for a breakdown as in class. Does that mean that, for example, taking the first one, St Mary's First School which has a pre-school nursery and 30 seem to attend in the morning, is that one class or is it divided into two?

HON C G BELTRAN:

It is one class.

HON S E LINARES:

They are all one class?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Yes.

ORAL

NO. 413 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SECURITY IN SCHOOLS

Can Government state whether any new security measures have been put in place in schools following the recent burglaries?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question No. 414 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 414 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SECURITY IN SCHOOLS

Can Government state what security measures exist in schools to protect the safety of children and staff?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answer to Question 413 of 2007

The schools affected in this way have been inspected and the necessary steps taken to make them secure. Windows or doors that have been forced open in the past have been fully secured.

Answer to Question 414 of 2007

The following security measures exist in schools in respect of protection and safety of children and staff:-

1. Visitor access to all Primary Schools is controlled from inside the building, either buzzer or bell. In the secondary sector; visitors are required to report to reception on arrival and there are notices to this effect;
2. Staff are instructed to be vigilant and to challenge unfamiliar visitors, everybody is made very much aware of this;
3. Close liaison exists with the Community Constables, of course; and
4. All schools monitor children who need to leave during the school day.

NO. 415 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY

Can Government say whether the health and safety audit report which was conducted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has now been presented to Head Teachers and NASUWT(GTA)?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The ROSPA sample audit has not been presented to Headteachers and the NASUWT.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 415 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Does the Minister have an indication when it will, because it has taken a while and I think it was commissioned in early 2006? So does the Minister have an indication as to when the Headteachers at least and the NASUWT will have it?

HON C G BELTRAN:

This ROSPA is an initial sample audit, including only three schools I believe. This is being considered internally as a basis on which to build further, in order to arrive at a working model for the Department of Education and Training as a whole. In this respect, the Department of Education and Training is already making arrangements with a member of ROSPA, to further develop the specialist advice from ROSPA and come to Government's own report, a scheme which can be used by all Government schools in terms of health and safety. This is the use that this sample audit is being put to.

HON S E LINARES:

The question has come about because the previous Minister told this House that he would be presenting the report to the Headteachers and the NASUWT(GTA). The report was conducted in four schools as far as I understand from the previous Minister. So the question does not seem to have been answered. Is it that the policy has now changed where it is not going to be presented to the Headteachers or the NASUWT(GTA)?

HON C G BELTRAN:

There is no policy change. The hon Member is right, I had forgotten and I should not have because I was the Principal of the place, the College. I am right in saying three schools and of course the College as well was included in this sample audit. The intention is to use this sample audit which is what it is, it is not a fully fledged report, to come to our own Government of Gibraltar Department of Education and Training health and safety scheme, which will be reported. Obviously, Headteachers and the Union will be consulted on this and they will see how the matters are proceeding in order to arrive at our scheme, as I said. This is the use that the sample audit is being put to. There is no change in policy.

HON S E LINARES:

Are there any recommendations within the reports?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Well, it is an audit which highlights certain areas which we will be including in our own end result.

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NO. 416 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – LUNCH IN SCHOOLS

Can Government say how the Department of Education is monitoring the situation in relation to children staying for lunch during the lunch breaks and what consultation is currently taking place with the teaching staff?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The Department of Education monitors the lunchtime situation in schools through regular contacts with the Headteachers, who of course in turn consult and discuss these matters with their staff and Service All Centre, who provide the lunchtime supervisory staff.

NO. 417 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CO-EDUCATION 14-19 COMMITTEE

Can Government state whether the post 14 to 19 Working Group has come out with recommendations as to the issue of co-education in secondary schools?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The 14-19 Working Group, which is what has evolved in the UK from the previously post-16 group, has not made any recommendations regarding co-education in secondary schools.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 417 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Again, the previous Minister actually gave the committee the remit to look into co-education. Does that mean that they have not discussed it, or they have not met in order to discuss this issue, is it pending or have any other recommendations come out?

HON C G BELTRAN:

The 14-19 Working Group is looking at the UK's 14-19 reform programme which, as I am sure the hon Member is aware, is a vast programme of reform concerning the actual system of education in the UK in this age range. Indeed, in our group here, the 14-19 group, co-education is part of the remit that it has. But it would be, I think, inadvisable at this moment in time to dive into any specific issue or area of the curriculum, or the organisation of the curriculum, whilst in the UK it is still very much in the melting pot. As is known, the tradition here and I think we have been very wise in this respect, has been to stand back, wait and see what developments there are, see what they get wrong so that we do not apply it and apply what is of use to us. I think that our educational system, as my predecessor loved to say and I concur

with him, is second to none. So we have to be very careful not to introduce things for the sake of making innovations.

HON S E LINARES:

Yes, I totally agree with the Minister and that is in relation to the 14-19 vocational training and all other aspects of 14-19, including A-levels, GCSE, because it all goes into the melting pot. But the previous Minister actually stated that as part of the terms of reference of that committee it would look into co-education. Therefore, he was expecting in the last meeting that we had, he was already expecting certain recommendations and advice from that committee, and he actually said that they were working towards producing a sort of report or an answer to that part of their terms of reference.

HON C G BELTRAN:

I think the hon Member is correct in thinking that some sort of report or ideas, a list of ideas was submitted by the original working group on co-education to the 14-19 Working Group, and that forms very much part of their papers and what they are looking at. I am sure, the hon Member is also aware of the fact, that already in the secondary sector, the three institutions, particularly through the workings of the consortium, already there is an element, especially in the College for example, of co-education which has been evolving quite naturally. I do not think there is any sort of co-educational crisis that needs to be looked into at this moment in time.

ORAL

NO. 418 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – NUMBER OF CHILDREN

Can Government state how many children there are in school giving a breakdown by school, year and class?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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

Number of Children in Schools

NAME OF SCHOOL	Pupil Population	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year3
St.Mary's First School	146	39(20,19)	34(17x2)	38(19x2)	36(17,18)
St.Bernard's First School	112	28 (14x2)	23(11,12)	31(16,15)	30(15x2)
Notre Dame First School	181	48 (16x3)	38(19x2)	48 (16,15,17)	47 (16x2)15
St.Paul's First School	321	76(19x2)20,18	91(23x3)22	80(20x4)	75(19x3)18
St.Joseph's First School	328	72 17,(18x2),19	79 (20x3)19	85 20,21(22x2)	92 (23x4)
Governor's Meadow First School	244	54 (18x3)	57 19,18,20	64 20 (22x2)	69 22,23,24

NAME OF SCHOOL	Pupil Population	Year4	Year5	Year6	Year7
Bishop Fitzgerald Middle School	469	106(27x2)(26x2)	127(25x3)(26x2)	111(21x2)22,23,24	125 21,25(26x2),27
St.Anne's Middle School	439	109 (27x3) 28	103 (25x2)26,27	114 27,(29x3)	113 (28x3)29
Sacred Heart Middle School	235	48(16x3)	70(23x2)24	60 18 (21x2)	57 18,19,20
St.Joseph's Middle School	359	76 (25x2)26	86 20(22x3)	108 25,27 (28x2)	89 (22x3)23

NAME OF SCHOOL	Pupil Population	Year8	Year9	Year10	Year11	Year12	Year13
Bayside Comprehensive School	1020	211 25,(26x3)(27x4)	229 (28x3)(29x5)	206 (24x2)(25x2),26, (27x2),28	218 12,22,(24x2)25, 27, (28x3)	79 19, (20x3)	79 17,20,(21x2)
Westside Comprehensive School	1065	198 (25 x 6) (24x2)	212 (28x3) (26x3) (25x2)	220 (29x3) (28x1) (27x1) (26x3)	227 (30x1) (29x3) (28x2) (27x2)	129 (27,26,26,25,25)	79(19,17,23,20)

This figure does not include pupils from Bayside or Westside attending courses at the College

Gibraltar College	261
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Hebrew Primary School	93	reception (16)	Year1 (16)	Year 2 & 3 (18,6)	Year4 (16)	Year5 (14)	Year6 & 7 (6,2)
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St.Martin's Special School	18
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Total School Pupil Population	5291
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ORAL

NO. 419 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – NUMBER OF PUPILS SUSPENDED

Can Government state how many children have been suspended from school in 2006/2007 and 2007 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

In 2006/2007 a total of 51 pupils were suspended from school and 21 in 2007 to date.

ORAL

NO. 420 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SCHOOLS CAPITATION

Will Government say what is the current rate of capitation giving a breakdown by sector of education and when it was the last time it was increased?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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

Answer to Question 420 of 2007

The capitation rates were increased on 1st April 2007, that is, financial year 2007/8, as is customary. They are the following:-

Nursery	£48.26
First Schools	£48.26
Middle Schools	£62.33
Special Needs	£158.35
Secondary Schools - Years 8 & 9	£70.03
“ Years 10 & 11	£99.76
“ Years 12 & 13	£100.85

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 420 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Surely these are monthly capitations or yearly? For example, nursery, a child gets £48.26, the breakdown what is it by month or by year?

HON C G BELTRAN:

The capitation allowances, the hon Member has asked for the current rate of capitation, the rate per capita per child. In the case of nurseries, for example, it is £48.26 per child for the year.

ORAL

NO. 421 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

Can Government say what are the class sizes giving a breakdown by school, class and year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question No. 422 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 422 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PUPIL/TEACHER RATIO

Can Government say what the pupil-teacher ratios are in each school for the current academic year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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

Answer to Question 422 of 2007

Class sizes (in brackets)

Answer to Question 421

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St.Martin's Special School	18
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Total School Pupil Population	5291
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Answer to Question 422

Teacher/Pupil Ratios – November 2007	
Name of School	Teacher/Pupil Ratio
St Mary's First	1 to 15
St Bernard's First	1 to 10
Notre Dame First	1 to 11
St Paul's First	1 to 16
St Joseph's First	1 to 18
Governor's Meadow	1 to 15
Bishop Fitzgerald	1 to 20
St Anne's Middle	1 to 21
Sacred Heart Middle	1 to 15
St Joseph's Middle	1 to 20
Bayside	1 to 16
Westside	1 to 17
Gibraltar College	1 to 10
Hebrew Primary	1 to 16
St Martin's Special	1 to 4

NO. 423 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – TEACHERS ON UNION BUSINESS

Can Government say what cover is provided within the school when teachers who are also executive members of the NASUWT(GTA) are away from the classroom on union business?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Full cover is provided as requested by the school, with a fully qualified supply teacher when a union official is away on union business.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 423 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Every single time that there is a union meeting, because as the Minister well knows, some union representatives have to go to the Department to negotiate and all that, is it every time?

HON C G BELTRAN:

No, I am sure the hon Member is very, very clear on this from his years in the union. Some union business requires a short period of time, in which case usually schools cover internally. This is the way it goes, but if there is an important meeting outside the school which will take longer than that, then a cover is supplied in the form of a body in the school, a supply teacher.

ORAL

NO. 424 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – CLASSROOM AIDES

Can Government state how many classroom aides are currently employed by the Department of Education on a permanent and pensionable basis, on supply basis or on any other basis that might exist giving a breakdown by school, showing whether they are dealing with special needs children or helping teachers in any other duties within the classroom or school scenario?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 425 and 426 of 2007

NO. 425 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – NUMBER OF TEACHERS

Can Government say how many teachers are currently employed by the Department of Education giving a breakdown by:

- (a) Permanent and pensionable status;
- (b) Permanent or long term supply;
- (c) School;
- (d) Grade held in each school;
- (e) Teachers holding posts outside school (that is, peripatetic teachers and teachers employed within the department);
- (f) Any other position held?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question Nos. 424 and 426 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 426 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – TEACHERS ON PERMANENT SUPPLY

Can Government state whether long term or permanent supply teachers have now been given contracts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answer to 424 and 425 of 2007

In respect of Question Nos. 424 and 425, the hon Member already has the schedule which covers this information.

Answer to Question 426 of 2007

No contracts to long-term supply teachers have yet been issued. This is the answer.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 426 OF 2007

Answer to Question 424

Permanent & Pensionable Table

	F/T	F/T (Special Needs)	P/T	P/T (Special Needs)
Westside	-	2	-	1
Bayside	-	5	-	-
Bishop Fitzgerald	-	6	-	1
St Anne's Middle	-	3	-	-
St Joseph's Middle	-	1	-	-
St Paul's First	1 (N)	-	-	-
St Mary's First	-	-	2 (N)	-
St Bernard's First	1 (N)	1	-	1
Notre Dame First	1 (N)	4	1	-
St Joseph's First	1	-	2 (N)	-
St Martin's Special	-	3	-	9
Varyl Begg Nursery	1 (N)	-	-	-
Sacred Heart Middle	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	5	26	5	12

All classroom aides are employed to assist children with Special Needs except those employed to work in nurseries, marked with an (N) above.

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Answer to Question 426 Of 2007

Answer to Question 424

Permanent & Pensionable Table

	F/T	F/T (Special Needs)	P/T	P/T (Special Needs)
Bayside	-	5	-	-
Bishop Fitzgerald Middle	-	6	-	1
St Anne's Middle	-	3	-	-
St Joseph's Middle	-	1	-	-
St Paul's First	1 (N)	-	-	-
St Mary's First	-	-	2 (N)	-
St Bernard's First	1 (N)	1	-	1
Notre Dame First	1 + 1 (N)	3	1	-
St Joseph's First	1	-	2 (N)	-
St Martin's Special	-	3	-	9
Varyl Begg Nursery	1 (N)	-	-	-
Sacred Heart Middle	-	-	-	½
TOTALS	6	24	5	13

All classroom aides are employed to assist children with Special Needs except those employed to work in nurseries, marked with an (N) above.

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Teachers currently employed by the Department of Education & Training

Contd answer to Question 426 of 2007

Answer to Question 425

NAME OF SCHOOL	P+P Staff Complement	H/T	DH/T	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	One Year Supply
St.Mary's First School	10	1	1	1	4				0.5
St.Bernard's First School	11	1	1	0	4				1
Notre Dame First School	16	1	1	2	5				0
St.Paul's First School	20	1	1	2	5				3
St.Joseph's First School	18	1	1	4	5				1 + (2 X 0.5) = 2
Governor's Meadow First School	16	1	1	4	5				0

NAME OF SCHOOL	P+P Staff Complement	H/T	DH/T	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	
Bishop Fitzgerald Middle School	24	1	1	2	4	4			3
St.Anne's Middle School	21	1	1	3	5	4			1
Sacred Heart Middle School	16	1	1	3	5				1
St.Joseph's Middle School	18	1	1	3	5				1

NAME OF SCHOOL	P+P Staff Complement	H/T	DH/T	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	
Bayside Comprehensive School	63.5	1	3	7	5	8	9	4	4
Westside Comprehensive School	64.5	1	3	8	5	12	6	4	4
Gibraltar College	25	1		3	3	5		2	0

NAME OF SCHOOL	P+P Staff Complement	H/T	DH/T	M1	M2	M3	M4	M5	
Hebrew Primary School	6	1	1	1	1				0
St.Martin's Special School	5	1	1	0	0				1

There is a total of 9 teachers holding posts outside school as follows:

6 main office

3 in the BEST (1 P+P and 2 Supply)

No other positions held.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 424 TO 426 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister say what the delay is? We have been discussing this issue for the last, I think, three to four years now. There are still teachers, for example, on the list there is a teacher on one year supply, surely there should be a contract for that one year, and I do not want to go into the debate again, for the reasons that we have stated previously in this House.

HON C G BELTRAN:

I concur with the hon Member's idea that we should not go into the debate again, because it has been debated previously ad nauseum and, therefore, the hon Member knows as I do that the delay has been due to the complexities of the contract of this type. I know that the hon Member does not necessarily agree with this, but this is the position. However, having said this, I wish to tell him that I am making this one of my priorities.

ORAL

NO. 427 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – RESPONSIBILITY POSTS

Can Government state how many responsibility posts are currently on an acting basis?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question No. 428 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 428 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – TLR

Can Government state whether the TLR's have now been implemented as promised by the previous Minister?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answer to Question 427 of 2007

There are currently 54 responsibility posts on an acting basis.

Answer to Question 428 of 2007

The TLRs have not yet been implemented. The rather lengthy consultation period, however, will be completed shortly.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 427 AND 428 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Does the Minister have any indication when these will be put into place, since he has 54 acting how soon will these TLRs be in place? And whether these TLRs' positions will be backdated as from September of this year?

HON C G BELTRAN:

No, nothing of the sort was promised by the previous Minister, what the hon Member I am sure understands and knows is that this has been a lengthy period of consultation, which is very much required if one is going to re-organise responsibilities in schools. That is now coming to an end and it will be implemented shortly.

ORAL

NO. 429 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SCHOOL SECRETARIES

Can Government state what the complement of secretaries in schools is, whether they are part-time or full-time, and giving a breakdown by school?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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

Answer to Question 429 of 2007

The total complement of school secretaries is 4 full-timers and 11 part-timers.

	F/T School Secretaries	P/T School Secretaries
Westside	2	-
Bayside	2	-
St Anne's Middle	-	1
Sacred Heart Middle	-	1
St Joseph's Middle	-	1
Bishop Fitzgerald Middle	-	1
Governor's Meadow First	-	1
Notre Dame First	-	1
St Paul's First	-	1
St Joseph's First	-	1
Gibraltar College/Hebrew Primary	-	1
St Mary's First/ St Bernard's First	-	1
St Martin's Special/ St Bernard's First	-	1

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 429 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Have the Government any intention of having full-time secretaries in each school at any point?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Not at this moment in time, not at this point.

ORAL

NO. 430 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – MINOR WORKS EXPENDITURE

Can Government state how much money has been spent on minor works in schools in the academic year 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 to date giving a breakdown by schools and amounts spent respectively?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Answered together with Question No. 431 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 431 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE

Can Government state how much money has been spent on maintenance in schools in the academic year 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 to date giving a breakdown by schools and amounts spent respectively?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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

Answer to Question 431 of 2007

Answer to Question 430

School	2005/6 Minor Works	2006/7 Minor Works
Bayside	£331,767	£632,347
Westside	£212,692	£29,487
GCFE	-	£16,145
Bishop Fitzgerald	£101,427	£6,676
St Anne's	£49,120	£9,271
Sacred Heart	-	£7,482
St Joseph's Middle	£4,138	-
St Mary's	-	£19,404
St Paul's	£41,582	£16,947
Notre Dame	-	£19,820
St Joseph's First	-	£3,949
Governor's Meadow	-	£29,644
St Bernard's	-	£51,250
Hebrew	-	£880
St Martin's Special	-	£80,598

Answer to Question 431

School	2005/6 Maintenance	2006/7 maintenance
Bayside	£16,738	£24,629
Westside	£24,770	£46,311
GCFE	£20,150	£12,150
Bishop Fitzgerald	£15,143	£12,733
St Anne's	£18,446	£63,583
Sacred Heart	£9,534	£11,849
St Joseph's Middle	£22,512	£16,915
St Mary's	£16,043	£7,170
St Paul's	£15,330	£12,317
Notre Dame	£17,456	£14,040
St Joseph's First	£7,749	£14,465
Governor's Meadow	£12,596	£7,053
St Bernard's	£14,258	£4,891
Hebrew	£1,749	£24,088
St Martin's Special	£20,340	£14,214

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 430 AND 431 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

One thing as a matter of interest, why is it that in Sacred Heart and St Mary's and some other schools..... There is a mistake here. The mistake is, it is just that I do not want to embarrass the Government about this. The mistake is a simple mistake and I think it is a typographical mistake, where at the top of the answer to Question No. 430 it says, 05/06 minor works and minor works, maintenance and maintenance. I asked the questions, I thought it was maintenance and minor works, maintenance and minor works, that is all. Just to clarify.

HON C G BELTRAN:

I assure the hon Member I am not embarrassed in the least because I do not think that that is actually what he asked. He says can Government state how much money has been spent on minor works in schools in academic years 2005/2006, that is what I have given him in the table to that question. Then he asks how much money is being spent on maintenance in schools in 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 and I have provided him with another table. There is an element of confusion in the way that he is seeing these.

NO. 432 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – DRIVERS

Can Government state how many drivers are currently employed within the Department of Education?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING

There are currently three Department of Education employees with driving duties.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 432 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Is there anybody specifically employed as driver or do they have somebody else employed as something else driving?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I have just said that there are three employees in the Department of Education and Training, part of the duties of which is driving.

HON S E LINARES:

Is it within their job description?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Absolutely.

NO. 433 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – CONTRACTS

Can Government state what was the total number of employment contracts registered with the Employment Agency as at 31st October 2007 giving a breakdown by nationality and sex?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

In keeping with established Government policy and practice, all employment related statistics are made available to the Opposition at the end of each quarter. Accordingly, the statistical information being requested in respect of the month of October 2007 will be made available to the Opposition at the end of the fourth quarter, together with the statistical information for the months of November and December 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 433 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

I must say I am disappointed with the response given by the Minister. I am aware of the practice established by my predecessor, with the Minister's predecessor, of requesting statistical information in the form of a statistical report for each particular quarter. I have decided on this occasion, being my first, to adopt a different approach and to ask questions orally in order to receive answers orally in this particular House. If I had wanted to adopt this particular approach I would have done so and I would have written to the Minister. Having decided to ask the questions orally, as I am entitled to under the Standing Rules, I am entitled to get an oral answer. The Order Paper provides for questions and answers, the Rules provide that where the question is marked as being asked orally the Member is entitled to an oral answer. I would therefore ask Mr Speaker to so rule.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Standing Orders entitle the hon Member to ask the question, they do not oblige the Government to provide the information. If the hon Member is unilaterally going to decide.....

HON G H LICUDI:

Point of Order.

MR SPEAKER:

What is the point of Order?

HON G H LICUDI:

The point of order is the question whether the Government are obliged or not and I would like to refer Mr Speaker to.....

MR SPEAKER:

There is no doubt the hon Member is entitled to ask a question for oral answer but as the Chief Minister is explaining I cannot control the answer. The hon Member will hear the answer in a moment.

HON G H LICUDI:

Yes, under Standing Rule 16, it says, a Member is entitled to state that he requires an oral answer. When the Member has so stated an oral answer shall be given.

MR SPEAKER:

That is correct.

HON G H LICUDI:

And if the answer is we do not give you the information, is that the Governments xxxxx?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

At some point in time the hon Member will discover that he is not in the Magistrates' Court in this building. Now, if the hon Member has unilaterally decided to discontinue an arrangement entered into between the Government and the

Opposition, which was a concession by the Government to the Opposition, he does so at his peril. So on the basis of the hon Member's assertion, the Government will no longer provide the Opposition with a quarterly statement. Now the answer to his question is that the Government publish unemployment statistics quarterly and is not willing to provide them to the hon Member monthly.

HON G H LICUDI:

I have not stated at all that I would discontinue the practice which was previously established. I said that for this occasion I wanted to have oral answers to see whether that was a better approach from our point of view. I did not say that this was discontinued for the future. I am aware of the previous practice, I certainly was not aware that this was a concession of any sort but simply an arrangement between Government and Opposition. Governments and Oppositions are entitled to make those arrangements. Opposition Members are entitled to ask questions and Government should be obliged, if they are to be held politically accountable for their actions, to answer the questions in this House.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

What the hon Member said is a matter of posterity in Hansard and I do not intend to repeat what he said. He did not say what he has just said he has said. If he wants to satisfy himself of that he will have to check for himself in Hansard. The Government are not required to publish information at whatever intervals of time the Opposition Members choose to request and will not do so. The Government have made the policy decision many months ago, many years ago indeed, to publish unemployment statistics quarterly and that is the interval of time in which the information is available to the Opposition and not otherwise.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Chief Minister say when was the last quarter for which they published unemployment information?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Not off hand.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So it may be that he is not publishing it quarterly then, notwithstanding the fact that he thinks he is.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am describing the policy, the Government normally put out a press release. The Opposition, under the arrangement that his new colleague no longer finds satisfactory, used to get much more information than the Government choose to publish, in the sense of making a public announcement of it. But if the hon Members no longer want it they will not receive it.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is not my question that is a separate issue. What I am asking is, since the Government say that it is their policy to publish the statistics quarterly, I am asking him when was the last quarter that they were published? I can assure him it is a very long time since I have seen any published.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Published has always meant sending to the Opposition Members.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see, so we are supposed to issue.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government make the information available to the Opposition Members. Whether the Government then put out a press release making a public statement about it is a matter for the Government and not for the Opposition.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The Chief Minister has just said two seconds ago that the policy of the Government is to publish quarterly unemployment statistics which are more limited than the information we seek. I am asking him when was the last quarter for which they published it in accordance with the policy that he has just told us? The answer is he does not know.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know when a public statement was last made. That is what he means by published, no, I do not know.

HON J J BOSSANO:

What I mean is what he said. I mean the same as he meant when he said the Government issues a press release with the unemployment quarterly, that is what he just said. Well, the answer is they have not done it for some time. Therefore, we certainly use the information to analyse the situation but we do not issue statements saying these are the Government unemployment figures. I do not think he expects us to do that.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If he were wanting to be critical of unemployment I would expect the hon Member to comment. That is why they are sent to him. That is why the figures are made available to you, so that the hon Member has available information with which to criticise Government on unemployment, if that is what he thought those statistics justified him doing. But that is different, I thought the Government put out regular press releases saying the unemployment, they used to, I had not noticed that it is some time now that they have not done so. But certainly, if the hon Member, the other Member, does not want his quarterly reports from the Government then he does not have it. But I am sure on reflection he will wish to maintain the existing arrangement.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, it may be more or less useful to obtain the information without having to wait for a meeting of the House.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member at the end of the quarterly period is free to ask the question will the Government provide the unemployment statistics, and so long as it is in respect of a quarter the Government will say yes, I am now handing to the hon Member a schedule containing the same figures that we now send him spontaneously.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So really the issue is whether it is at a greater frequency, that is the point.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Absolutely. That is the only point.

HON F R PICARDO:

As the person who was responsible for the arrangement, can I just say two things? First of all, I have never sought and will never seek a concession from the Chief Minister. This was not a concession, not out of pride but out of a sense of duty to those who have elected me to be on the Opposition, to hold them to account and not to seek concessions from them. What I did was an arrangement for the benefit of both sides of the House, with not the Minister's predecessor but his earlier predecessor, Mr Linares, to put the questions that are put orally in writing and to have those provided at quarterly intervals and recorded as written questions and written answers. The Government do not issue periodically, either quarterly or otherwise, statements to the effect of those statistical questions which are answered directly to the Opposition. The Government issue their own data on unemployment but they do not issue answers to those questions which are specifically provided to the Opposition by arrangement as written answers to written questions. Public, as I understand it, under the arrangement from the moment after the House ends, the House in which they are provided ends, and recorded as written answers.

HON G H LICUDI:

If I understood the Chief Minister correctly, he is saying that information will be provided at the end of a particular quarter irrespective of whether or not it is requested in writing. As I understood the Chief Minister he did say that if it is requested in the House, as long as it relates to a particular quarter, it will be handed over during the question session in the House. The last statistical report that was made available to my Colleague was a statistical report in respect of the second quarter of 2007. The second quarter ended in June, therefore the third quarter is July, August, September. Each of the questions, Nos 433 to 451, relate exclusively to the third quarter. Sorry, except for Question No. 433 which talks about 31st October. Each of the others, as I understand, relate to monthly breakdown for the third quarter. In other words, for exactly the same period that it would have been provided in writing had I requested it at the end of the third quarter. All I am asking is for the information which was provided in writing previously be handed over in this House. What is conceptionally wrong with that?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member is not asking for information on a monthly basis, he is asking for information as at 31st October 2007.

HON G H LICUDI:

That is Question No. 433 but look at the others.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

This is the question we are answering, we are on Question No. 433.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister said he would answer Question Nos. 433 to 451 together as I understood it.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No.

ORAL

NO. 434 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – CONTRACTS

Can Government state what was the number of employment contracts registered with the Employment Agency in respect of private employers excluding Government-owned and joint venture companies in each month in the third quarter of 2007 giving a breakdown by nationality and sex?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 435 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 435 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – CONTRACTS

Can Government state how many employment contracts were registered with the Employment Agency for frontier workers in each month in the third quarter of 2007 giving a breakdown by sex?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 and 436 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 436 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – DETACHED WORKERS

Can Government state the number of workers that were registered with the Employment Agency as detached workers in each month in the third quarter of 2007 giving a breakdown of their trade and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434, 435 and 437 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 437 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – CONTRACTS

Can Government give details of the number of employment contracts terminated in each month in the third quarter of 2007 giving a breakdown by nationality, sex and industry?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 436 and 438 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 438 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – WORK PERMITS

Can Government state the number of work permits issued in each month in the third quarter of 2007 giving a breakdown by occupation, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 437 and 439 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 439 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – VACANCIES

Can Government state how many vacancies were filled in each month in the third quarter of 2007 and how many were for part-time employment giving a breakdown by sex and industry as follows:

- (a) Gibraltarians; and
- (b) Other nationals?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 438 and 440 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 440 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – NEW ENTRANTS

Can Government state how many new entrants to the local labour market were registered in each month in the third quarter of 2007 giving a breakdown by nationality and sex?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 439 and 441 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 441 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – GIBRALTARIANS

Can Government state how many of the Gibraltarians employed in each month in the third quarter of 2007 were registered with the Employment Agency giving a breakdown by age and sex?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 440 and 442 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 442 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – GIBRALTARIANS

Can Government state how many Gibraltarians were added to the unemployment register in each month in the third quarter of 2007 giving a breakdown by age and sex?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 441 and 443 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 443 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – GIBRALTARIANS

Can Government give a breakdown of male and female unemployed Gibraltarians aged 18 and over in each month in the third quarter of 2007 receiving:

- (a) unemployment benefit;
- (b) social assistance;
- (c) no payments?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 442 and 444 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 444 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – GIBRALTARIANS

Can Government state how many Gibraltarians registered as unemployed with the Employment Agency in each month in the third quarter of 2007 were registered as looking for part-time jobs giving a breakdown by sex and age?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 443 and 445 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 445 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – VACANCIES

Can Government give a monthly breakdown of vacancies for casual workers opened with the Employment Agency in each month in the third quarter of 2007 giving a breakdown by industry of how many of these have been filled by Gibraltarians?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 444 and 446 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 446 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT

Can Government state how many terms of engagement were registered with the Employment Agency in each month in the third quarter of 2007

- (a) including directors; and
- (b) excluding directors?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 445 and 447 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 447 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – SELF-EMPLOYED

Can Government state how many persons were registered as self-employed with the Employment Agency in each month in the third quarter of 2007 giving a breakdown by nationality and sex?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 446 and 448 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 448 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – JOB CLUB

Can Government state how many persons have used the facilities provided by the Job Club in each month in the third quarter of 2007 giving a breakdown by sex and age?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 447 and 449 to 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 449 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – WAGE SUBSIDY SCHEME

Can Government state whether in each month in the third quarter of 2007 there has been any increase in the number of persons that have been placed in employment, giving a breakdown by age and sex, in the wage subsidy scheme?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 448, 450 and 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 450 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – WAGE SUBSIDY SCHEME

Can Government state whether in each month in the third quarter of 2007 there has been any increase in the number of employers participating in the wage subsidy scheme?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 434 to 449 and 451 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 451 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – WAGE SUBSIDY SCHEME

Can Government state what was the expenditure by the Employment Agency on wage subsidy in each month in the third quarter of 2007 and the number of people and of employers involved?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

I now hand the hon Member schedules with the information requested.

I wish to advise the hon Member opposite that all this information plus other related statistical information, is made available to the Opposition systematically, as I am sure we have now cleared that position, at the end of each quarter as agreed in May 2005 between the then Minister with responsibility for Employment, my colleague Bernard Linares and the Opposition Member Fabian Picardo, at the time Opposition spokesperson for employment related issues. I am further advised that such an arrangement was noted by yourself, Mr Speaker.

I have, however, most recently been made aware that the statistical information for the third quarter of 2007 has not yet been made available to the Opposition Members. This is much regretted as there was and is no reason why such a set of quarterly statistical information should not have been passed on. It has been explained to me by the officials responsible that this departure from established practice can only be put down to an oversight on their part given the recent change of Minister with responsibility for Employment through whom such statistical information is made available to the Opposition.

I must then, take the opportunity to provide the Opposition Member with the set of statistical information that, as agreed, should have been made available at the end of the third quarter of this year, and further assure him that such information will continue to be made available, as agreed, soon after the end of the relevant quarter should we now establish what are going to do.

Answer to Question 451 of 2007

Answer to Question 433

2007	Gib.	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
July	6703	4123	3431	952	1234	725	17168
August	6703	4146	3405	947	1278	774	17253
September	6739	4170	3416	941	1283	767	17316

Answer to Question 435

2007	M	F	Total
July	3680	2224	5904
August	3706	2245	5951
September	3745	2247	5992

Answer to Question 436

July 2007	Spanish	British	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
Managerial		1		2	3
Professional	97	10	2	27	136
Associate Professional		11		1	12
Administrative					
Skilled Trades	10	3		11	24
Personal Services				3	3
Sales & Customer Svcs.					
Plant Operators					
Elementary Occupations	1				1
Totals	108	25	2	44	179

August 2007	Spanish	British	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
Managerial				1	1
Professional	55	4	13	46	118
Associate Professional			1		1
Administrative					
Skilled Trades	14				14
Personal Services	1			3	4
Sales & Customer Svcs.					
Plant Operators					
Elementary Occupations					
Totals	70	4	14	50	138

September 2007	Spanish	British	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
Managerial			4		4
Professional	26	2	12	39	79
Associate Professional				1	1
Administrative					
Skilled Trades				37	37
Personal Services		1			1
Sales & Customer Svcs.					
Plant Operators					
Elementary Occupations					
Totals	26	3	16	77	122

Contd Answer to Question 451 of 2007

Answer to Question 439

Gibraltarians	Male	Female	Total
July 2007	9	26	35
August 2007	15	22	37
September 2007	5	44	49

Other Nationals	Male	Female	Total
July 2007	30	62	92
August 2007	11	46	57
September 2007	10	53	63

Answer to Question 440

SPANISH NATIONALS

2007	Males	Females	Total
July	100	37	137
August	72	38	110
September	86	41	127

OTHER BRITISH NATIONALS

2007	Males	Females	Total
July	79	38	117
August	56	41	97
September	66	39	105

MOROCCAN NATIONALS

2007	Moroccan
July	0
August	1
September	1

Contd Answer to Question 451 of 2007

Answer to Question 441

Jul 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	2	4	6
18 – 24	10	7	17
25 & Over	11	6	17
Total	23	17	40

Aug 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	0	0	0
18 – 24	7	8	15
25 & Over	10	10	20
Total	17	18	35

Sep 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	3	3	6
18 – 24	9	11	20
25 & Over	20	6	26
Total	32	20	52

Answer to Question 442

Jul 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	0	0	0
18 – 24	15	15	30
25 & Over	31	22	53
Total	46	37	83

Aug 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	5	6	11
18 – 24	20	27	47
25 & Over	37	28	65
Total	62	61	123

Sep 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	8	4	12
18 – 24	24	18	42
25 & Over	33	30	63
Total	65	52	117

Contd Answer to Question 451 of 2007

Answer to Question 443

A. UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

2007	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	25+
July	38	41	79	24	55
August	32	39	71	25	46
September	28	32	60	22	38

B. SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

2007	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	25+
July	64	73	137	22	115
August	68	69	137	23	114
September	65	64	129	20	109

C. NO PAYMENTS

2007	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	25+
July	43	4	47	17	30
August	54	24	78	29	49
September	56	30	86	33	53

Answer to Question 444

July 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	0	0	0
18-24	0	0	0
25 and over	0	12	12
Total	0	12	12

August 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	0	0	0
18-24	0	0	0
25 and over	0	11	11
Total	0	11	11

September 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	0	0	0
18-24	0	0	0
25 and over	0	8	8
Total	0	8	8

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Contd Answer to Question 451 of 2007

Answer to Question 445

2007	July	August	September
Total	0	1	0
Gibraltarian	0	0	0

Answer to Question 446

2007	July	August	September
Including Directors	22458	22534	22579
Excluding Directors	21427	21522	21586

Answer to Question 447

2007	M	F	Total
July	533	241	774
August	534	246	780
September	541	248	789

Answer to Question 448

July 2007	Males	Females	Total
Under 18	1	1	2
18-24	7	3	10
25 & Over	11	3	14
Total	19	7	26

August 2007	Males	Females	Total
Under 18	4	2	6
18-24	6	8	14
25 & Over	14	9	23
Total	24	19	43

September 2007	Males	Females	Total
Under 18	0	2	2
18-24	12	3	15
25 & Over	8	17	25
Total	20	22	42

Contd Answer to Question 451 of 2007

Answer to Question 449

Jul 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	0	0	0
18 – 24	0	0	0
25 & Over	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Aug 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	0	0	0
18 – 24	0	0	0
25 & Over	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Sep 2007	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	0	0	0
18 – 24	0	0	0
25 & Over	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0

Answer to Question 450

2007	Increase in employers
July	0
August	0
September	0

Answer to Question 451

Year 2007	July	August	September
Expenditure (£)	4840	340	2675

Year 2007	July	August	September
Total of Employers	6	4	4
Total of Employees	7	5	5

Contd Answer to Question 451 of 2007
Answer to Question 438

July 2007	America		Australia		Bulgarian		Czech		Hungarian		Indian		Latvian		N Zealander		Philipino		Polish		Romanian		Slovak		Venezuelian	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Manag.	1										1						1								1	
Prof.																										
Ass. Prof.					1																					
Admin	1																									
Skilled							1								1				11							
Personal																		1								
Sales											1		1					1								
Plant																										
Element							5	1	3				1						1	2	6		1	1		

August 2007	American		Argentinian		Bolivia		Bulgarian		Chinese		Mexican		Moroccan		Philipino		Polish		Romanian	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Manag.																				
Prof.															3				1	
Ass. Prof																				
Admin															2					
Skilled	1		2		2		1				14						28		2	
Personal																				
Sales		1							1											
Plant																				
Element													1				7		4	1

September 2007	Australian		Chinese		Czech		Indian		Mauritian		Moroccan		Philipino		Polish		Romanian	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Manag.	1							1										
Prof.															3			
Ass. Prof																		
Admin															1			
Skilled			2						1								3	1
Personal																		
Sales												1						
Plant																	1	
Element						2	2											4

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 434 TO 451 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

I am indeed grateful for that clarification by the Minister and the assurance that the information will continue to be forthcoming despite the comments of the Chief Minister earlier. I had noted that the information had not been provided, as at the end of the third quarter I was not an Elected Member of Parliament and, therefore, I was not in a position to request it. Given that there was going to be one before the end of the year, I decided to ask for it on this occasion in this Parliament and I will see whether that is the practice to be continued or whether we will revert. But if the information is provided anyway on a quarterly basis then that is information which will be welcome and which can be used the next time that we come to this House.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Minister confirm that, in fact, the number of employment contracts registered at the end of a particular month is not something that has been included in these quarterly reports and that in previous meetings of the House, they have given it whenever the House has met? The subject matter of Question No. 433, which was supposed to be a departure from the system of the quarterly reports, with which there seems to have been such an amount of confusion, is one which in fact is not included in the quarterly reports and which has been answered previously whenever it happened to be asked in whatever month the House met.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Possibly on a quarterly basis.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, it is a one off basis.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I accept the point that it appears not to be in the bundle of quarterly provided information but when it is provided in answer to a question in the House, it is in a quarterly bunch not in a monthly bunch.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, because it is just a figure that says yesterday there were 20,000 contracts registered, it has nothing to do with quarterlies.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Possibly yes.

HON G H LICUDI:

I can confirm in any event that in relation to Question No. 433, that question is not included in the previous quarter. That is why that is a one off as opposed to part of the quarterly reports.

ORAL

NO. 452 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government state how many questionnaires have been issued to employers in respect of this year's October Employment Survey?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

A total of 1,892 questionnaires were sent out in respect of the October 2007 Employment Survey.

ORAL

NO. 453 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the distribution of average annual earnings as shown in Table 16 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report in respect of MOD employment?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

This information was provided in answer to Question No. 1067 of 2006. I will hand over to the hon Member the table given in answer to that Question.

Answer to Question 453/2007

Answer to Question 1067/2006

£ PER ANNUM	MOD		ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS				ALL MALE JOBS				ALL FEMALE JOBS			
			Full-Time		Part-Time		Full-Time		Part-Time		Full-Time		Part-Time	
	Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total		Total	
0 - 999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,000 - 1,499	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
1,500 - 1,999	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
2,000 - 2,499	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
2,500 - 2,999	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
3,000 - 3,999	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
4,000 - 4,999	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4
5,000 - 5,999	1	9	1	9	0	9	1	2	0	0	0	7	7	7
6,000 - 6,999	2	14	2	14	0	14	0	2	2	2	2	12	14	14
7,000 - 7,999	0	9	0	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	9	9
8,000 - 8,999	3	4	3	4	1	4	1	0	0	1	2	4	6	6
9,000 - 9,999	2	9	2	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	2	9	11	11
10,000 - 10,999	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	4
11,000 - 11,999	6	3	6	3	3	9	3	0	0	3	3	3	6	6
12,000 - 12,999	64	3	64	3	67	9	23	0	0	23	41	3	44	44
13,000 - 13,999	64	4	64	4	68	68	36	0	0	36	28	4	32	32
14,000 - 14,999	71	5	71	5	76	76	35	0	0	35	36	5	41	41
15,000 - 17,499	129	5	129	5	134	134	85	0	0	85	44	5	49	49
17,500 - 19,999	134	0	134	0	134	134	78	0	0	78	56	0	56	56
20,000 - 22,499	75	0	75	0	75	75	53	0	0	53	22	0	22	22
22,500 - 24,999	58	0	58	0	58	58	49	0	0	49	9	0	9	9
25,000 and over	325	1	326	1	326	326	297	1	1	298	28	0	28	28
TOTAL	934	80	1,014	80	1,014	1,014	661	5	5	666	273	75	348	348

ORAL

NO. 454 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the breakdown by industry in respect of the 1,212 employers who made completed returns in respect of the October 2006 Employment Survey?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 455 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 455 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government list the public sector entities and Government owned and joint venture companies that are included in the October 2006 Employment Survey Report showing the industrial classification?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453, 454 and 456 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 456 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the information in Table 16 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report in respect of those public sector entities and Government owned joint venture companies included as part of the private sector?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 455 and 457 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 457 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the information in Table 16 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report in respect of those public sector entities and Government owned joint venture companies included as part of the private sector?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 456 and 458 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 458 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for part-time employment in the MOD in respect of Table 11 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 457 and 459 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 459 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for full-time employment in the MOD in respect of Table 11 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 458 and 460 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 460 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for part-time employment in the MOD in respect of Table 11 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 459 and 461 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 461 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for full-time employment in the MOD in respect of Table 11 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 460 and 462 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 462 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the distribution of average earnings as shown in Table 16 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report in respect of MOD employment?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 461 and 463 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 463 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the distribution of average annual earnings as shown in Table 16 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report in respect of MOD employment?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 462 and 464 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 464 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for part-time employment in respect of Table 12 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 463 and 465 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 465 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for full-time employment in respect of Table 12 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 464 and 466 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 466 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for full-time employment in respect of Table 12 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 465 and 467 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 467 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for part-time employment in the Gibraltar Government in respect of Table 11 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 466 and 468 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 468 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for full-time employment in the Gibraltar Government in respect of Table 11 of the October 2005 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 467 and 469 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 469 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for part-time employment in the Gibraltar Government in respect of Table 11 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 468 and 470 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 470 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the figure for full-time employment in the Gibraltar Government in respect of Table 11 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report showing the breakdown by industry, sex and nationality?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 469 and 471 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 471 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the distribution of average annual earnings as shown in Table 16 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report in respect of private sector employment?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 470 and 472 to 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 472 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the distribution of average annual earnings as shown in Table 16 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report in respect of private sector employment?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

Answered together with Question Nos. 453 to 471 and 473 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 473 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide the comparable breakdown for October 2006 of all the full-time employee jobs by industry, sex and nationality as given in Table 12 of the Employment Survey Report in respect of the 836 employers or such lesser number as returned filled questionnaires for October 2006 having also done so for October 2002 and 2003?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

I now hand the hon Member schedules with the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 473

Schedule to Question 454

<u>Industry Group</u>	<u>Number</u>
Shipbuilding	7
Other Manufacture	32
Electricity and Water Supply	6
Construction	81
Wholesale and Retail Trade	336
Hotels and Restaurants	115
Transport and Communication	89
Financial Intermediation	166
Real Estate and Business Activities	208
Public Administration and Defence	5
Education	11
Health and Social Work	26
Other Services	130
TOTAL	1,212

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 473

Schedule to Question 455

Public Sector Entities

Industry

Elderly Care Agency	Health and Social Work
Europa Incinerator Company Ltd	Other Services
Gibtelecom	Transport and Communication
Gibraltar Broadcasting Corporation	Other Services
Gibraltar Bus Company Ltd	Transport and Communication
Gibraltar Community Care Ltd	Real Estate and Business Activities
Gibraltar Community Projects Ltd	Construction
Gibraltar Development Corporation	Public Administration and Defence
Gibraltar Electricity Authority	Electricity and Water Supply
Gibraltar Industrial Cleaners Ltd	Other Services
Gibraltar Regulatory Authority	Public Administration and Defence
GJBS Ltd	Construction
GRP Investments Company Ltd	Real Estate and Business Activities
Office of the Public Services Ombudsman	Real Estate and Business Activities
Social Services Agency	Health and Social Work

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 473

Schedule to Question 456

**Distribution of Average Annual Earnings of All Employee Jobs in Public Sector Entities
and Government Owned JVC's, October 2005**

£ PER ANNUM	<u>ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL MALE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL FEMALE JOBS</u>		
	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 999	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
1,000 - 1,499	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
1,500 - 1,999	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
2,000 - 2,499	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	0	0
2,500 - 2,999	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
3,000 - 3,999	0	5	5	0	4	4	0	1	1
4,000 - 4,999	3	262	265	0	260	260	3	2	5
5,000 - 5,999	6	11	17	2	4	6	4	7	11
6,000 - 6,999	8	3	11	2	1	3	6	2	8
7,000 - 7,999	4	8	12	0	1	1	4	7	11
8,000 - 8,999	2	9	11	2	0	2	0	9	9
9,000 - 9,999	10	7	17	0	1	1	10	6	16
10,000 - 10,999	17	1	18	14	0	14	3	1	4
11,000 - 11,999	36	3	39	25	1	26	11	2	13
12,000 - 12,999	40	4	44	10	1	11	30	3	33
13,000 - 13,999	62	6	68	35	0	35	27	6	33
14,000 - 14,999	81	4	85	28	0	28	53	4	57
15,000 - 17,499	161	2	163	58	0	58	103	2	105
17,500 - 19,999	122	0	122	67	0	67	55	0	55
20,000 - 22,499	78	2	80	55	0	55	23	2	25
22,500 - 24,999	90	1	91	72	0	72	18	1	19
25,000 - 29,999	181	0	181	135	0	135	46	0	46
30,000 and over	270	0	270	237	0	237	33	0	33
TOTAL	1,172	336	1,508	742	280	1,022	430	56	486

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 473

Schedule to Question 457

**Distribution of Average Annual Earnings of All Employee Jobs in Public Sector Entities
and Government Owned JVC's, October 2006**

<u>£</u> <u>PER ANNUM</u>	<u>ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL MALE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL FEMALE JOBS</u>		
	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 999	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
1,000 - 1,499	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,500 - 1,999	1	2	3	1	1	2	0	1	1
2,000 - 2,499	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
2,500 - 2,999	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
3,000 - 3,999	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
4,000 - 4,999	1	317	318	0	316	316	1	1	2
5,000 - 5,999	6	13	19	2	3	5	4	10	14
6,000 - 6,999	5	6	11	2	3	5	3	3	6
7,000 - 7,999	5	12	17	3	3	6	2	9	11
8,000 - 8,999	4	10	14	2	0	2	2	10	12
9,000 - 9,999	3	10	13	3	1	4	0	9	9
10,000 - 10,999	9	5	14	5	1	6	4	4	8
11,000 - 11,999	18	5	23	5	0	5	13	5	18
12,000 - 12,999	43	4	47	24	3	27	19	1	20
13,000 - 13,999	65	2	67	22	0	22	43	2	45
14,000 - 14,999	79	6	85	32	0	32	47	6	53
15,000 - 17,499	167	2	169	77	0	77	90	2	92
17,500 - 19,999	98	3	101	40	0	40	58	3	61
20,000 - 22,499	116	0	116	76	0	76	40	0	40
22,500 - 24,999	82	2	84	62	0	62	20	2	22
25,000 - 29,999	154	0	154	113	0	113	41	0	41
30,000 and over	314	0	314	276	0	276	38	0	38
TOTAL	1,172	403	1,575	746	333	1,079	426	70	496

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 473

Schedule to Question 458

Part-Time MOD Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2005

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Public Admin.	5	75	3	57	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	75	3	57	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 473

Schedule to Question 459

Full-Time MOD Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2005

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBRALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Public Admin.	661	273	591	234	13	30	50	3	6	5	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	661	273	591	234	13	30	50	3	6	5	0	0	1	1

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 473

Schedule to Question 460

Part-Time MOD Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2006

		ALL		GIBRALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
INDUSTRY	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Female
Public Admin.	15	100	13	87	2	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	15	100	13	87	2	11	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 473

Schedule to Question 461

Full-Time MOD Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2006

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Public Admin.	678	251	609	228	16	19	44	2	8	2	0	0	1	0
TOTAL	678	251	609	228	16	19	44	2	8	2	0	0	1	0

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 473

Schedule to Question 462

Distribution of Average Annual Earnings of MOD Employee Jobs, October 2006

£ PER ANNUM	<u>ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS</u>			<u>MALE JOBS</u>			<u>FEMALE JOBS</u>		
	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 999	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	2	2
1,000 - 1,499	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
1,500 - 1,999	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
2,000 - 2,499	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	2	2
2,500 - 2,999	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4
3,000 - 3,999	0	9	9	0	2	2	0	7	7
4,000 - 4,999	0	7	7	0	2	2	0	5	5
5,000 - 5,999	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	3	3
6,000 - 6,999	2	23	25	1	3	4	1	20	21
7,000 - 7,999	1	21	22	0	3	3	1	18	19
8,000 - 8,999	3	7	10	0	0	0	3	7	10
9,000 - 9,999	3	5	8	1	0	1	2	5	7
10,000 - 10,999	3	4	7	0	0	0	3	4	7
11,000 - 11,999	16	2	18	13	0	13	3	2	5
12,000 - 12,999	63	4	67	21	0	21	42	4	46
13,000 - 13,999	66	8	74	42	0	42	24	8	32
14,000 - 14,999	64	3	67	34	0	34	30	3	33
15,000 - 17,499	130	1	131	89	0	89	41	1	42
17,500 - 19,999	128	2	130	80	0	80	48	2	50
20,000 - 22,499	75	1	76	51	0	51	24	1	25
22,500 - 24,999	62	0	62	53	0	53	9	0	9
25,000 - 29,999	84	0	84	77	0	77	7	0	7
30,000 and over	229	0	229	216	0	216	13	0	13
TOTAL	929	115	1,044	678	15	693	251	100	351

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 473

Schedule to Question 463

Distribution of Average Annual Earnings of MOD Employee Jobs, October 2006

£ PER ANNUM	<u>ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS</u>			<u>MALE JOBS</u>			<u>FEMALE JOBS</u>		
	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 999	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	2	2
1,000 - 1,499	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
1,500 - 1,999	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
2,000 - 2,499	0	3	3	0	1	1	1	2	2
2,500 - 2,999	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	4	4
3,000 - 3,999	0	9	9	0	2	2	0	7	7
4,000 - 4,999	0	7	7	0	2	2	0	5	5
5,000 - 5,999	0	6	6	0	3	3	0	3	3
6,000 - 6,999	2	23	25	1	3	4	1	20	21
7,000 - 7,999	1	21	22	0	3	3	1	18	19
8,000 - 8,999	3	7	10	0	0	0	3	7	10
9,000 - 9,999	3	5	8	1	0	1	2	5	7
10,000 - 10,999	3	4	7	0	0	0	3	4	7
11,000 - 11,999	16	2	18	13	0	13	3	2	5
12,000 - 12,999	63	4	67	21	0	21	42	4	46
13,000 - 13,999	66	8	74	42	0	42	24	8	32
14,000 - 14,999	64	3	67	34	0	34	30	3	33
15,000 - 17,499	130	1	131	89	0	89	41	1	42
17,500 - 19,999	128	2	130	80	0	80	48	2	50
20,000 - 22,499	75	1	76	51	0	51	24	1	25
22,500 - 24,999	62	0	62	53	0	53	9	0	9
25,000 - 29,999	84	0	84	77	0	77	7	0	7
30,000 and over	229	0	229	216	0	216	13	0	13
TOTAL	929	115	1,044	678	15	693	251	100	351

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Part -Time Private Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2005

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	7	26	2	13	2	4	1	0	1	9	0	0	1	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	39	0	0	0	13	0	2	0	18	0	6	0	0	0
Construction	60	36	9	18	12	6	11	3	28	7	0	2	0	0
Wholesale/Retail Tr.	106	403	47	251	27	59	7	5	19	70	4	6	2	12
Hotels/Restmnts.	35	218	16	38	10	73	1	8	3	87	1	9	4	3
Trans/Comm.	24	48	13	29	7	7	1	2	2	9	0	1	1	0
Fin. Intermed.	33	175	8	139	11	25	5	2	7	3	2	4	0	2
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	290	326	288	254	1	17	0	5	0	46	0	3	1	1
Public Admin.	3	19	3	18	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Education	7	49	6	40	0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	1
Health/Social Wk.	1	59	1	39	0	10	0	0	0	8	0	2	0	0
Other Services	49	162	26	57	10	44	3	3	5	52	3	5	2	1
TOTAL	658	1,521	421	896	94	249	31	28	84	296	16	32	12	20

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Full -Time Private Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2005

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	244	8	97	5	24	1	20	0	82	2	21	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	99	42	49	27	6	8	18	1	24	5	1	1	1	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	112	15	90	14	9	1	7	0	5	0	1	0	0	0
Construction	1445	72	454	45	291	14	124	2	444	10	126	1	6	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	1375	815	694	430	153	102	136	13	307	241	29	15	56	14
Hotels/Restrnts.	448	289	80	33	68	57	123	40	135	147	19	9	23	3
Trans/Comm.	590	179	401	121	67	31	39	1	75	18	7	7	1	1
Fin. Intermed.	552	695	267	434	163	172	2	1	32	34	67	37	21	17
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	622	589	372	374	129	106	27	7	64	87	20	11	10	4
Public Admin.	117	70	102	69	4	0	7	0	1	1	2	0	1	0
Education	4	33	3	23	1	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Health/Social Wk.	85	376	48	210	17	56	1	3	17	104	0	2	2	1
Other Services	1145	612	355	173	442	240	33	4	70	66	133	73	112	56
TOTAL	6,838	3,795	3,012	1,958	1,374	797	537	72	1,256	716	426	156	233	96

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Full-Time Private Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2006

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	249	6	113	4	20	1	14	0	77	1	15	0	10	0
Other Manuf.	119	42	54	27	6	7	17	2	40	5	1	1	1	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	275	20	240	19	15	1	8	0	8	0	2	0	2	0
Construction	1704	101	390	39	335	30	148	1	539	29	252	2	40	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	1382	838	679	424	167	120	132	11	316	244	34	29	54	10
Hotels/Restrntr.	429	325	77	35	66	78	112	36	126	152	26	16	22	8
Trans/Comm.	643	187	440	135	75	21	36	1	81	21	8	6	3	3
Fin. Intermed.	660	841	334	564	186	180	1	0	37	40	84	40	18	17
Real Est./Bus.Ac	730	612	399	376	181	101	32	7	77	111	23	10	18	7
Public Admin.	123	75	107	72	7	2	7	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Education	5	21	4	14	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
Health/Social Wk	106	390	66	213	16	47	2	4	20	120	2	2	0	4
Other Services	1466	755	400	204	606	300	43	4	89	71	218	135	110	41
TOTAL	7,891	4,213	3,303	2,126	1,680	893	552	66	1,411	796	666	241	279	91

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Part -Time Gibraltar Government Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2005

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels/Restrnst.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trans/Comm.	0	7	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fin. Intermed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Admin.	0	23	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Education	6	180	5	177	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Health/Social Wk.	3	97	2	72	0	19	1	0	0	4	0	2	0	0
Other Services	0	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	9	313	7	285	1	20	1	0	4	0	4	0	0	0

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Full -Time Gibraltar Government Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2005

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	140	6	132	6	4	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	241	18	216	18	2	0	22	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels/Restrnts.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trans/Comm.	89	21	85	21	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fin. Intermed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Est./Bus.Ac	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Admin.	648	260	605	252	28	8	9	0	1	0	4	0	1	0
Education	192	309	184	291	6	17	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health/Social Wk	275	457	194	335	55	105	4	0	22	15	0	2	0	0
Other Services	50	20	48	19	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,635	1,091	1,464	942	100	131	39	1	26	15	5	2	1	0

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Part-Time Gibraltar Government Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2006

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBRALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	5	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels/Restmnts.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trans/Comm.	0	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fin. Intermed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Admin.	3	22	1	22	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Education	2	198	1	186	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Health/Social Wk.	5	118	3	78	0	23	0	0	2	16	0	1	0	0
Other Services	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	15	347	10	295	2	32	1	0	2	16	0	4	0	0

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Full-Time Gibraltar Government Employee Jobs by Industry, Sex and Nationality, October 2006

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	22	0	0	0	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Manuf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	205	17	201	17	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hotels/Restrntrts.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trans/Comm.	84	20	80	20	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fin. Intermed.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Admin.	642	281	605	272	24	9	7	0	1	0	4	0	1	0
Education	198	326	192	314	4	11	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Health/Social Wk	283	464	194	337	60	106	5	0	24	18	0	3	0	0
Other Services	17	8	16	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1,451	1,116	1,288	968	96	126	36	1	25	18	5	3	1	0

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Distribution of Average Annual Earnings of Gibraltar Government Employee Jobs, October 2006

<u>£</u> <u>PER ANNUM</u>	<u>ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL MALE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL FEMALE JOBS</u>		
	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1,000 - 1,499	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	1
1,500 - 1,999	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
2,000 - 2,499	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2,500 - 2,999	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	2
3,000 - 3,999	0	6	6	0	1	1	0	1	1
4,000 - 4,999	7	3	10	4	0	4	3	5	8
5,000 - 5,999	4	8	12	1	0	1	3	3	6
6,000 - 6,999	1	42	43	1	3	4	0	8	11
7,000 - 7,999	0	153	153	0	3	3	0	39	39
8,000 - 8,999	2	34	36	0	3	3	2	150	150
9,000 - 9,999	5	14	19	0	2	2	5	31	33
10,000 - 10,999	9	11	20	1	0	1	8	12	17
11,000 - 11,999	17	26	43	5	1	6	12	11	19
12,000 - 12,999	26	10	36	1	0	1	25	25	37
13,000 - 13,999	66	9	75	23	0	23	10	10	35
14,000 - 14,999	91	6	97	41	0	41	43	9	52
15,000 - 17,499	315	12	327	169	0	169	50	6	56
17,500 - 19,999	167	9	176	78	0	78	146	12	158
20,000 - 22,499	180	6	186	78	1	79	89	9	98
22,500 - 24,999	172	5	177	76	0	76	102	5	107
25,000 - 29,999	374	4	378	179	1	180	96	5	101
30,000 and over	1128	2	1130	793	0	793	195	3	198
TOTAL	2567	362	2929	1451	15	1466	1116	347	1463

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Distribution of Average Annual Earnings of Private Sector Employee Jobs, October 2006

£ PER ANNUM	<u>ALL EMPLOYEE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL MALE JOBS</u>			<u>ALL FEMALE JOBS</u>		
	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Full-Time</u>	<u>Part-Time</u>	<u>Total</u>
0 - 999	2	11	13	1	3	4	1	8	9
1,000 - 1,499	1	8	9	0	2	2	1	6	7
1,500 - 1,999	1	27	28	1	8	9	0	19	19
2,000 - 2,499	5	41	46	2	8	10	3	33	36
2,500 - 2,999	4	102	106	1	16	17	3	86	89
3,000 - 3,999	84	507	591	49	102	151	35	405	440
4,000 - 4,999	52	523	575	34	359	393	18	164	182
5,000 - 5,999	126	214	340	73	51	124	53	163	216
6,000 - 6,999	84	178	262	31	35	66	53	143	196
7,000 - 7,999	178	172	350	51	41	92	127	131	258
8,000 - 8,999	231	116	347	82	26	108	149	90	239
9,000 - 9,999	778	96	874	344	24	368	434	72	506
10,000 - 10,999	659	64	723	386	9	395	273	55	328
11,000 - 11,999	546	62	608	341	6	347	205	56	261
12,000 - 12,999	714	59	773	482	20	502	232	39	271
13,000 - 13,999	695	30	725	473	6	479	222	24	246
14,000 - 14,999	628	34	662	419	6	425	209	28	237
15,000 - 17,499	1680	48	1728	996	8	1004	684	40	724
17,500 - 19,999	1252	46	1298	803	8	811	449	38	487
20,000 - 22,499	906	22	928	584	9	593	322	13	335
22,500 - 24,999	671	15	686	466	4	470	205	11	216
25,000 - 29,999	842	16	858	611	6	617	231	10	241
30,000 and over	1965	17	1982	1661	4	1665	304	13	317
TOTAL	12104	2408	14512	7891	761	8652	4213	1647	5860

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Full - Time Employee Jobs by industry, sex and nationality, October 2006

INDUSTRY	ALL		GIBALTARIAN		UK BRITISH		MOROCCAN		SPANISH		OTHER EU		OTHER	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Shipbuilding	226	5	107	3	13	1	14	0	76	1	14	0	2	0
Other Manuf.	88	32	37	21	4	5	14	1	32	5	1	0	0	0
Elec/Wtr Supply	22	0	11	0	5	0	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	708	47	162	24	191	17	115	1	221	5	8	0	11	0
Whsle/Retail Tr.	1002	632	471	336	128	82	96	10	248	179	23	16	36	9
Hotels/Restrntr.	296	217	49	27	47	50	84	30	82	94	17	10	17	6
Trans/Comm.	341	123	218	88	35	11	19	1	65	17	3	5	1	1
Fin. Intermed.	355	503	207	352	69	92	1	0	19	20	49	29	10	10
Real Est./Bus.Ac.	423	432	262	255	80	70	14	6	44	91	14	6	9	4
Public Admin.	19	17	15	15	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Education	0	15	0	8	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Health/Social Wk.	17	51	8	17	3	7	0	0	5	27	0	0	1	0
Other Services	577	221	189	77	231	84	40	4	52	28	52	19	13	9
TOTAL	4,074	2,295	1,736	1,223	810	425	399	53	848	469	181	85	100	40

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 453 TO 473 OF 2007

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Clearly the hon Member cannot xxxxx but can I just indicate to him that the Government are seeking ways of expanding the amount of statistics and the range of statistics that are published in the Abstract of Statistics and in these reports. A lot of this information is available because it is part of the build up for the tables that are actually provided. If the hon Member has any ideas that he wants to put to me as to further tables that can be added to the published reports, like these breakdowns for example, so long as they are available from the source data that is obtained, which obviously they are they could not have been provided so quickly, the Government would be perfectly willing to include them in the published surveys or in the Abstract of Statistics, depending on which of the reports they would normally belong in. There is no reason why we have to stick only to the tables that have historically been there. If there is a breakdown that the House would consider useful to include by way of expanded published statistics, we would be quite happy to expand the reports to include them.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am grateful. In fact, the Chief Minister of course will see that these are all simply, in many respects, giving more detailed breakdowns of tables that have to have this information in the first instance in order to finish up with the combined totals that are published.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If the hon Member would draw up a list of the ones that he would find useful to be included in the original.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

I will certainly do that, I am grateful for the offer.

ORAL

NO. 474 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government provide a breakdown of the numbers in the £25,000 and over category of Table 16 of the October 2006 Employment Survey Report showing the numbers between £25,000 and £29,000 and those with earnings of £30,000 and over?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL
RELATIONS**

The information requested is shown in Table 16 of the Report. If the hon Member can look at the report he will see that in 2005 the table went up to £25,000 and it has now gone up to £30,000.

ORAL

NO. 475 OF 2007

UNALLOCATED

NO. 476 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – CATERING FACILITIES

Can Government now say whether the total cost of the catering facility of the Gibraltar Health Authority of £1,807,252 was spent over several financial years or one financial year and identify the breakdown in different years if there is more than one?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The total cost was spent over several financial years as follows:-

Financial Year	Amount
2004/2005	£1,425,284.26
2005/2006	£321,555.76
2006/2007	£60,411.98
Total	£1,807,252.00

ORAL

NO. 477 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – AMBULANCE SERVICE

Can Government give the area in square metres of the original room that was used as a working room for the emergency ambulance crew within the A & E Department?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 478 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 478 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – AMBULANCE SERVICE

Can Government give the area in square metres of the new more ample working room within the A & E Department for the emergency ambulance crew?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The emergency ambulance crew have never had a working room within the A & E Department. When the GHA agreed that they should have one, a room of nine square metres was first identified. The area subsequently offered is 20 square metres.

NO. 479 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PLUMBING WORKS

Can Government set out the total costs to date incurred and the estimated total expenditure, showing a breakdown, in respect of the plumbing works in St Bernard's Hospital?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Costs incurred to date by the contractors is £176,000.00. The works are being carried out by the contractor as part of the defects period. The total forecast expenditure has not yet been identified by the contractor.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 479 OF 2007

HON N F COSTA:

When did the Government become aware that such an overhaul was necessary?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

About 18 months ago.

HON N F COSTA:

Why then did the Government only announce this information to the public after the General Election?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Neither the GHA nor the Government felt it was necessary to announce anything before the General Election, or even after. The moment we felt that we had to announce something was the moment when it was announced, and that was when

the works reached areas where patients could possibly be affected as well as visitors alike. I am talking about wards where there are patients in them and, obviously, visitors will go and visit.

HON N F COSTA:

I am grateful to the Minister for the answer just given. Then why was there no information given to the public about the fact that patients would be affected before the General Election?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Why would we have to give that information before the General Election? Just because it pleases Opposition Members?

HON F R PICARDO:

No, because it affects the way that people regard the way the Government Ministers are managing the health services of this community, and they like to pretend that the Europort Hospital is the best hospital in southern Europe. Yet, before the General Election they do not tell us that patient care at the hospital is going to be affected by plumbing works required, and after the General Election they see fit to give us that information. That is the reason. Would the Minister not agree with me that it would have been fairer to tell people before the Election, that their management of the health service was going to result in that sort of disruption?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I do not agree with the hon Member's analysis and I do not think, that whether it is fair or not has nothing to do with what he has just asked me.

ORAL

NO. 480 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF OPERATIONS

Can Government state how many operations were performed in St Bernard's Hospital on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007, by speciality, specifying which were elective and which were emergencies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 481 to 483 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 481 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES (SBH)

Can Government state the total number of out-patient attendances at St Bernard's Hospital on a monthly basis, between October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 480, 482 and 483 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 482 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – IN-PATIENT ADMISSIONS (SBH)

Can Government state the total number of in-patient admissions and the average number of patients per day at St Bernard's Hospital on a monthly basis, between October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 480, 481 and 483 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 483 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NON-ENTITLED PATIENTS

Can Government state how many non-entitled patients have been admitted to St Bernard's Hospital on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 483 of 2007

Answer to Question 480 of 2007

Statistics for the months of October 2006 to January 2007 were answered in questions 93, 95 and 96 of 2007.

Elective

Speciality	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
General	65	66	50	65	75	72	74	54	77
Gynae/Obs	22	27	24	32	17	17	28	17	29
Ophthalmics	36	23	28	35	34	25	20	32	40
Oral	17	25	14	28	23	27	13	28	23
Orthopaedics	50	53	50	45	51	37	32	36	50
Otorhinolaryngology	13	12	20	11	13	27	13	14	26
Pain Relief	7	18	8	17	9	21	14	26	16
Plastic Surgery	5	0	0	0	0	0	11	8	0
Psychiatry	0	0	0	0	3	4	6	3	0
Cardiac	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Spinals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Anaesthetics	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	215	224	194	233	225	230	217	218	261

Emergency

Speciality	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct
General	10	13	8	13	8	10	10	5	13
Gynae/Obs	7	6	8	4	8	6	9	9	8
Ophthalmology	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oral	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Orthopaedics	12	14	16	11	14	7	6	9	14
Otorhinolaryngology	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Radiologist	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Anaesthetist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	30	36	33	32	30	23	26	24	39

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Contd Answer to Question 483 of 2007

Answer to Question 481 of 2007

Statistics for October 06 to January 07 were answered in Question 85 of 2007.

	Clinics	A&E			Physiotherapy
		Clinics	Dressings	Plasters	
FEBRUARY 2007	2773	2103	433	43	649
MARCH 2007	2872	2296	516	52	889
APRIL 2007	2457	1998	599	40	1084
MAY 2007	3161	2031	414	37	499
JUNE 2007	3085	2001	507	16	436
JULY 2007	2997	1535	629	38	423
AUGUST 2007	2644	2144	509	34	422
SEPTEMBER 2007	2717	1996	500	36	422
OCTOBER 2007	3182	1655	512	36	530
Totals	37,000	25,994	6,573	465	8,078

Answer to Questions 482 and 483

	Feb 2007	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	May 2007	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007
Total Admissions	386	385	349	430	408	358	364	382	429	358
Average Inpatients	155	167	139	153	147	143	154	159	159	168
Non-entitled patient admissions	6	4	2	16	1	5	7	4	9	9

ORAL

NO. 484 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – GPMS REGISTRATION

Why are pensioners who apply to register with the GPMS required to declare their income?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 485 of 2007.

NO. 485 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – GPMS REGISTRATION

Why does the GHA not accept a passport as proof of identity when a person applies to register in the Group Practice Medical Scheme as a person not in employment or for exemption on the grounds of low income?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Persons are required to declare their income because of Regulation 6A of the Medical (Group Practice Scheme). This has always been the case dating back to the days of the AACR and during the days of the GSLP.

The Identity Card is normally requested for identification purposes and because it also helps to identify whether a patient falls under category A, B or C in the Civil Status Regulations.

If a member of the public cannot provide an Identity Card, then the passport together with proof of residency is accepted instead.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 484 AND 485 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Minister say to what use the information on the income is put by the Gibraltar Health Authority which they obtain under Regulation 6A?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Well, to very good use for the benefit of the patient. The reason why we ask for their income is to establish whether their income is sufficiently low to entitle them to exempt status, which would give them added benefits like free dental care and free house calls.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see. So that means that the purpose of the income is to establish who is on a low income, even if they do not claim to be on a low income?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is correct, the GHA would be failing in its duty if they did not establish that.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But presumably, people cannot then be refused to be registered if they choose to keep their income private?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Well, then they could not be classified as exempt status.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, if I want to register and I choose not to divulge my income, or indeed, to authorise the Gibraltar Health Authority to ask the Income Tax Department to provide them with my returns, which is another thing that has to be done on this form, it may have been done since the beginning but it cannot possibly have been in force in the beginning because, presumably, people would have complained about it previously and not just now. Not even in the last 11 years have we come across people complaining about being told that unless they fill that in, if they leave it blank they cannot be registered. Now, can the Minister confirm that if the purpose of the exercise is to safeguard pensioners on low income who choose not to inform that they are on low income and entitled to additional benefit, then presumably the citizen is entitled not to take advantage of that and not to declare the income? If it is for his benefit?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Let me just clarify that not everybody who goes to register is given this form where they have to declare their income. Only people whose contributions are paid by the Social Assistance Fund, namely, the unemployed and pensioners. Now, I assume that if a pensioner or an unemployed person not wishing to declare their income were to say I do not want to fill this part of the form, then the only thing that would happen would be that they would not be registered as exempt, and therefore would not be entitled to the added benefits that the exempt status brings.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Minister confirm that if a pensioner goes there and says I do not see why I should tell you what my income is, and I do not see why I should give you the right to authorise the Commissioner of Income Tax to divulge information which is confidential to you, if a person has got the right to refuse to do that it does not prevent him from being registered and being treated like a normal patient. Is that correct?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is completely correct.

NO. 486 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – PRESCRIBED MEDICINES SOURCED IN SPAIN

Can Government confirm that its policy is that prescribed medicines that are sourced in Spain have to be paid for by patients?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

No, unless the patient seeks private care in Gibraltar or in Spain.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 486 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

So the fact that some patients have been prescribed by the Health Centre doctor medicines and have subsequently been told by the pharmacist that they have to pay for it because the Gibraltar Health Authority will not pay for it, is in fact incorrect and that person can then go back and reclaim the money, is that the position?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

The only occasion that I can think of, off the top of my head, where a doctor at the Health Centre will prescribe a medicine that is sourced in Spain and has to be provided by a Spanish pharmacist.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, the position is that somebody goes to the Health Centre and they get prescribed a medicine. Then when they go the pharmacy to have it dispensed, the pharmacist says because this is obtained from Spain the Gibraltar Health Authority will not pay for it and you have to pay for it. That position, which I am assured has happened, is incorrect and I can inform the person that that should not have happened, is that the position?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I think the hon Member may have two different sides of the story and he has merged them incorrectly.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, I have only heard one story, I can assure the Minister.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

But he is confusing, with respect to, two different issues here. The Gibraltar Health Authority issues a list of approved medicines, the name escapes me at this moment in time, a list of approved medicines which is held by the pharmacist. That includes medicines which are approved irrespective of the source. When the doctor prescribes, if the medicine is on the approved list, it is then given out by the pharmacy under the terms of the GPMS. But if the doctor, be it a private doctor or a Health Centre doctor, decides to prescribe a medicine that is not on the list, which he is aware of because he is aware of the contents of the list, then the pharmacy will not supply that medicine free of charge.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But if the reason in the instance that has been brought to my attention is that the medicine is not on the approved list then, surely, the doctor that is employed by the Government should either not make a prescription for it, or at the very least, should say before he makes the prescription to the patient, look, if you want this particular medicine you have to pay for it. That there is an alternative, presumably, on the list to enable the illness to be put right.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes. I understand that if the medicine that is prescribed is not on the Gibraltar British National Formulary, then the product equivalent is prescribed by the GHA doctor or the drug is imported from Spain and provided to the patient.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But the position that I have had confirmed is that the series of events which have been brought to my attention, that is why I am bringing it to the attention of the Government, that somebody gets given a prescription in the Health Centre, goes to the pharmacy to have it dispensed and is told by the pharmacist, because this is obtained from Spain you have to pay for it because the Gibraltar Health Authority will not, that position is incorrect, I can go back to the affected person and tell him that the Government have confirmed that that is not right. That is the answer that I am seeking confirmation on.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Well, all I can say is that if that has happened, it is wrong and I will look into it. I would appreciate if the hon Member would write to me with the details, if he does not want to reveal the patient's name that is perfectly all right, but at least the sequence of events that led to this reply from the pharmacist.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, I will do that.

HONLT-COL E M BRITTO:

What I would add from my own personal experience, is that what sometimes happens, going back to his two supplementaries minus one or something, the GP in the Health Centre should indeed, as he has indicated, not prescribe a medicine that is not on the Formulary without either telling the patient or without making him aware that he would not be entitled to it. But what does happen, I am not suggesting that the person who complained to him is in that category, but what has happened in my experience is that the person knowing that it is not on the Formulary and having been told it is not on the Formulary, insists on the particular medicine and then goes to the pharmacy and asks the pharmacy, insists on it, the pharmacy says no and then the story gets.....That is why I said about two different ends of the same story. This may or may not be the case, but what is clear, as my hon Colleague has said, is that the national source of the medicine is not a factor.

ORAL

NO. 487 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PAYMENT FOR PRESCRIPTIONS

Can the Health Minister confirm whether an unemployed married couple that have previously contributed to the Social Insurance Fund, will have to pay for medical prescriptions whilst unemployed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 488 of 2007.

NO. 488 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PAYMENT FOR PRESCRIPTIONS

Can the Health Minister confirm whether the retired husband of a woman who is still in employment has to pay for medical prescriptions?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Question 487 of 2007

No.

Answer to Question 488 of 2007

Yes.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 487 AND 488 OF 2007

HON N F COSTA:

In respect of Question No. 487, the reason why I brought this matter to the attention of the Government is because there is a couple that did in fact come to me with this problem. So can I now pass on to them their assurance from the Minister responsible for Health that this is not the case and they will not have to pay for prescriptions?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I can confirm that what the hon Member described in his question is not correct. An unemployed married couple is not required to pay for prescriptions. What I think might have happened in this particular case, and maybe in others, is that the person after having become unemployed has not gone back to the Primary Care Centre to re-register on that status. Maybe that is what they need to do, but the hon Member is free to write to me and I will certainly look into it.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In answer to Question No. 488, the Minister confirmed that if the spouse is still working, the contributor having contributed all his working life is still considered to be a dependant on the spouse?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is correct and that is the way it has been historically.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, lots of things that have been there historically suddenly seem to have been implemented, that is all I can say.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

It has always been implemented. According to the staff in the Primary Care Centre who have been there during his times and before that.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it something that has come up as a result of this new re-registration with the new cards, because we seem to be getting a reaction on a whole range of things related to people being registered now, which was not happening before? Could it be that?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Indirectly the hon Member is correct. What has happened traditionally in the past, people may have registered as unemployed on a paper card or on the old system and then not bothered to say that they were back in employment. Therefore, the system has not caught up with the "fraud" of pretending to be unemployed and having an income. Under the new computerised system, these things are picked up more readily. So that is why a number of cases have been thrown up in recent months which may have escaped the notice of the administration in the past. But nothing has changed in the principles. I use "fraud" very loosely in the sense that if a person is unemployed and is claiming unemployment benefit, in the sense of not paying for his medicines, and has subsequently gone into employment and not declared so, he is obtaining medicines free when he should in fact be paying a contribution towards it. That is what I meant by "fraud".

HON F R PICARDO:

I accept that but my comment was in relation to Question No. 488, which does not involve any question of re-registration or anything like that, it is an issue of age.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Let us be clear, I was not referring to Question No. 488, I was referring to Question No. 487.

ORAL

NO. 489 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – GENERIC MEDICINES

Can Government confirm that since the computerisation has taken place persons who have tried generic medicines in the past, and have been adversely affected, have now been asked to take these again?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

No, Sir.

ORAL

NO. 490 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PAYMENTS TO PHARMACISTS

Can Government confirm how much has been paid to pharmacists for accounting periods 8, 9 and 10 of 2006/2007 and for accounting periods 1 to 8 of 2007/2008, showing the dates which each of the accounting periods related to?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 491 to 493 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 491 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PAYMENTS TO PHARMACISTS

Can Government say what was the amount paid to pharmacists for accounting periods 8, 9 and 10 of 2006/2007 and for accounting periods 1 to 8 of 2007/2008 in respect of £1.80 per item prescription charged regarding the medicines to which the sum applied?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 490, 492 and 493 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 492 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

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 8, 9 and 10 of 2006/2007 and for accounting periods 1 to 8 of 2007/2008 in respect of which £2.50 per item was paid by patients to the dispensing pharmacists?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 490, 491 and 493 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 493 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF ITEMS IN PRESCRIPTIONS

Can Government state the numbers of items that have been issued that exceed the 3 items and which pay a total of £7.50 for the accounting periods 8, 9 and 10 of 2006/2007 and for accounting periods 1 to 8 of 2007/2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 493 of 2007

Period	Financial Year 06/07		
	8	9	10
Total paid to Pharmacist	£681,418.83	£675,768.77	£583,664.91
Prescriptions issued that exceeds 3 items	4674	4585	4192
Items in respect of £2.50	12276	12644	11317
Prescriptions in respect of £2.50	6255	6474	5909
*Cost of Medicines covered by prescriptions	See below	See below	See below
Paid to Pharmacist in respect of the £1.80	£78,449.80	0	0

Period	Financial Year 07/08			
	1	2	3	4
Total paid to Pharmacist	£647,396.61	£698,091.29	£733,777.85	£744,216.85
Prescriptions issued that exceeds 3 items	4228	4798	4971	5241
Items in respect of £2.50	11612	12967	12562	12738
Prescriptions in respect of £2.50	5966	6588	6303	6432
*Cost of Medicines covered by prescriptions	See below	See below	See below	See below
Paid to Pharmacist in respect of the £1.80	£93,340.80	£104,997.60	£106,957.80	£109,233.00

Period 5 to 8 of financial year 07/08 are incomplete.

* The question refers to prescriptions with paying items. These prescriptions can also include items which will not attract a charge if they contain in excess of three items. As the cost of the prescription as a whole is recorded it is impossible to say what is the cost of part items of any prescription.

The dates for each accounting period is as follows:

Financial Year 06/07

Period 8	-	15 th October	-	11 th November
Period 9	-	12 th November	-	9 th December
Period 10	-	10 th December	-	31 st December

Financial Year 07/08

Period 1	-	1 st April	-	28 th April
Period 2	-	29 th April	-	26 th May
Period 3	-	27 th May	-	23 rd June
Period 4	-	24 th June	-	15 th July

NO. 494 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – LEGAL CLAIMS

Can Government state the quantum paid in respect of general and special damages relating to legal claims against the Health Authority in the period October 2006 to November 2007, providing a breakdown by month:

- (a) in respect of cases settled out of court;
- (b) in respect of cases adjudicated in court?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The period for October 2006 to January 2007 was answered in Question No. 122 of 2007. No further payments were made from February 2007 to November 2007.

ORAL

NO. 495 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CAUSES OF DEATH

Can Government provide the percentage distribution for causes of death on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

This is data that is collected on an annual basis.

Data for the year 2006 was presented to Parliament in February 2007 in answer to Question No. 121. Data for the year 2007 will be available in the first quarter of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 496 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MRSA INFECTION

Can Government state whether any cases of MRSA infection were detected at St Bernard's Hospital on a monthly basis, between October 2006 to November 2007, and whether any were fatal, providing a breakdown by patients and members of staff?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 497 and 498 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 497 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – AVIAN FLU

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 496 and 498 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 498 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Can Government provide the breakdown of Laboratory confirmed notifiable diseases for the months of October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 498 of 2007

Answer to Question 496 of 2007

	Oct 06	Nov 06	Dec 06	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07
Patients	3	1	3	3	2	0	4	5	3	4	5	2	3
Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Total	3	1	3	3	2	0	5	5	3	4	6	2	4

One death occurred in a frail and elderly patient who had multiple causes contributing to her death.

Answer to Question 497 of 2007

Yes I can confirm.

ORAL

NO. 499 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – VACCINE (CANCER OF CERVIX)

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The Government is in the process of considering the various options put to it by the Gibraltar Health Authority for population immunisation.

ORAL

NO. 500 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – BLOOD DEPARTMENT

Can Government say why staff at the hospital blood department no longer use surgical gloves when taking blood?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The Gibraltar Health Authority Guidelines for Venepuncture April 2006 clearly states under 5.2 guideline 11, “put on well fitting non-sterile gloves or wash or gel hands between patients”.

Therefore under these guidelines which were devised in conjunction with the School of Health Studies as a result of research carried out by them, and advice of other professionals, it is not essential to use gloves for patients. Hand washing, however, must occur between each patient contact.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 500 OF 2007

HON N F COSTA:

From the question provided by the Minister she confirms that, of course, something has to happen, either gloves have to be used or the washing of hands or gel used. The reason why I brought this question to the House is because the same person who came to me with the fact that gloves were not being used, also complained about the fact that he noticed that there was no use of the gloves and there was no washing of hands in between the dealing of one patient with the next.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I very much doubt that was the case but if it has been brought to the hon Member's attention, I do not want to put in doubt what the person has told him either. But I very much doubt that that was the case.

HON N F COSTA:

Well, then why is it also the case that coincidentally three days after these questions were tabled, the same staff at the same department were then using gloves on their left hand. So is it a policy that they use gloves some days and other days they do not use gloves?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, I have answered the question, it is either one or the other. Either they use gloves or they wash their hands.

HON N F COSTA:

But the point, in effect, I make is that there are instances which have been witnessed by more than one constituent where none of these practices are actually being followed. Would the Minister not agree that would be a grave risk not only to the nurses but also to the patients?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Well, it will probably be a risk of some infection being transferred from one to the other, and it would be unacceptable if that were going on.

HON N F COSTA:

So, will the Minister give an assurance to this House that she will have the matter looked into, given the complaints the Opposition have received?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I do not know what I can look into unless the hon Member gives me details of this patient who witnessed this and the person comes forward and explains what she saw and what happened.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Can I add that the GHA has a working complaints system that has proved to be very effective, and can I take the liberty of advising him, something that I did myself when I was Minister for Health, when people come and raise issues like this that it is much more effective for them to take up the matter themselves directly with the GHA Complaints Officer, and identify the date and the circumstances in which something like that occurred. Then the system automatically can look into it. But, if as he is asking the Minister to follow it up, the only way my hon Colleague can follow it up is if he, as she herself has said, is if he identifies to her a date and a time, never mind the

patient, a date and a time otherwise it cannot be followed up. It is much more within the realms of confidentiality and process to do it through the complaints procedure.

ORAL

NO. 501 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

Can Government give the total number of GHA employees with a breakdown of staff as at 30 November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 502 to 505 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 502 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

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 the end November 2007, giving a breakdown by nationality and residence?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 501, 503 to 505 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 503 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF CONTRACT NURSES

Can Government state the number of contract nurses employed by the GHA as at the end of November 2007, listing the speciality in which they are employed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 501, 502, 504 and 505 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 504 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF NURSES

Can the Government state as at end of November 2007 what was the distribution of nurses by wards and departments at St Bernard's Hospital, specifying their grades?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 501 to 503 and 505 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 505 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF NURSES

Can Government state how many nurses were employed as at the end of November 2007, giving a breakdown by grade?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

I now hand the hon Member schedules with the information requested.

Answer to Question 505 of 2007**Answer to Question 501 of 2007**

Chief Executive	1
Deputy Chief Executive	1
Finance Director	1
Director of Human Resources	1
Deputy Director of Operations	1
Senior Executive Officer	2
Higher Executive Officer	3
Executive Officer	11
Administrative Officer	42
Administrative Officer (part-time)	7
GHA Clerk	27
GHA Clerks (part-time)	3
Junior GHA Clerk	1
Laboratory Clerk	1
Deputy Director of IM&T	1
Information Systems Programmer	1
Senior EHT Officer	2
Asst EHT Officer	1
Complaints Co-ordinator	1
Operations Development Officer	1
Senior Personal Secretary	1
Personal Secretary	10
GHA Secretary	1
Typist	7
Typist (part-time)	1
Receptionist	3
Receptionist (part-time)	4
Ward Clerk	10
PTO	2
Head Porter	1
Hospital Attendants	18
Chief Ambulance Officer	1
Station Officer	1
Dispatcher	1
Messenger/Driver	3
Catering Director	1
Stores Supervisor	2

Director of Nursing & Patient Services	1
Deputy Director of Nursing Services	1
Deputy Director of Mental Health Services	1
Clinical Nurse Manager	7
Senior Nurse Tutor	1
Nurse Lecturer	2
Nurse Practitioner	3
Nursing Sister/Charge Nurse	32
Nursing Sister/Charge Nurse (part-time)	1
Registered General Nurse	108
Registered General Nurse (part-time)	7
Registered Mental Nurse	13
Registered Mental Nurse (part-time)	1
Registered Sick Children's Nurse	5
Midwives	13
Midwives (part-time)	3
Operating Department Practitioners	5
TSSU/CSSD Manager	1
TSSU/CSSD Technician	6
Senior Enrolled Nurse	5
Enrolled Nurse	68
Enrolled Nurse (part-time)	14
Nursing Assistant	75
Nursing Assistant (part-time)	9
Nursing Assistant (28 hours)	3
Nursing Auxiliary	6
Nursing Auxiliary (part-time)	2
Domestic	37
Domestic (part-time)	54
Labourer	24
Laboratory Operative	1
Storeman	1
Senior Cook	3
Cook	10
Linen Supervisor	1
Asst Linen Supervisor	1
Seamstress	3
Craftsman	7
Director Public Health	1
Consultants	26
Clinical Psychologist	1

Counsellor (part-time)	1
Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors	17
General Practitioner	17
Associate Specialist	1
Senior Dental Officer	2
Dental Officer	1
Superintendent Physiotherapist	1
Senior Physiotherapist I	4
Senior Physiotherapist II	6
Technical Instructor Grade II	1
Technical Instructor Grade III	1
Physiotherapist Helper	1
Superintendent Occupational Therapist	1
Occupational Therapist I	4
Occupational Therapist II	5
Pathology Services Manager	1
Senior Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer	4
Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer	4
Junior Medical Laboratory Scientific Officer	7
Head Pharmacist	1
Pharmacist	2
Ward Pharmacist	1
Radiology Services Manager	1
Senior Radiographer I	6
Senior Radiographer II	3
Radiographer Helper	1
Head Speech & Language Therapist	1
Speech & Language Therapist	3
Emergency Medical Technician	21
Advanced Ambulance Care Assistant	1
Ambulance Care Assistant	8
Specialist Dietitian	1
Dietitian I	2
Senior Mental Welfare Officer	1
Mental Welfare Officer	1
Health Promotion Officer	1
Senior Orthoptist I	2
Head of Optometry	1
Medical Librarian	1

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Answer to Question 502 of 2007

GRADE & NO of OFFICERS		NATIONALITY	RESIDENCE
Director of Public Health – 1	1	British	Gib
Consultants – 26	5	British	Gib
	3	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
	5	Spanish	3 Gib 2 Spain
	3	Swedish	Gib
	2	Slovak	Gib
	2	German	Gib
	1	Polish	Gib
	1	Italian	Gib
	1	Irish	Gib
	1	Indian	Gib
	1	South African	Gib
	1	French	Gib
Clinical Psychologist – 1	1	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors - 17	2	British	Gib
	4	Spanish	2 Gib 2 Spain
	1	Irish	Spain
	6	Pakistani	Gib
	1	Indian	Gib
	1	German	Gib
	1	Canadian	Gib
	1	American	Gib
General Practitioners - 17	7	British	Gib
	3	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
	4	Spanish	2 Gib 2 Spain
	1	Irish	Gib
	1	Indian	Gib
	1	Maltesse	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
Deputy Director of Mental Health Services - 1	1	New Zealand	Gib
Clinical Nurse Managers - 7	7	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Senior Nurse Tutor – 1	1	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Nurse Lecturer – 2	2	British	Gib
Nurse Practitioner – 3	3	British	Gib
Charge Nurses – 33	23	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
	8	British	Gib
	1	Irish	Gib
	1	Malayan	Gib

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GRADE & N0 of OFFICERS		NATIONALITY	RESIDENCE
Staff Nurses – 136	68 43 22 1 1 1	Bri-Gibraltarian British Spanish Irish German Polish	Gib 39 Gib 4 Spain 6 Gib 16 Spain Gib Gib Gib
Midwives – 16	7 7 2	Bri-Gibraltarian British Spanish	Gib 6 Gib 1 Spain Spain
Operating Department Practitioners – 5	3 2	British Spanish	2 Gib 1 Spain 1 Gib 1 Spain
Senior Enrolled Nurses – 5	5	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Enrolled Nurses – 82	80 2	Bri-Gibraltarian British	Gib Gib
Nursing Auxiliaries – 8	8	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gib
Nursing Assistants – 87	84 3	Bri-Gibraltarian British	Gib Gib

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Director of Nursing and Patient Services	1
Deputy Director of Mental Health Services	1
Nurse Lecturer	2
Nurse Practitioners	3
Charge Nurses	4
Registered General nurses	34
Registered General Nurses Part-time	1
Registered Mental Nurses	11
Registered Mental Nurses Part-time	1
Theatre Nurses	2
Registered Sick Children's Nurses	4
Midwives	10
Midwives Part-time	1
Enrolled Nurses	2
Enrolled Nurses Part-time	1
Operating Department Practitioners	5
TOTAL	83

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Answer to Question 504 of 2007

The distribution of nurses by wards and departments at St Bernard's Hospital is as follows:-

Ward	Director of Nursing	Dep Director of Nursing	Asst Director Mental Health	CNM's	NP	HV	SR/CN	Reg S/N / Mid Wives	S/EN	E/N	N/Aux	N/A	ODP	Total	Comments
John							2	9	0	9	0	11		31	
Victoria							2	10	0	6.5	1	9		28.5	
Critical Care							2	19	0	6	0	0		27	
A&E							3	11	0	10.5	0	0		24.5	
Maternity							2	14.5	0	0	0	3.5		20	
Rainbow							2 (1ag)	7	1	6.5	1	0		17.5	
Blood								1.5	0	0	0	1		2.5	
Clinic PCC					3		1	4	0	1	1	8		18	
District PCC							2 (1ag)	6	1	2	0	0		11	1 SN studying UK
Dental PCC							0	0	0	0	2	2		4	
Child Health						2		3	0	1	0	0		6	1UK training ,1 HV training
Cardiac Rehab								1	0	0	0	0		1	
Capt Murchison							2(1ag)	10	0	4	0	10		26	
DTW							2	11	0	3	0	12.5		28.5	1 SN maternity, 1 transfer
Out-patients								2	1	9	0	1		13	1 EN Maternity
Eye Dept							1	3	0	0	0	0.5		4.5	
Dialysis								0.5	0	0	0	0		0.5	
Theatres							2	9	0	1	1	0	5	18	
Pre-Assessment								2	0	0	0	0		2	1 on unpaid leave
CMHT							1	1	0	4	0	0		6	
KGV Long Stay							2	8	1	6	0	14		31	
KGV Acute							3 (1ag)	7	1	4	1	8		24	
Night Office							4							4	
Nurse Mgt	1	1	1	7										10	
TOTAL	1	1	1	7	3	2	33	139.5	5	73.5	7	80.5	5	358.5	

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Answer to Question 505 of 2007

Grade	WTE
Director of Nursing Services	1
Deputy Director of Nursing Services	1
Deputy Director of Nursing Mental Health	1
Clinical Nurse Managers	7
Senior Nurse Tutor	1
Nurse Lecturer	2
Nurse Practitioners	3
Charge nurses	32.5
Staff Nurses / Midwives	146.5
Operating Department Practitioners	5
Senior Enrolled Nurse	5
Enrolled Nurses	75
Nursing Auxiliaries / Nursing Assistants	88.5

ORAL

NO. 506 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

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 & CIVIL PROTECTION

A total of 23.

ORAL

NO. 507 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Can the Minister for Health state the average waiting time for dental appointments for school children, at the Primary Care Centre as at the end of November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

School children under routine treatment would normally get the next appointment within two to three months. Earlier if clinically indicated. School children in pain are seen on the same day without appointment.

ORAL

NO. 508 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Can the Minister for Health state the average waiting time for dental appointments, other than school children, at the Primary Care Centre as at the end of November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The average waiting time for dental appointments other than school children is three months.

ORAL

NO. 509 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – ELECTIVE SURGERY

Can Government state how many persons were waiting for elective surgery in each speciality as at end of November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 509 of 2007

The statistics are based on figures as at end of October 2007 as figures for November are still not available.

Speciality	Waiting List	Scheduled
General	231	55
Gynae/Obs	120	9
Ophthalmology	74	56
Orthopaedics	128	47
Otorhinolaryngology	51	20
Plastic Surgery	174	0

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THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PHYSIOTHERAPY TREATMENT

Can Government state how many patients were on the waiting list for physiotherapy treatment as at the 30th November 2007, specifying the number of patients that were referred by a doctor at the Primary Care Centre?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Waiting lists for physiotherapy treatment is as follows:

Primary Care Centre referrals	163
Total Referrals	265

ORAL

NO. 511 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CANCELLED OPERATIONS

Can Government list the dates since February 2007, on a monthly basis, in respect of which operations at St Bernard's Hospital needed to be cancelled, and state the reason why in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 511 of 2007

February 2007

	Reasons for Cancellation				
	Medical	Bed availability	By Patient	Consultant sick	Total
Otorhinolaryngology	0	0	0	6	6
Gynae	0	0	0	0	0
Ophthalmology	0	0	0	0	0
Orthopaedics	2	0	1	2	5
General	0	8	1	5	14
Oral	0	0	0	8	8
Pain Relief	2	0	0	0	2
Total	4	8	2	21	35

March 2007

	Reasons for Cancellation					
	Medical	Bed availability	By Patient	DNA	Theatre Time	Total
Otorhinolaryngology	1	3	0	0	0	4
Gynae	1	0	0	1	0	2
Ophthalmology	1	0	1	0	0	2
Orthopaedics	0	6	0	0	0	6
General	1	10	0	6	2	19
Oral	0	0	0	2	0	2
Pain Relief	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total	4	19	2	9	2	36

April 2007

	Reasons for Cancellation									
	Medical	Bed availability	By Patient	DNA	No Longer Required	No Equipment	Theatre Time	Missing Records	No Staff	Total
Ophthalmology	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	1	2	9
Orthopaedics	2	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7
General	2	5	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	15
Oral	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	4	8	2	10	4	1	1	1	2	33

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May 2007

	Reasons for Cancellation										
	Medical	Bed availability	By Patient	DNA	Not required	No equipment	Due to Emergency	No Anaesthetist	Missing Records	By consultant	Total
Otorhinolaryngology	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Gynae	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ophthalmology	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Orthopaedics	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	6
General	1	9	1	3	3	0	6	0	0	1	24
Oral	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Pain Relief	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Total	13	10	1	7	4	2	6	1	1	1	46

June 2007

	Reasons for Cancellation								
	Medical	By Patient	DNA	Not required	No equipment	Theatre time	Missing records	Consultant Sick	Total
Otorhinolaryngology	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Gynae	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
Ophthalmology	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
Orthopaedics	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	7
General	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	5
Oral	1	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	11
Pain Relief	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
Total	9	2	14	2	1	2	2	4	36

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August 2007

	Reasons for Cancellation					
	Medical	Bed Availability	By Patient	DNA	No longer required	Total
Otorhinolaryngology	4	0	0	0	0	4
Gynae	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ophthalmology	1	0	2	1	0	4
Orthopaedics	2	2	0	0	1	5
General	0	1	0	4	0	5
Oral	2	0	0	0	0	2
Pain Relief	1	0	2	1	1	5
Cardiac	2	0	0	0	0	2
Total	13	3	4	6	2	28

September 2007

	Reasons for Cancellation								
	Medical	Bed Availability	By Patient	DNA	No Longer Required	Theatre Flooding	Missing records	By Anaesthetist	Total
Gynae	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Ophthalmology	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Orthopaedics	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3
General	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	7
Oral	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	4
Pain Relief	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Plastic Surgery	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	2	4	7	7	1	1	1	1	25

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Contd Answer to Question 511 of 2007

October 2007

	Reasons for Cancellation						
	Medical	By Patient	DNA	No Longer Required	No Equipment	No Staff	Total
Gynae	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Orthopaedics	2	0	1	1	2	0	6
General	2	2	2	0	0	0	6
Oral	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pain Relief	0	3	1	0	0	0	4
Total	5	5	5	1	2	0	18

ORAL

NO. 512 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – ADVANCE APPOINTMENTS

Can the Minister for Health state what is the current waiting time for an advance appointment, requested by telephone, to see the GP of choice at the Primary Care Centre as on 30 November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The waiting times for advanced appointments varies from two weeks to 14 weeks depending on the doctor chosen.

ORAL

NO. 513 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES (PCC)

Can Government state the number of out-patients attendances at the Primary Care Centre, including the number of out-patients being attended to by District Nurses, Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 514 to 516 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 514 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES (PCC)

Can Government state the total number of outpatient attendances at the Primary Care Centre on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 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 & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 513, 515 and 516 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 515 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF HOUSE CALLS

Can Government state how many house calls were attended to by Health Centre doctors on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 513, 514 and 516 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 516 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – GP ATTENDANCES

Can Government state what was the total number of GP attendances at the Primary Care Centre on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 516 of 2007**Answer to Questions 513 to 516 of 2007**

The statistics for months October 2006 to January 2007 were answered in questions 88 to 91 of 2007.

DEPARTMENT	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-07	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07
AUDIOLOGY	89	118	83	119	88	100	106	92	131
DIETICIAN	107	105	100	118	106	72	110	104	131
CLINIC SISTER	1941	1631	1353	2005	1637	1525	1799	1711	2071
SCHOOL HEALTH	375	279	292	659	240	258	289	336	444
SPEECH & LANGUAGE	159	152	121	158	81	49	27	127	138
MENTAL WELFARE	173	150	186	176	184	205	230	215	183
GP CLINIC	7890	7479	6556	6603	7098	6839	6602	7038	7842
HOUSE CALLS	296	321	203	154	140	177	185	209	175
DENTAL	1617	1297	1239	1541	1292	1491	1896	1382	1634
CHILD WELFARE	631	796	647	1169	685	745	749	752	798
NURSE PRACTITIONERS	1150	1088	908	657	881	969	950	777	1366
DERMATOLOGIST	98	N.C.H	103	N.C.H	197	N.C.H	123	N.C.H	95
CRYOTHERAPY	135	220	66	201	109	129	171	158	156
TOTAL	14,661	13,636	11,857	13,560	12,738	12,559	13,237	12,901	15,164

*** COMMUNITY**

PHYSIO	224	188	165	241	137	134	50	114	
OT	352	200	247	372	264	297	132	141	103
DISTRICT	1626	1933	1675	1995	1667	1773	2371	4538	2698
TOTAL	2,202	2,321	2,087	2,608	2,068	2,204	2,553	4,793	2,801
GRAND TOTAL	16,863	15,957	13,944	16,168	14,806	14,763	15,790	17,694	17,965

Please note that figures are collected and collated on a monthly basis.

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

ORAL

NO. 517 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – SPONSORED PATIENTS (SPAIN)

Can Government state how many patients have been treated in Spain as opposed to the UK, as sponsored patients, on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 518 and 519 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 518 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PATIENT REFERRALS TO UK

Can Government state the number of patient referrals to the UK on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 517 and 519 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 519 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – SPONSORED PATIENTS (UK)

Can Government state what has been the number of sponsored patients treated in the UK on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 519 of 2007

Answer to Question 517 to 519 of 2007

The statistics for October 2006 to January 2007 were given in the answer to Question 84 of 2007.

Month	No. of patients treated in Spain	No. of patients referred to UK	Number of Patients treated in UK
February 2007	20	85	49
March 2007	22	118	68
April 2007	18	121	42
May 2007	22	108	51
June 2007	29	107	37
July 2007	29	108	39
August 2007	31	94	36
September 2007	29	108	38
October 2007	24	117	33
November 2007	41	112	29
Total	404	1518	757

ORAL

NO. 520 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DIALYSIS TREATMENT

Can Government state the number of dialysis patients that were treated at St Bernard's Hospital and those that were treated at hospitals in Spain on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Ten in Gibraltar and none in Spain.

NO. 521 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MAMMOGRAMS

What is the average waiting time for a routine mammogram at St Bernard's Hospital on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Currently, the GHA provides a symptomatic diagnostic mammography service. This is a one-stop clinic where, in urgent cases, patients are seen in conjunction with the surgeons on the same day. Appointments for non-urgent cases are scheduled in keeping with clinical considerations. There is no waiting time for urgent mammograms referred to St Bernard's Hospital. The average waiting time for routine at St Bernard's Hospital for the period in question ranges from a minimum of three months to a maximum of 18 months.

ORAL

NO. 522 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CT SCANS

Can Government state how many CT Scans were undertaken at St Bernard's Hospital and how many were undertaken in Spain on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 523 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 523 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CT SCANS

Can Government state how much was spent by the GHA with regard to patients being sent to Spain for scans on a monthly basis, from October 2006 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 523 of 2007

Answer to Question 522 of 2007

Statistics for the months of October 2006 to January 2007 were given in answer to question 80 of 2007.

2006/2007	CT SCANS LOCAL	CT SCANS SPAIN
October	186	0
November	138	0
December	108	0
January	138	0
February	153	0
March	148	0
April	123	1
May	199	9
June	129	1
July	117	0
August	165	1
September	155	2
October	206	1

Answer to Question 523 of 2007

Oct-06	£5,316.76
Nov-06	£38,687.63
Dec-06	£6,957.17
Jan-07	£15,790.95
Feb-07	£24,265.31
Mar-07	£14,909.52
Apr-07	£14,155.73
May-07	£15,650.61
Jun-07	£14,675.74
Jul-07	£8,443.85
Aug-07	£3,385.21
Sep-07	£39,497.24
Oct-07	£18,119.72
Nov-07	£9,398.51
TOTAL	£229,253.95

NO. 524 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – ELDERLY CARE PATIENTS DISCHARGED

Can Government state during the months of October 2006 to November 2007 the number of 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:-

- (a) Elderly persons living alone;
- (b) Elderly persons needing support; and
- (c) Others able to be looked after?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 525 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 525 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – ELDERLY CARE PATIENTS

Can Government state how many long stay elderly care patients there were at St Bernard's Hospital, on a monthly basis, between October 2006 to November 2007, giving a breakdown by sex and age?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 525 of 2007

Answer to Question 524 of 2007

Age	Living Alone	
	Male	Female
50-60	0	0
61-70	0	2
71-80	2	3
81-90	1	5
91+	0	3
TOTAL	3	0

- All elderly patients require some sort of support be it physical, psychological or social.
- All patients who have been formally discharged are able to be looked after.

Answer to Question 525 of 2007

Statistics for months of October 2006 to January 2007 were presented on the last Parliament.

Age	Feb 2007	Mar 2007	Apr 2007	May 2007	Jun 2007	Jul 2007	Aug 2007	Sep 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007
50-60	2	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	2	1
61-70	10	12	13	11	10	9	10	9	10	11
71-80	21	22	24	21	20	19	20	20	13	17
81-90	14	16	17	21	26	24	29	32	30	31
91+	4	4	5	5	4	6	6	5	7	5

ORAL

NO. 526 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

How many of the beds in the KGV Hospital Acute Ward were occupied at the end of November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 527 to 529 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 527 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government state the number of beds provided in the KGV Hospital Acute Ward as at the end of November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 526, 528 and 529 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 528 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government state the number of beds in the KGV hospital Long Stay Ward that were occupied as at the end of November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 526, 527 and 529 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 529 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL

Can Government state the number of beds provided in the KGV Hospital Long Stay Ward at the end of November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answer to Questions 526 to 529 of 2007

As At Nov 2007	KGV Acute Ward	KGV Long Stay Ward
Beds Provided	24	30
Beds Occupied	14	27

ORAL

NO. 530 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

FIRE SERVICE

Can Government state how many call outs have been made by the Fire Brigade in 2007 to date, giving a breakdown showing the reason for the callout?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 530 of 2007

The total number of attendances carried out by the City Fire Brigade in 2007 to date is :-

Fire Calls	356
Special Services	397
Ambulance Attendances	544
Total attendances	1,297

* Detailed statistics are only collated at the end of the year.

ORAL

NO. 531 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 19 January 2007 and how many cases are pending its consideration?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 532 of 2007.

NO. 532 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 refer to?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Since 19 January 2007 the Development Appeals Tribunal has met on one occasion. There are at present no cases pending consideration by the Tribunal. However, seven cases are still in the administrative process but are not yet ready for consideration by the Tribunal.

Since the last Question Time one new case was notified to the Secretary of the Tribunal on 30 October 2007 referring to the proposed construction of a timber framed house.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 531 AND 532 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I think the Minister has not answered the date, how often and on what dates has it met?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

My apologies, as drafted the question, the hon Member is right, does not include the date. I will certainly pass that information on to him in writing if he prefers.

ORAL

NO. 533 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government provide a summary of the status of all cases, past and present, which have come before the Development Appeals Tribunal?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

This information was already provided in February of this year giving details up to January 2007. Details of cases after this date have already been provided in answer to Question Nos. 531 and 532.

ORAL

NO. 534 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OFFICIAL TRAVEL

Can Government give a breakdown of the GHA forecast outturn of £13,000 for 2006/2007 in respect of official travel abroad, showing the name of the person who travelled, the destination and the purpose of travel?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

On the basis that this is a question seeking information about the extent and purpose of travel, the information requested is provided in the schedule that I now hand the hon Member.

Answer to Question 534 of 2007

Abbreviation

29 Official Visits Abroad...01 General [Code 229] DNS: Director of Nursing – NCHD: Non Consultant Hospital Doctor – CE: Chief Executive
 DOF: Director of Finance – MH: Minister for Health – DOIMT: Deputy Director of IT
 SO: Senior Officers

DATE	NAME	POST	TRAVEL DESTINATION & REASON	AMOUNT
25-May-06	Karen Norman	DNS	Payment for flight and hotel fees (Florence Nightingale Memorial Services) representing GHA	£285.60
09-Jun-06	Moya F Mr	NCHD	Petrol and toll fees incurred whilst on visit to Xaniti Hospital	£31.62
23-Jun-06	Blands Limited	CE / DOF	Airfares for Dr McCutcheon and Mr E Lima @ Jersey consortium	£743.20
30-Jun-06	Cash Imprest	DOF	Payment for reimbursement of Travel Exp for Mr Lima when travelling abroad for consortium	£18.00
26-Sep-06	Lima Ernest	DOF	Payment for fuel expenses and subsistence allowance when travelling to Xaniti Hospital	£111.91
17-Oct-06	Britto E Mr	MH	2 Nights subsistence in central London from Sunday 18th October - Monday 19th October 2006 - Meeting Consortium Hospitals	£145.00
25-Oct-06	Lima Ernest	DOF	Reimbursement of 3 nights subsistence and travelling expenses - Meeting Consortium Hospitals	£495.70
26-Oct-06	Dr McCutcheon, David	CE	Payment for taxi fares and sundry meals - Xaniti Representatives & Business Plan	£728.08
01-Nov-06	Gabay J Mr	SO	Reimbursement of expenses incurred (105.00 euros) during an official visit to Cadiz - Xaniti Teleradiology	£89.95
01-Nov-06	Britto E Mr	MH	Travelling expenses incurred during his visit to London 15/10/06 - 17/10/06 - Meeting Consortium Hospitals	£54.00
01-Nov-06	Blands Limited	DOF	Accommodation for Mr E Lima 17/10/06 - 18/10/06 @ Le Meridien Gatwick - Meeting Consortium Hospitals	£130.00
13-Nov-06	Sundry Persons	SO	Payment for 1/3 subs to Mr D Altman, D Figueredo, JJ Avez & J Gabay attend Medical Conference Nov 06 in Dusseldorf - New equipment fair	£864.80
16-Nov-06	Dr McCutcheon, David	CE	Payment for expenses incurred whilst on an official visit abroad Taxi fares, rail fares etc. - Meeting Consortium Hospitals	£367.90
04-Dec-06	Blands Limited	CE/DOF	Air passages & Accommodation for Mr E Lima, Mr D McCutcheon & Mr E Britto - Meeting Consortium Hospitals	£1,657.40
15-Dec-06	Blands Limited	DOF	Accommodation for Mr E Lima from 03/12/06 - 05/12/06 @ Sofitel London - Gatwick - Consortium / Dept of Health	£290.00
27-Dec-06	Lima A Mr	DOF	Travelling expenses & subsistence - Consortium / Dept of Health	£177.40
05-Feb-07	Blands Limited	DOF	Payment for flight for Mr E Lima - Consortium / Dept of Health	£625.00
20-Feb-07	Gabay J Mr	SO	1/2 sub for 5 days in Toronto & 5 days in New Orleans - conference in Toronto - Due Diligence on Clinical Information System and Health Information Management Conference	£510.65
23-Feb-07	Britto E Mr	MH	1/2 sub (2nights) in London and 1/2 sub (3 nights) in New Orleans - Due Diligence on Clinical Information System and Health Information Management Conference	£268.64
02-Mar-07	Eurolinx Gibraltar Ltd	MH	annual travel insurance to cover the Hon E Britto - Due Diligence on Clinical Information System and Health Information Management Conference	£105.00
06-Mar-07	Britto E Mr	MH	Extra night stay in New Orleans (half Subs) - Due Diligence on Clinical Information System and Health Information Management Conference	£45.23
14-Mar-07	Blands Limited	MH	Air passages for Mr E Britto whilst on an Official Visit Abroad to New Orleans - Due Diligence on Clinical Information System and Health Information Management Conference	£4,635.00
20-Mar-07	Dr McCutcheon, David	CE	Subsistence and expenses incurred during his trip to New Orleans & Toronto - Due Diligence on Clinical Information System and Health Information Management Conference	£2,293.83
20-Mar-07	Gabay J Mr	SO	Accommodation & registration fees during his trip to New Orleans - Due Diligence on Clinical Information System and Health Information Management Conference	£760.14
21-Mar-07	Britto E Mr	MH	Accommodation and registration fee incurred during his visit to New Orleans - Due Diligence on Clinical Information System and Health Information Management Conference	£802.28
21-Mar-07	Blands Limited	SO/CE	Air passages Mr J Gabay & Mr D McCutcheon (New Orleans - return) - Due Diligence on Clinical Information System and Health Information Management Conference	£7,031.60
26-Mar-07	Blands Limited	MH	Accommodation for the Hon E Britto 1 night @ The Hilton Hotel Heathrow Airport - Due Diligence on Clinical Information System and Health Information Management Conference	£231.00
	Total			£23,458.93

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 534 OF 2007

HON N F COSTA:

Perhaps the Minister could expand on these visits in respect of due diligence and clinical information system, given there seems to have been so many of them?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

They all apply to one visit, it is several entries concerning the same visit by three people. At least, I may be misunderstanding the question. I am referring to the one that affected me, but thinking back, there are others to Portugal, yes.

ORAL

NO. 535 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

Can Government say whether it is still their policy to establish an Office of Fair Trading in Gibraltar and if so when?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Government policy in this matter is reflected on page 51 of our 2007 Election Manifesto which says, "having fully established the Ombudsman and Citizens Advice Bureau, we will complete our civic rights architecture by establishing a statutory, independent consumer protection agency. In addition, we will further develop our consumer protection statutory framework. This will include trade, finance and gambling ombudsman and internet legislation, as well as consumer credit protection."

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 535 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The question was about the Office of Fair Trading. I also asked the timescale.

HON J J NETTO:

What I basically said just now is what is our plan for the next four years, which is reflected in our Election Manifesto. Obviously, within what I have said, the Government wish to ensure that the market works well for consumers and we aim to achieve this goal by promoting and protecting consumer interests in Gibraltar while ensuring that businesses are fair and competitive. Whether we choose to go on the model of an Office of Fair Trading or not, is something that remains to be seen during the course of this term.

NO. 536 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – EMPLOYEES

Can Government state whether any of the posts provided for in the Estimates of Expenditure of the Social Services Agency for 2007/2008 were vacant on 1st April 2007, and if so, identify the posts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The approved complement of the Social Services Agency on 1st April 2007 provided for 174 posts non-industrial and four industrial posts, of which nine non-industrial posts were vacant on that day.

The following posts were vacant:

- 1 Senior Social Worker
- 1 Administrative Officer
- 1 Personal Assistant
- 1 Occupational Therapist/Strategy Co-ordinator
- 1 Unit Manager
- 1 Social Care Worker
- 3 Social Care Workers

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 536 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is there a particular reason why he did not say four Social Care Workers instead of one and three?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes, the only difference is that one of them is conditioned to 40 hours and three are conditioned to 37.5 hours.

HON J J BOSSANO:

These vacancies in the complement have been filled since, have they?

HON J J NETTO:

There has been some movement. In relation to the Senior Social Worker, we are awaiting a decision of the Board from Human Resources. In relation to the Administrative Officer, the person is in post but I cannot say when that person came into post. The one Personal Assistant vacancy has not yet gone out. The Occupational Therapist/Strategy Co-ordinator has been in employment since July. The one Unit Manager has been in employment since October. With regard to the one Social Care Worker, the one that refers to 40 hours plus the three Social Care Workers, have been selected and are expected to commence work with the induction course running in mid January.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Minister confirm whether these are all Civil Service jobs or is there a mixture that some are Civil Service and some are Agency employment?

HON J J NETTO:

There is a similar question in the Order Paper which the hon Member might be able to identify. Shall we leave it till we come to that particular question later on?

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am thinking in terms of the vacancies. Given that, presumably, different rules apply.

HON J J NETTO:

Yes, I can say that the Social Care Workers will be the Agency, the Unit Manager will be the Agency, the Occupational Therapist will be the Agency. I am not too sure on the Personal Assistant and the Administrative Officer, and the Senior Social Worker like the rest of the complement of Social Workers, will probably be Civil Servants. But I could have this confirmed if that is what the hon Member would want to have at a later date.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, presumably a position of AO in the Agency that is a Civil Service position would be open to everybody in the Civil Service, is that not the case?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

If there is an AO grade in the Agency it can either be filled by transferring somebody in or... which is a completely different scenario from the ones that work in the Agency who are not free to apply for jobs in the rest of the Civil Service? That is why I am asking which is which.

HON J J NETTO:

Yes, not just in relation to the AO but in relation to the HEO which have sort of been brought in from the Civil Service, yes, seconded.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, now that he knows why I am asking then he can give me the information as to whether these jobs that have been filled that were vacant at the beginning of the financial year, have been filled from as part of the machinery of the Civil Service or people that are recruited. Presumably in the case of the Agency workers there is a very small pool from which to recruit people and it depends more on outsiders, than it is when recruiting grades that anybody from the Civil Service can come in.

HON J J NETTO:

I will certainly look into that and give the information to the hon Member.

NO. 537 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – EMPLOYEES ON-CALL

Can Government now confirm in terms of the employees of the Social Services Agency who are resident in Spain, for example, in areas like the Social Workers and the Counselling Psychologist, whether any of them are required to be on-call?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Government can confirm that only two employees of the Agency are required to be on-call. These employees are the ones that provide the out of hours service. The two are Social Workers who provide a service when the office is closed. The two reside in La Linea, and as per their agreement they have to reside in Gibraltar or in close proximity to Gibraltar, to which they comply.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 537 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see, so is the close proximity to Gibraltar peculiar to these two positions or does it apply to all these jobs that get advertised, where applicants are told that they must either be resident in Gibraltar or be willing to take up residence?

HON J J NETTO:

I am informed that this only reflects on these two because they are on-call Social Workers but not to the rest.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, the Minister has not understood the question that I have asked. I am saying, I knew that there was a rule that said that one must reside in Gibraltar, but it is the first time that I have heard of the rule that says one must reside in Gibraltar or in close

proximity. Presumably, there must be a definition somewhere of how close close proximity is. What I am asking is, is it peculiar to these two grades, that is, the on-call out of hours Social Workers, that they are given the leeway to be, not just in Gibraltar like other grades that we have come across before, but in close proximity? Or is it that anybody, where the requirement of the job is that they either have to be resident in Gibraltar or take up residence, there are many jobs advertised that say the applicant must either be resident or take up residence, has that got to be read now that residence means residence in Gibraltar and within 100 yards of the other side, half a mile or what?

HON J J NETTO:

The first part of the question, in terms of what is the definition of proximity which he asks, is ten kilometres, but I am told that this was an exceptional case because when the vacancy went out, nobody locally applied for the particular post. So, therefore, this is why for this reason it was made exceptionally in close proximity to Gibraltar.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see, the reason for the close proximity was because there was no applicant available other than people who were there. But close proximity is ten kilometres he says, is that right?

HON J J NETTO:

That is what I have been informed by the Agency.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is a good job it is not ten kilometres in the opposite direction, otherwise.....

HON S E LINARES:

Do these employees have to be in Gibraltar whilst they are on-call on duty, actual duty, or can they be within the 9.9 kilometre distance before they can come in to do anything?

HON J J NETTO:

On-call means that they are not on duty, they are on-call as and when required to attend.

HON G H LICUDI:

I understand that what the hon Member is asking, is whether there is a residency requirement of being resident in Gibraltar or in close proximity to Gibraltar, which has been established as ten kilometres. What we need to know is when they are actually on-call, not off duty but on-call, are they required to be in Gibraltar or within that ten kilometres? The answer is no, someone can be on-call but be in Madrid as a Social Worker.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Just to clarify the hon Member's last supplementary, the two Social Workers who are on-call Social Workers only work after the Agency's closing hours, when the normal Social Workers go home these two people are on-call, they are not based in the Agency they are based at home, wherever that may be.

HON G H LICUDI:

Yes, but we have established that they are based at home, be it in Gibraltar or in close proximity. Is it correct for us to assume that when somebody is on-call someone does not have to be physically sitting at home, they can be outside or go to a restaurant? Are there limits to where that person can be? Do they have to be within those ten kilometres? Not just resident but actually physically be within that? Is that correct?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes.

HON G H LICUDI:

That is all we are trying to establish, that it is not just residence but actually physically being within that ten kilometres.

HON J J NETTO:

Yes, I can answer that in the affirmative and it would apply to everyone who is on-call.

ORAL

NO. 538 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – EMPLOYEES

Can Government provide a breakdown by grade, sex, nationality and residence, that is, whether in Gibraltar or Spain, of all the employees of the Social Services Agency as at end October 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 539 to 542 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 539 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – EMPLOYEES

Can Government state of the employees at the Social Services Agency on the 31st October 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 FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 538 and 540 to 542 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 540 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – EMPLOYEES

How many persons did the Social Services Agency employ as at November 2007, giving a breakdown as between industrials, non-industrials and location where employed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 538, 539, 541 and 542 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 541 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

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 31st October 2007 giving a breakdown by grade and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 538 to 540 and 542 of 2007.

HON G H LICUDI:

This question is identical to Question No. 542 and I therefore seek to withdraw it.

NO. 542 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 as at end October 2007 giving a breakdown by grade and nationality?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I now hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested. That is in relation to Question Nos. 538 to 540 of 2007.

Answer to Question 541 and 542 of 2007

I will answer both questions together as they are identical questions. The Social Services Agency had 42 supply workers, employed or contracted, as at the 31st October 2007. There were no staff on casual, temporary or short-term contracts.

The following 40 are supply Social Care Workers:

- 24 Gibraltarians
- 12 UK nationals
- 3 Spanish nationals
- 1 Danish national

There was also one supply Receptionist/Administrative Assistant and one supply Administrative Officer employed at this point. Both of these are Gibraltarians.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 542/ 2007

Answer to Question No.538/2007
Social Services Agency Employees as at 31st October 2007

Grade	Number of Employees	Female	Male	Gibraltar	UK National	Spanish National	Other Nationality	Resident Gibraltar	Resident Spain
EMPLOYEES on GOG Terms									
MAIN OFFICE									
Team Leaders	2	2		2				1	1
Counselling Psychologist	1	1		1					1
Senior Social Workers	2	2		1	1			1	1
Social Workers	12	10	2	8	4			10	2
Administration Manager (HEO)	1		1	1				1	
Personnel Officer (EO)	1	1		1				1	
Administrative Officer	1	1	1	1				1	
Typist	1	1		1				1	
ST. BERNADETTE'S O.I. CENTRE									
St. Bernadette's Manager	1	1		1				1	
St. Bernadette's Deputy Manager	1	1		1				1	
Enrolled Nurses	2	2		1	1			2	
Administrative Officer - Part-time (GOG)	1	1		1				1	
Classroom Aides (full time) Spec. Needs	7	7		7				7	
Classroom Aides (part time) (20hrs)	7	7		7				7	
Vehicle/Escort	1	1		1				1	
EMPLOYEES on SSA Terms									
Chief Executive	1		1		1			1	
Occupational Therapist/Strategy Co-ord.	1	1		1				1	
Counsellor	1	1		1				1	
Social Workers (Out of Hrs)	2	2			2				2
Community Service Officer	1		1		1				1
Finance Officer	1	1		1				1	
Administrative Officers	4	3	1	4				4	
Day Centre Support Worker	1	1			1			1	
Shop Mobility Attendant	1		1	1				1	
Handyman/driver	1		1	1				1	
<i>Sub-total c/f</i>	55	47	8	44	11	0	0	47	8

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 542/ 2007

Answer to Question No. 538/2007
Social Services Agency Employees as at 31st October 2007

Grade	Number of Employees	Female	Male	Gibraltarian	UK National	Spanish National	Other Nationality	Resident Gibraltar	Resident Spain
<i>Sub-total b/f</i>	55	47	8	44	11	0	0	47	8
DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN									
Drug strategy Co-ordinator *	1	1	1	1				1	
Assistant to Drug Strategy Co-ordinator	1	1		1				1	
DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL									
Dr. Giraldi Manager	1		1		1				1
Deputy Manager Dr Giraldi	1	1			1				1
Administrative Officer (Part-time)	1	1		1				1	
Unit Managers (40hrs)	5	2	3	2	3			4	1
Social Care Workers (40hrs)	13	10	3	11	2			11	2
Social Care Workers (39hrs)	1		1	1				1	
Social Care Workers (37.5hrs)	28	21	7	6	15	6	1 Dutch	13	15
Social Care Workers (20hrs)	8	7	1	3	2	2	1 Belgian	6	2
Domestic Support Worker (22.5hrs)	1	1		1				1	
Domestic Support Workers (20hrs)	5	4	1	5				5	
Domestic Support Worker (15hrs)	1	1		1				1	
CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL									
Unit Managers (40hrs)	6	6		5	1			5	1
Social Care Workers (37.5hrs)	30	24	6	21	3	6		22	8
Social Care Workers (31hrs)	9	7	2	9				9	
INDUSTRIAL STAFF									
Cleaner - 37 hrs per week	2	2		2				2	
Cleaner - 25 hrs per week	1	1		1				1	
School Attendant/Driver	1		1	1				1	
Total	171	136	35	116	39	14	2	132	39

* GoG Officer on Secondment

As at 31st October 2007 a further 8 non-industrial posts were vacant

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

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 542/ 2007

Answer to Question No.539
SSA Employees as at 31st October 2007

Grade	Number of Employees	Civil Service/ GoG Pension	Eligible to Gib Provident Fund PS No. 2	On Contract/Terms (Non-Pensionable)
EMPLOYEES on GOG Terms				
MAIN OFFICE				
Team Leaders	2	2		
Counselling Psychologist	1	1		
Senior Social Workers	2	2		
Social Workers	12	7		5
Administration Manager (HEO)	1	1		
Personnel Officer (EO)	1	1		
Administrative Officer	1	1		
Typist	1	1		
ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE				
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) Spec. Needs	7	7		
Classroom Aides (part time) (20hrs)	7	7		
Vehicle/Escort	1	1		
EMPLOYEES on SSA Terms				
Chief Executive	1			1
Occupational Therapist/Strategy Co-ord.	1		1	
Counsellor	1		1	
Social Workers (Out of Hrs)	2		2	
Community Service Officer	1		1	
Finance Officer	1		1	
Administrative Officers	4		4	
Day Centre Support Worker	1		1	
Shop Mobility Attendant	1		1	
Handyman/driver	1		1	
Sub-total of	55	36	13	6

**Answer to Question No.539/2007
SSA Employees as at 31st October 2007**

Grade	Number of Employees	Civil Service/ GoG Pension	Eligible to Gib Provident Fund PS No. 2	On Contract Terms (Non-Pensionable)
<i>Sub-total b/f</i>	55	36	13	6
<u>DRUGS AWARENESS CAMPAIGN</u>				
Drug strategy Co-ordinator *	1	1		
Assistant to Drug Strategy Co-ordinator	1		1	
<u>DR. GIRALDI RESIDENTIAL</u>				
Dr. Giraldi Manager	1		1	
Deputy Manager Dr Giraldi	1		1	
Administrative Officer (Part-time)	1		1	
Unit Managers (40hrs)	5		5	
Social Care Workers (40hrs)	13		13	
Social Care Workers (39hrs)	1		1	
Social Care Workers (37.5hrs)	28		28	
Social Care Workers (20hrs)	8		8	
Domestic Support Worker (22.5hrs)	1		1	
Domestic Support Workers (20hrs)	5		5	
Domestic Support Worker (15hrs)	1		1	
<u>CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL</u>				
Unit Managers (40hrs)	6		6	
Social Care Workers (37.5hrs)	30		30	
Social Care Workers (31hrs)	9		9	
<u>INDUSTRIAL STAFF</u>				
Cleaner - 37 hrs per week	2	2		
Cleaner - 25 hrs per week	1	1		
School Attendant/Driver	1	1		
<i>Total</i>	171	41	124	6

* GoG Officer on Secondment

**As at 31st October 2007 a further 8 non-industrial posts were vacant
The SSA also uses supply workers for relief cover who are not pensionable**

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.542/2007

Answer to Question No. 540/2007

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY Number of persons in permanent employment as at 27th November 2007 on both Government of Gibraltar and Social Services Agency terms			
Location	Number of Non-Industrials	Number of Industrials	Total Number of Staff
Social Services Agency Main Office 16 Governor's Parade	31		31
St Bernadette's Occupational Therapy Centre Smith Dorrien Avenue	22	4	26
Adult Residential: Dr Giraldi Home Smith Dorrien Avenue & one flat in the community	64		64
Children's Residential: 8 Flats within the community	45		45
Therapeutic Team 3 Casemates House	2		2
Drug Strategy Unit 3 Casemates House	2		2
Shop Mobility Centre G4B ICC Building	1		1
Totals	167	4	171

As at 27th November 2007, there were a total of 171 persons in permanent employment at the Social Services Agency. It should be noted that the Agency also employs supply staff to cover shortfalls, as and when required.

ORAL

NO. 543 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ELDERLY CARE AGENCY – EMPLOYEES

Can Government state whether any of the posts provided for in the Estimates of Expenditure of the Elderly Care Agency for 2007/2008 were vacant on 1st April 2007 and if so, identify the posts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

All posts provided by Government in the Estimate of Expenditure of the Elderly Care Agency for 2007/2008 were filled on the 1st April 2007.

NO. 544 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – WEBSITE

Can Government explain why the section in its website on the Social Services Agency has not been revised since 1 February 2002?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

No, Sir. It is out of date. I am keen to provide current and adequate information on the services that the Government provides in relation to social care, and on how the public can access these services.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 544 OF 2007

HON N F COSTA:

Will the Minister be able to tell the House when it will be updated?

HON J J NETTO:

No, I really cannot because in order to take this forward, I should imagine that the first thing I need to do is to probably have a discussion with the senior management of the Social Services Agency, they in turn would probably have to select a representative in order to be the person then charged with updating a new website what goes on the website. So at this precise moment in time, I cannot provide a definitive date without first having a discussion with the senior management as to the designing of the website and bringing it up to date. So it is a bit premature at this stage.

HON N F COSTA:

Would the Minister be able to explain then why this section has not been revised since February 2002 but the Social Security section has been revised as at 26 March

2007? Why was not that consultation and so on carried out at the same time as the Social Services Agency?

HON J J NETTO:

I am sorry, I cannot answer that question.

HON N F COSTA:

Perhaps his predecessor may be able to assist the Minister in that regard.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Could he repeat the question please?

HON N F COSTA:

Yes, the question was that given that the Minister has said to the House that the reason why there has not been an updating of the Social Services Agency section of the website, is because there has to be a consultation which appoints a representative and so on and so forth. Why has the Social Security section been updated but not the Social Services Agency section? Surely, it would have made sense for different sections to have been updated at the same time?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Because I believe that the Social Security section, a Government department, is updated by the Government IT Department which globally updates all its servers within Government. Whereas the Agency, I think, was a bit overly ambitious in creating the website in the first place, and probably does not have time to keep it updated. The staff have to do it.

HON N F COSTA:

The issue still remains that it is part of the same website.

HON J J NETTO:

I do not know whether it is or it is not part of the same website. I can express what I would like to see in the future, which is something very similar to what was happening when I was Minister for the Environment. We had a website which was the Ministry of the Environment, where all press statements, all information in terms of environment were published there, people could access that. Then from the Ministry website one could have links going to the Environmental Agency, to Master

Services, the Department of the Environment, but this is something that is at the top of my head in the way which I would want to see, perhaps if this is feasible, I am not a very computer literate person myself. But something where we have the Ministry and then we have all the links into all the various bits and pieces of the Ministry, whether to do with Social Security, to do with the Social Services Agency, Youth et cetera. So people can actually follow through, but this is just an idea that needs to be fleshed out and discussed with the staff.

ORAL

NO. 545 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

MOUNT ALVERNIA – ELDERLY CITIZENS FROM ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can Government state how many elderly citizens are waiting for a place at Mount Alvernia, and how many of these are occupying a bed at St Bernard’s Hospital as at the end of November 2007, giving a breakdown of sex and age?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The total number of elderly citizens waiting for a place at Mount Alvernia is 197.

The total number of elderly citizens occupying a bed at St Bernard’s Hospital as at the end of November 2007 is 51.

I will now hand the hon Member the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.545/2007

Breakdown of Sex and Age of all in Waiting List:

SEX	60-70	71-80	81-90	91 +
Male	8	20	19	7
Female	7	44	75	17
TOTAL	15	64	94	24

Grand Total: 197

Breakdown of Sex and Age of those occupying a bed at St. Bernard's Hospital:

SEX	60-70	71-80	81-90	91 +
Male	0	6	6	3
Female	1	13	17	5
TOTAL	1	19	23	8

Grand Total: 51

NO. 546 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – RESPITE CARE

Can Government state what is the provision for respite care that is available in people's homes in cases where circumstances do not permit the requesting party to be adequately catered for within the Government facility?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Dr Giraldi home provides a respite and sitting service to adults with a learning disability. This service is provided from the facilities at Dr Giraldi home. Currently there is no provision to provide a respite service from people's homes.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 546 OF 2007

HON C A BRUZON:

I know that both the new Minister responsible for the family and various related matters and the former Minister, Mrs Del Agua, are aware that there are a few difficult and sad cases where there are young people, I think mainly young people, children who have serious disabilities and parents of these children who would most dearly welcome some respite care provided within their homes. I would ask the Government could they provide such service?

HON J J NETTO:

I think we need to perhaps try to differentiate between a respite service and a home help service. In the proper sense of the word, respite is respite of a child away from the parents and that is the sort of facility that we are providing for in Dr Giraldi Home. It is true to say that there will be, no doubt, parents who will want to have some kind of assistance through home help. There is an extent to which that is already happening in the sense that the Government actually provide a grant to the Gibraltar Disability Society, which they manage themselves in accordance to what their demands are, and for which they provide home help. Now, it may be true that this is

an area that needs looking into, as the hon Member is suggesting, we have a manifesto commitment and we need to try and see how we develop that.

HON C A BRUZON:

Thank you, I would be grateful if that were to happen. The way I phrased my question, of course, I refer to respite care available in people's homes. Maybe the Minister has used different terminology but the idea is that there are some families who do indeed avail themselves of the service made available within the Dr Giraldi Home. But there are cases that I know about and I have written to the former Minister about one or two cases, where families would dearly welcome assistance by way of respite care within the family home.

ORAL

NO. 547 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – DOMICILIARY CARE

Can Government state what is the level of domiciliary care currently being offered to elderly people, stating how many hours of care per week each person receives?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 547/2007

The total number of hours of Domiciliary Care provided by Government,
by the Elderly Care Agency is..... **601**

Total number of Recipients receiving care is.....**97**

The breakdown of the number of hours of domiciliary currently being offered to elderly people.

Hours per +week	Number of Recipients	Total No. of hours
1	1	1
2	5	10
3	13	39
4	4	16
4.5	1	4.5
5	15	75
5.5	2	11
6	8	48
7	20	140
7.5	2	15
8	3	24
8.75	2	17.5
9	2	18
9.75	1	9.75
10.5	1	10.5
11	1	11
12.5	1	12.5
12.75	1	12.75
13.5	1	13.5
14	8	112
	92	601

92 Recipients

plus 5 (10 married couples, included in the above list, both receiving care)

97 Recipients

Additionally, 15 hours are given weekly for the purpose of Recipients who require lifting and have no mechanical equipment and a second Carer is sent in at the same time for the purpose of bathing.

ORAL

NO. 548 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

MINIMUM INCOME GUARANTEE

Can Government provide a breakdown of 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 October 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 548/2007

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 October 2007.

				SINGLES		COUPLES		TOTAL
				No		No		No
FROM	£141.00	TO	£145.00	0		3		3
FROM	£136.00	TO	£140.00	0		0		0
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	26		0		26
FROM	£101.00	TO	£105.00	2		0		2
FROM	£96.00	TO	£100.00	0		0		0
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		1		2
FROM	£76.00	TO	£80.00	0		0		0
FROM	£71.00	TO	£75.00	21		0		21
FROM	£66.00	TO	£70.00	2		0		2
FROM	£61.00	TO	£65.00	1		0		1
FROM	£56.00	TO	£60.00	0		1		1
FROM	£51.00	TO	£55.00	6		1		7
FROM	£46.00	TO	£50.00	18		0		18
FROM	£41.00	TO	£45.00	10		1		11
FROM	£36.00	TO	£40.00	17		0		17
FROM	£31.00	TO	£35.00	21		2		23
FROM	£26.00	TO	£30.00	24		0		24
FROM	£21.00	TO	£25.00	22		2		24
FROM	£16.00	TO	£20.00	246		3		249
FROM	£11.00	TO	£15.00	17		4		21
FROM	£6.00	TO	£10.00	22		9		31
FROM	£0.00	TO	£5.00	14		0		14
TOTAL				470		27		497

NO. 549 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 to date as from February 2007 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 FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 550 and 551 of 2007.

NO. 550 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state, in connection with the pensioners being paid or with entitlement to payment from the 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 as from February 2007 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 FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 549 and 551 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 551 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, for each month to date, as from February 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 the months in question?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.551/2007

Answer to Question No.549/2007

The following pensioners were in receipt of payments from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund from February to October 2007.

	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	JUL 07	AUG 07	SEP 07	OCT 07
BRITISH PENSIONERS	2472	2482	2498	2530	2544	2573	2587	2606	2621
SPANISH PENSIONERS	127	127	127	128	129	130	130	130	133
MOROCCAN PENSIONERS	653	653	652	672	688	702	707	706	708
OTHER NATIONALITIES	35	36	38	39	39	39	39	41	41
TOTAL	3287	3298	3315	3369	3400	3444	3463	3483	3503

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 551/2007

Answer to Question No. 550/2007

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 from February to October 2007.

	FEB 07	MAR 07	APR 07	MAY 07	JUN 07	JUL 07	AUG 07	SEP 07	OCT 07
BRITISH PENSIONERS	2455	2465	2481	2513	2527	2556	2570	2589	2604
SPANISH PENSIONERS	115	115	115	116	117	118	118	118	121
MOROCCAN PENSIONERS	653	653	652	672	688	702	707	705	707
OTHER NATIONALITIES	35	36	38	39	39	39	39	41	41
TOTAL	3258	3269	3286	3340	3371	3415	3434	3453	3473

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.551/2007

Answer to Question No. 551/2007

The following pensioners were being paid or with entitlement to payment from the Closed Long-term Benefits Fund for the months of February to October 2007.

	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-07	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07
<i>Pre-1969 Spanish Pensioners</i>	5705	5673	303	292	288	275	274	274	275
<i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i>	5121	5120	5127	5158	5173	5193	5205	5220	5222
<i>Moroccan Pensioners</i>	1751	1750	1746	1777	1792	1819	1826	1822	1822
<i>Other Nationalities</i>	493	495	494	505	506	508	508	512	514
Total	13070	13038	7670	7732	7759	7795	7813	7828	7833

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 549 TO 551 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

The numbers that remain after April of the pre-1969 pensioners, these are the people who did not take up the offer to leave our Fund, I take it?

HON J J NETTO:

That is correct.

ORAL

NO. 552 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

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 February 2007 to October 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 553 to 556 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 553 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the monthly income, expenditure and balance of the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund, to date, as from February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 552 and 554 to 556 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 554 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – SHORT TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the monthly income, expenditure and balance of the Short-Term Benefits Fund as from February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 552 to 553 and 555 to 556 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 555 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL INSURANCE – CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

Can Government state what was the monthly income, expenditure and balance of the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund as from February 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 FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 552 to 554 and 556 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 556 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 monthly amounts, to date, as from February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.556 of 2007

Answer to Question No. 552 of 2007

The revised opening balance, the total value of the receipts and payments and the closing balances of the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund for the months of February 2007 to October 2007 is as per the following tentative statement:

EMPLOYMENT INJURIES INSURANCE FUND

	<u>28-Feb-07</u>	<u>31-Mar-07</u>	<u>30-Apr-07</u>	<u>31-May-07</u>	<u>30-Jun'07</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>					
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£3,730,993.63	£3,717,397.92	£3,363,740.37	£3,355,675.88	£3,265,863.25
<u>Add</u>					
Receipts	£43,210.59	£17,087.42	£30,663.05	£36,480.73	£35,170.50
	£3,774,204.22	£3,734,485.34	£3,394,403.42	£3,392,156.61	£3,301,033.75
<u>Less</u>					
Payments	(£56,806.30)	(£370,744.97)	(£38,727.54)	(£126,293.36)	(£83,807.45)
<u>Closing Balance</u>	£3,717,397.92	£3,363,740.37	£3,355,675.88	£3,265,863.25	£3,217,226.30

	<u>31-Jul-07</u>	<u>31-Aug-07</u>	<u>30-Sep-07</u>	<u>31-Oct-07</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£3,217,226.30	£3,189,741.68	£3,174,553.03	£3,130,243.87
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts	£36,234.40	£41,236.66	£25,707.18	£15,476.27
	£3,253,460.70	£3,230,978.34	£3,200,260.21	£3,145,720.14
<u>Less</u>				
Payments	(£63,719.02)	(£56,425.31)	(£70,016.34)	(£107,415.73)
<u>Closing Balance</u>	£3,189,741.68	£3,174,553.03	£3,130,243.87	£3,038,304.41

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Cont'd Answer to Question No.553/2007

The Monthly Income, Expenditure and Balance of the Open Long Term Benefits Fund, to date, as from February 2007 is as per the following tentative statement:

OPEN LONG TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>28-Feb-07</u>	<u>31-Mar-07</u>	<u>30-Apr-07</u>	<u>31-May-07</u>	<u>30-Jun'07</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>					
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£12,928,035.72	£12,931,659.83	£12,817,617.27	£12,358,341.17	£11,042,464.84
<u>Add</u>					
Receipts	£1,056,426.62	£1,017,369.67	£885,288.28	£1,157,385.63	£754,027.28
	£13,984,462.34	£13,949,029.50	£13,702,905.55	£13,515,726.80	£11,796,492.12
<u>Less</u>					
Payments	(£1,052,802.51)	(£1,131,412.23)	(£1,344,564.38)	(£2,473,261.96)	(£2,016,036.16)
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£12,931,659.83</u>	<u>£12,817,617.27</u>	<u>£12,358,341.17</u>	<u>£11,042,464.84</u>	<u>£9,780,455.96</u>
	<u>31-Jul-07</u>	<u>31-Aug-07</u>	<u>30-Sep-07</u>	<u>31-Oct-07</u>	
<u>Fund Account -</u>					
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£9,780,455.96	£9,356,434.24	£8,729,460.67	£7,417,753.37	
<u>Add</u>					
Receipts	£1,281,206.86	£1,061,235.78	£893,401.12	£1,181,250.15	
	£11,061,662.82	£10,417,670.02	£9,622,861.79	£8,599,003.52	
<u>Less</u>					
Payments	(£1,705,228.58)	(£1,688,209.35)	(£2,205,108.42)	(£1,393,535.47)	
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£9,356,434.24</u>	<u>£8,729,460.67</u>	<u>£7,417,753.37</u>	<u>£7,205,468.05</u>	

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.556/ 2007

Answer to Question No.554/2007

The Monthly Income, Expenditure and Balance of the Short-Term Benefits Fund as from February 2007 is as per the following tentative statement:

SHORT-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>28-Feb-07</u>	<u>31-Mar-07</u>	<u>30-Apr-07</u>	<u>31-May-07</u>	<u>30-Jun'07</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>					
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£1,275,315.43	£1,298,168.67	£1,295,772.84	£1,307,001.76	£1,317,779.19
<u>Add</u>					
Receipts	£89,650.20	£77,024.36	£69,221.83	£93,519.93	£69,237.59
	£1,364,965.63	£1,375,193.03	£1,364,994.67	£1,400,521.69	£1,387,016.78
<u>Less</u>					
Payments	(£66,796.96)	(£79,420.19)	(£57,992.91)	(£82,742.50)	(£74,206.84)
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£1,298,168.67</u>	<u>£1,295,772.84</u>	<u>£1,307,001.76</u>	<u>£1,317,779.19</u>	<u>£1,312,809.94</u>

	<u>31-Jul-07</u>	<u>31-Aug-07</u>	<u>30-Sep-07</u>	<u>31-Oct-07</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£1,312,809.94	£1,345,663.98	£1,335,815.22	£1,330,318.25
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts	£107,060.24	£88,298.68	£74,658.20	£94,728.44
	£1,419,870.18	£1,433,962.66	£1,410,473.42	£1,425,046.69
<u>Less</u>				
Payments	(£74,206.20)	(£98,147.44)	(£80,155.17)	(£85,973.70)
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£1,345,663.98</u>	<u>£1,335,815.22</u>	<u>£1,330,318.25</u>	<u>£1,339,072.99</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.556/2007**Answer to Question No.555/2007**

The Monthly Income, Expenditure and Balance of the Closed Long Term Benefits Fund as from February 2007, showing the amount from UK and Local Funds and the Expenditure to former Spanish workers and to pensioners from Local Funds is as follows:

CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>28-Feb-07</u>	<u>31-Mar-07</u>	<u>30-Apr-07</u>	<u>31-May-07</u>	<u>30-Jun-07</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>					
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£361,744.82	£362,771.76	£377,069.69	£342,817.91	£304,423.05
<u>"Local Account"</u>					
Opening Balance	£195,399.84	£239,847.90	£97,602.60	£83,637.43	£77,431.53
<u>Add</u>					
Transfers from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund	£950,000.00	£950,000.00	£1,200,000.00	£2,200,000.00	£1,800,000.00
Other Receipts	£2,909.41	£4,494.63	£3,000.57	£10,736.19	£4,035.94
	£1,148,309.25	£1,194,342.53	£1,300,603.17	£2,294,373.62	£1,881,467.47
<u>Less</u>					
Payments	(£908,461.35)	(£1,096,739.93)	(£1,216,965.74)	(£2,216,942.09)	(£1,721,041.38)
Closing Balance	£239,847.90	£97,602.60	£83,637.43	£77,431.53	£160,426.09
<u>"Spanish Account"</u>					
Opening Balance	£166,344.98	£122,923.86	£279,467.09	£259,180.48	£226,991.52
<u>Add</u>					
Receipts from DFID	£110,000.00	£1,230,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£276,344.98	£1,352,923.86	£279,467.09	£259,180.48	£226,991.52
<u>Less</u>					
Payments	(£153,421.12)	(£1,073,456.77)	(£20,286.61)	(£32,188.96)	(£31,093.86)
Closing Balance	£122,923.86	£279,467.09	£259,180.48	£226,991.52	£195,897.66
<u>Fund Account</u>					
<u>Closing Balance</u>	£362,771.76	£377,069.69	£342,817.91	£304,423.05	£356,323.75

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.556 of 2007**Cont'd Answer to Question No.555 of 2007**

The Monthly Income, Expenditure and Balance of the Closed Long Term Benefits Fund as from February 2007, showing the amount from UK and Local Funds and the Expenditure to former Spanish workers and to pensioners from Local Funds is as follows:

CLOSED LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>31-Jul-07</u>	<u>31-Aug-07</u>	<u>30-Sep-07</u>	<u>31-Oct-07</u>
<u>Fund Account -</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>£356,323.75</u>	<u>£334,682.47</u>	<u>£304,494.45</u>	<u>£712,049.76</u>
<u>"Local Account"</u>				
Opening Balance	£160,426.09	£136,507.41	£115,517.51	£534,601.89
Add				
Transfers from the				
Open Long-Term				
Benefits Fund	£1,500,000.00	£1,500,000.00	£2,000,000.00	£1,200,000.00
Other Receipts	<u>£1,162.55</u>	<u>£1,247.66</u>	<u>£1,321.15</u>	<u>£1,402.25</u>
	£1,661,588.64	£1,637,755.07	£2,116,838.66	£1,736,004.14
Less				
Payments	<u>(£1,525,081.23)</u>	<u>(£1,522,237.56)</u>	<u>(£1,582,236.77)</u>	<u>(£1,475,206.83)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£136,507.41</u>	<u>£115,517.51</u>	<u>£534,601.89</u>	<u>£260,797.31</u>
<u>"Spanish Account"</u>				
Opening Balance	£195,897.66	£198,175.06	£188,976.94	£177,447.87
Add				
Receipts from DFID	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Other Receipts	<u>£5,334.26</u>			
	£201,231.92	£198,175.06	£188,976.94	£177,447.87
Less				
Payments	<u>(£3,056.86)</u>	<u>(£9,198.12)</u>	<u>(£11,529.07)</u>	<u>(£6,351.18)</u>
Closing Balance	<u>£198,175.06</u>	<u>£188,976.94</u>	<u>£177,447.87</u>	<u>£171,096.69</u>
<u>Fund Account</u>				
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£334,682.47</u>	<u>£304,494.45</u>	<u>£712,049.76</u>	<u>£431,894.00</u>

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION No.556/2007

Answer to Question 556/2007

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

February 2007	£950,000
March 2007	£950,000
April 2007	£1,200,000
May 2007	£2,200,000
June 2007	£1,800,000
July 2007	£1,500,000
August 2007	£1,500,000
September 2007	£2,000,000
October 2007	£1,200,000
	<u>£13,300,000</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 552 TO 556 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

In relation to the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund, there is for the month of March 2007 a payment of £370,000 which appears to be an extraordinary payment or a high payment, can the Government account for that please?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes, the hon Member is correct. The answer that I have been given for that particular jump is that being March, which is the end of the financial year, there is a payment to the GHA for the cost of the GHA in relation to the Employment Injuries Insurance Fund, and that is normally what tends to happen every year at the end of March.

ORAL

NO. 557 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

DISABLEMENT BENEFIT

Can Government say how many persons applied for Disablement Benefit and how many it was paid to in each month of 2006 and 2007 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 558 to 562 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 558 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

DEATH GRANT

Can Government say how many persons applied for a Death Grant and how many persons received the grant in each month of 2006 and 2007 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 557 and 559 to 562 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 559 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

INJURY BENEFIT

Can Government say how many persons applied for Injury Benefit and how many it was paid to in each month of 2006 and 2007 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 557, 558 and 560 to 562 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 560 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

MATERNITY GRANT

Can Government say how many persons applied for a Maternity Grant and how many persons received the grant in each month of 2006 and each month up to November of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 557 to 559, 561 and 562 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 561 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

Can Government say how many persons applied for Unemployment Benefit and how many persons received this benefit in each month of 2006 and 2007 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 557 to 560 and 562 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 562 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

INDUSTRIAL DEATH BENEFIT

Can Government say how many persons applied for Industrial Death Benefit and how many it was paid to in each month of 2006 and 2007 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I will now hand the hon Member lists giving the information requested. Can I also point out to him that I would like to explain that whilst the tables show a column for applications received and another for approved, these approved correspond to the claims of the month although the payment may have been paid in subsequent months.

Answer to Question No.562/2007

No applications have been made for Industrial Death Benefit from January 2006 to date.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.562/2007

Answer to Question No.557/2007

Applications for Disablement Benefit for each month of 2006 and 2007 and numbers approved for payment.

2006	Applications received	Approved
January	0	0
February	1	1
March	1	1
April	1	1
May	1	1
June	0	0
July	3	3
August	1	1
September	0	0
October	1	1
November	0	0
December	0	0

2007	Applications received	Approved
January	1	1
February	2	2
March	3	3
April	1	1
May	1	1
June	0	0
July	1	1
August	3	3
September	1	1
October	1	1
November	2	0

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.562/2007

Answer to Question No.558/2007

Applications for Death Grant for each month of 2006 and 2007 and numbers approved for payment.

2006	Applications Received	Approved
January	17	17
February	18	18
March	29	29
April	25	25
May	25	25
June	21	21
July	23	23
August	27	27
September	21	21
October	20	20
November	19	19
December	16	16

2007	Applications received	Approved
January	23	23
February	20	20
March	15	15
April	21	21
May	12	12
June	11	11
July	16	16
August	17	17
September	10	10
October	29	28
27 November	13	13

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.562/2007

Answer to Question No.559/2007

Applications for Injury Benefit for each month of 2006 and 2007 and numbers approved for payment.

2006	Applications Received	Approved
January	31	31
February	24	24
March	25	25
April	16	15
May	34	34
June	25	25
July	26	25
August	33	33
September	41	41
October	39	39
November	31	31
December	25	25

2007	Applications Received	Approved
January	23	23
February	32	31
March	35	35
April	28	28
May	28	28
June	37	37
July	37	37
August	26	26
September	27	27
October	15	15
November	27	27

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.562/2007

Answer to Question No.560/2007

Applications for Maternity Grant for each month of 2006 and 2007 and numbers approved for payment.

2006	Applications Received	Approved
January	18	14
February	24	20
March	27	25
April	11	8
May	19	14
June	15	12
July	35	35
August	44	42
September	33	29
October	34	31
November	33	29
December	21	18

2007	Applications Received	Approved
January	35	34
February	25	22
March	38	37
April	24	23
May	42	40
June	31	29
July	33	33
August	32	28
September	25	23
October	34	27
November	28	14

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.562/2007

Answer to Question No.561/2007

Applications for Unemployment Benefit for each month of 2006 and 2007 and numbers approved for payment.

2006	Applications Received	Approved
January	49	42
February	28	24
March	49	49
April	25	23
May	48	40
June	48	45
July	53	48
August	56	52
September	44	41
October	50	44
November	42	37
December	38	36

2007	Applications Received	Approved
January	47	43
February	30	28
March	63	61
April	56	53
May	34	30
June	37	35
July	41	38
August	42	39
September	35	35
October	47	45
November	56	54

ORAL

NO. 563 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Can Government state what was the number of persons receiving social assistance, to date, as from February 2007 giving a monthly breakdown by age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 564 and 565 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 564 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Can Government state how many persons receiving social assistance, to date, as from February 2007, have been employed since, and how many are still receiving social assistance, giving a monthly breakdown by age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 563 and 565 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 565 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

DISABILITY ALLOWANCE

Can Government state how many persons were in receipt of a disability allowance under the social assistance arrangements as from February 2007, to date, giving a monthly breakdown of their age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.565/2007

Answer to Question No.563/2007

**PERSONS RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MONTHS OF
FEBRUARY TO NOVEMBER 2007 BY MONTH, SEX AND AGE**

2007	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
Feb-07	174	298	472	63	152	116	141
Mar-07	166	299	465	64	148	111	142
Apr-07	173	303	476	69	150	112	145
May-07	169	299	468	66	145	111	146
Jun-07	168	301	469	67	143	112	147
Jul-07	162	298	460	60	145	111	144
Aug-07	170	299	469	63	145	113	148
Sept-07	162	292	454	57	139	115	143
Oct-07	161	295	456	61	134	117	144
Nov-07	155	299	454	60	135	116	143

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO.565/2007

Answer to Question No.564/2007

**PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MONTHS OF
FEBRUARY TO NOVEMBER 2007**

MONTHS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
Feb-07	174	298	472	63	152	116	141
Mar-07	166	299	465	64	148	111	142
Apr-07	173	303	476	69	150	112	145
May-07	169	299	468	66	145	111	146
Jun-07	168	301	469	67	143	112	147
Jul-07	162	298	460	60	145	111	144
Aug-07	170	299	469	63	145	113	148
Sept-07	162	292	454	57	139	115	143
Oct-07	161	295	456	61	134	117	144
Nov-07	155	299	454	60	135	116	143

**PERSONS EMPLOYED DURING THE MONTHS OF FEBRUARY TO
NOVEMBER 2007**

MONTHS	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
Feb-07	4	0	4	0	1	3	0
Mar-07	10	6	16	5	5	4	2
Apr-07	2	0	2	0	1	0	1
May-07	7	6	13	6	3	1	3
Jun-07	6	2	8	3	5	0	0
Jul-07	6	5	11	4	2	4	1
Aug-07	1	1	2	1	1	0	0
Sept-07	3	3	6	2	3	0	1
Oct-07	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
Nov-07	4	0	4	1	1	1	1

AS AT	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
29-Nov-07	161	305	466	65	136	117	148

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 565/ 2007

Answer to Question No.565/2007

Persons receiving disability allowance under the social assistance arrangements as from February 2007, to November 2007 giving a monthly breakdown of their age and sex.

MONTHS	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES
Feb-07	29	23	26	15	17	11	3	124	84	40
Mar-07	29	23	26	15	17	11	3	124	84	40
Apr-07	28	23	26	15	17	11	3	123	83	40
May-07	27	24	26	15	17	11	3	123	83	40
June-07	27	23	26	16	16	12	3	123	83	40
July-07	26	23	26	15	17	12	3	122	82	40
Aug-07	25	24	26	15	17	11	4	122	82	40
Sept-07	26	24	28	15	16	12	4	125	84	41
Oct-07	26	24	27	16	16	12	4	125	84	41
Nov-07	26	24	27	16	16	12	4	125	84	41

NO. 566 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – REFURBISHMENT OF DWELLINGS

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

There are currently 25 properties in the hands of Buildings and Works for refurbishment.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 566 OF 2007

HON C A BRUZON:

Did the Minister say 25?

HON F J VINET:

That is correct.

HON C A BRUZON:

Would this indicate that these 25 dwellings would go immediately to the Housing Allocation Committee for allocation to people on the waiting list?

HON F J VINET:

Yes, that is the normal practice.

NO. 567 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ROSIA HOUSE

Can Government state the length of time that the scaffolding at Rosia House has been in place and what is the expense, to date, incurred for this by Government?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The scaffolding at Rosia House has been in place for approximately eight months at no expense to Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 567 OF 2007

HON C A BRUZON:

I assume then that it is Government that is actually responsible for the scaffolding, there is no private contractor involved?

HON F J VINET:

There was a private contractor involved and completion of the works at Rosia House happened way back in November 2004. There were some additional works to be done which are being carried out by the contractor at no expense to Government. No expense in terms of the work itself or, indeed, of the scaffolding.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is the scaffolding then the property of the Government or the property of the contractor?

HON F J VINET:

The information that I have before me is that the scaffolding belongs to the contractor itself.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is there a higher charge for that scaffolding included in the contract price of the works or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Usually yes, the quoted price for a building contract includes all expenses including scaffolding expenses, but that expense is no longer running for the account of the Government. It is running for the account of the contractor itself. In the original contract, part of the build-up of the contractor's quote would have been for the cost of scaffolding.

ORAL

NO. 568 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households were on full rent relief, to date, as from February 2007, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 569 to 572 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 569 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have applied for rent relief, to date, since February 2007, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 568 and 570 to 572 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 570 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have received rent relief, to date, as from February 2007, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 568, 569, 571 and 572 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 571 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have had the level of rent relief reduced, to date, as from February 2007, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 568 to 570 and 572 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 572 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households on rent relief have had this benefit terminated, to date, as from February 2007, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 572 of 2007**Answer to Question 568**

The number of households that were on full Rent Relief, to date, as from February 2007, is as follows:

February 2007	44
March 2007	43
April 2007	46
May 2007	41
June 2007	42
July 2007	35
August 2007	35
September 2007	33
October 2007	35
November 2007	32

Answer to Question 569

The number of households that have applied for Rent Relief, to date, since February 2007, is as follows:

February 2007	5
March 2007	10
April 2007	7
May 2007	5
June 2007	0
July 2007	1
August 2007	9
September 2007	5
October 2007	3
November 2007	4

Answer to Question 570

The number of households that have received Rent Relief, to date, as from February 2007, is as follows:

February 2007	665
March 2007	652
April 2007	672
May 2007	653
June 2007	665
July 2007	656
August 2007	656
September 2007	647
October 2007	646
November 2007	635

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Contd Answer to Question 572**Answer to Question 571**

The number of households that have had the level of Rent Relief reduced, to date, as from February 2007, is as follows:

February 2007	45
March 2007	49
April 2007	106
May 2007	203
June 2007	352
July 2007	360
August 2007	347
September 2007	323
October 2007	23
November 2007	15

Answer to Question 572

The number of households, on Rent Relief, that have had this benefit terminated, to date, as from February 2007, is as follows:

February 2007	20
March 2007	14
April 2007	19
May 2007	25
June 2007	11
July 2007	14
August 2007	11
September 2007	11
October 2007	13
November 2007	9

ORAL

NO. 573 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, to date, as from February 2007 giving a monthly breakdown, and what is the total of arrears covered by such agreements?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 573 of 2007

The number of tenants that have entered into agreements to pay arrears as from February 2007, and the amount of arrears covered by such agreements is as follows:

Month	No. of Tenants entering Agreements	Amount
February	15	£21,070.71
March	17	£32,486.60
April	9	£26,442.61
May	8	£13,903.75
June	13	£31,159.28
July	9	£21,252.84
August	6	£6,418.55
September	Nil	Nil
October	3	£3,805.53
November (to date)	16	£37,040.31
TOTAL	<u>96</u>	<u>£193,580.18</u>

ORAL

NO. 574 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 21 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

A total of 17 pre-war housing units have been allocated, to date, since the answer given to Question 21 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 575 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 22 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Two flats have been repossessed in the time period mentioned.

ORAL

NO. 576 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – SOCIAL CATEGORY “A” LIST

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 577 and 578 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 577 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – SOCIAL CATEGORY “A” LIST

With reference to persons currently on the Housing Social Category ‘A’ List, can Government provide the dates when each of these people joined the list?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 576 and 578 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 578 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – POST-WAR FLATS (SOCIAL CASES)

Can Government state how many post-war housing units have been allocated to social cases as from February 2007, providing a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 578 of 2007**Answer to Question 576**

There are currently 79 persons on the Social Category 'A' List.

Answer to Question 577

The persons currently on the Housing Social Category 'A' List and the dates when each of these people joined the list is as follows:

Month and Year	Number
11/2003	1
12/2003	1
03/2004	1
04/2004	1
07/2004	1
09/2004	4
03/2005	1
04/2005	2
05/2005	1
06/2005	1
07/2005	1
09/2005	2
10/2005	2
11/2005	1
12/2005	2
02/2006	4
03/2006	2
04/2006	2

Month and Year	Number
06/2006	4
08/2006	2
09/2006	2
10/2006	2
11/2006	1
12/2006	4
01/2007	3
02/2007	2
03/2007	2
04/2007	4
05/2007	1
06/2007	3
07/2007	2
08/2007	3
09/2007	5
10/2007	3
11/2007	6

Answer to Question 578

A total of nine post-war housing units have been allocated to social cases since February 2007. The breakdown by month is as follows:

February	-	1
March	-	1
May	-	1
July	-	1
September	-	3
November to date	-	2

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 578 OF 2007

HON C A BRUZON:

I notice that there are some here that have been on the Social Category 'A' List since 2003 and some since 2004 and 2005. Is this an indication that Government have not been able to provide the necessary help regarding housing for these people?

HON F J VINET:

Yes, the fact is that there are certain instances where it is more difficult to actually meet the requirements of a particular applicant. For example, if the flat needed is of a bigger size and there are not any of that size available, then of course there is a greater time period required in order to meet the demands or needs of a particular applicant.

ORAL

NO. 579 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – PERSONS MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED

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. 580 and 581 of 2007.

NO. 580 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LIST (MEDICAL)

Can Government state how many applicants, 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. 579 and 581 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 581 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LIST (MEDICAL)

With reference to persons currently on the Housing Medical Lists A+, A, B and C, can Government provide the number of applicants on each list grouped by date of joining the list?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 581 of 2007

Answer to Question 579

There are 52 applicants on the Housing Waiting List, to date, who are medically recommended. The breakdown of their medical category is as follows:

A+	-	Nil
A	-	13
B	-	21
C	-	18

Answer to Question 580

There are 170 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+	-	22
A	-	48
B	-	43
C	-	57

Answer to Question 581

The number of persons currently on the Medical Lists A+, A, B and C is as follows:

A+	-	22
A	-	61
B	-	64
C	-	78

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Contd Answer to Question 581 of 2007

The grouping by dates is as follows:

Month and Year	A+	A	B	C
12/1994				1
09/1995			1	
01/1996			1	1
01/1997				1
03/1997		1		
07/1997				1
11/1997			1	1
01/1998			2	1
02/1998			2	
03/1998				2
04/1998			1	1
10/1998				3
11/1998				5
01/1999				2
03/1999		1		3
05/1999			1	5
06/1999				3
07/1999			2	
11/1999			3	
05/2000				2
10/2000			1	1
11/2000			2	2
03/2001		1		4
05/2001				1
09/2001		3		
11/2001		2	2	
12/2001			2	
04/2002			1	
10/2002		1		
12/2002			1	
01/2003		2		
02/2003		1		
05/2003		1		
06/2003		3		
08/2003		1	2	2
09/2003				1
11/2003		1		

Month and Year	A+	A	B	C
01/2004				1
03/2004		4	1	
08/2004			2	2
09/2004			2	1
10/2004		1	1	2
12/2004		2		
02/2005		1	3	1
03/2005		1	2	
04/2005		1	1	1
06/2005		1		2
07/2005			1	1
09/2005			1	
10/2005		1	4	
11/2005	1	1	2	3
12/2005		2	1	1
01/2006				1
03/2006		3	3	1
04/2006	1	3	1	4
05/2006		1		2
06/2006				2
08/2006	2	2	1	2
09/2006	1	4	2	2
10/2006	2	1		1
11/2006		1		1
12/2006			1	
01/2007	1	1	1	
02/2007	1	1	3	1
03/2007	3			1
04/2007		1		
06/2007		2	5	1
07/2007	3	2		
09/2007	3	3	1	1
10/2007	4	3		

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 581 OF 2007

HON C A BRUZON:

I was under the impression, particularly individuals applying for housing who were medically categorised 'A', they would not have to wait for more than a year or two. I see that there is one here since 1997 who is waiting for a house and is medically categorised 'A', there is another waiting since 1999, another one since 2001, there are three a little later in 2001 and so forth, there are quite a few and I am shocked at these statistics.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the nature of the statistics have not varied very much for several years. They are no less or more shocking now than they have been during the last few years. Let me say that I personally happen to agree with the hon Member, we have a system of a Housing Waiting List, on which we then encrust other lists which are supposedly more urgent – Social, Medical 'A', 'B', 'C', - these have themselves become waiting lists. The only way to address those is to always give priority to people on the medical lists or on the social lists. That would mean that nobody on the normal list would ever get a house, because people come on the special lists, if I could call them that, at a faster rate than the Government gets houses for allocation. So what happens is that there are some occasions in which houses are pushed through to the special lists and other occasions in which they are used to service the requirements of the normal list. But I happen to agree, and it is reflected in our manifesto and indeed in a statement that I recently made public, which is reflected in a local magazine that interviewed me, that the Government intend to address this. We intend to reform the system of allocation of housing to make it more needs based and less simple waiting list based. Waiting lists reflect primarily the length of time that one has been waiting. It does not necessarily reflect the urgency of one's need. But, of course, that requires a whole new approach and a whole new debate about the way that the Government provide housing. One cannot on the one hand say to the Government, "people on the medical lists and on the social lists should be given immediate priority", and then come back and say, "why do the normal lists not move more quickly?" Because the two demands, whilst there is not more supply, obviously everything could be resolved by having greater amounts of supply and the new housing estate eliminates all of these lists. But going forward I think that there is a need for housing provision for the future to be much more targeted at those people genuinely in need, and less to those who happen to be on the list but who may well be able to afford to provide their own housing or to buy, or to provide themselves with affordable housing on a co-ownership scheme. That is something that the Government are working on, I cannot tell the hon Member when we shall be in a position to publish our ideas on that, for consultation first and then for debate in this House but, certainly, the Government intend to focus these things and not necessarily just in housing. Much more on a needs and urgency basis than on a list basis.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it not the case that the last reform they carried out to the system was in fact diametrically opposite to the one that he is explaining now? It moved away from needs based and gave more priority to the waiting time.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Not diametrically opposed, what we were doing then was not reforming the system in the sense of changing the system. We were improving the existing system so that it should work more as the designers intended it. In other words, there were people who were constantly slipping down the list because points were being earned, in circumstances some of them deserving and others self-inflicted, which were causing other people who also felt that their case was genuine, to slip down the list. What we did was that we arrested that situation so for the time being the existing system is working not in the way that I have been just describing. In other words, the enhanced waiting points that we introduced with our last set of reforms, had the effect of continuing to premium waiting. Therefore, it was still the old-fashioned waiting list system with an attempt made to re-arm the waiting element at the expense of some of the other non-waiting element, which is the point that the hon Member is making. I am not describing a system of tinkering, I am describing a debate of moving away altogether from a simple waiting list system to one in which there is some sort of mechanism by which houses can genuinely be awarded to people who are in most, financial, social need of housing and urgency, rather than a waiting list as such. There will always have to be some sort of waiting list because people have to wait somewhere, in a list or somewhere else. But the focus, and it may not be a points system, it may be a system based on something other than the accumulation of points, but the idea is to move completely to a new system of housing allocation and not to tinker with the existing system to make it more or less waited in favour of waiting or other social considerations. For example, the merger of the lists. Why have different lists if being on the medical list, in fact, does not mean very much in practice? All of these issues are going to be reviewed. This is not legislation that is suddenly going to appear, this is something which hopefully we will be able to make so radical that it will require a White Paper and a debate in consultation with outside bodies. Then, of course, plenty of lead-in time for the hon Members to consider on both sides of the House and to debate. But it is very much on our agenda of social change for the next couple of years.

ORAL

NO. 582 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 15 of 2007, how many applicants had overcrowding points disallowed because other people who had sold their homes moved in with them?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 583 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 583 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 16 of 2007, how many applicants were allowed points for overcrowding when other people who had sold their homes moved in with them?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answer to Question 582 of 2007

None.

Answer to Question 583 of 2007

In March 2007, one applicant was allowed overcrowding points.

ORAL

NO. 584 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LIST

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 585 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 585 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – PRE-LIST

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 585 of 2007

Answer to Question 584

There are 672 applicants currently on the Housing Waiting List. The breakdown of their flat requirement is as follows:

1RKB	-	322
2RKB	-	49
3RKB	-	183
4RKB	-	108
5RKB	-	9
6RKB	-	1

Answer to Question 585

There are currently 397 applicants on the pre-list. The breakdown of their flat requirement is as follows:

1RKB	-	270
2RKB	-	12
3RKB	-	80
4RKB	-	33
5RKB	-	2

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 584 AND 585 OF 2007

HON C A BRUZON:

I notice that there are 672 applicants on the housing waiting list proper and 397 applicants on the pre-list. Am I right in assuming that purchasers of affordable housing have therefore not been taken off the list if they still occupy Government housing?

HON F J VINET:

I am afraid I will have to look into that, I am not entirely sure whether they are automatically removed from the list or they remain in the list until they move.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I would guess that they are removed. I think it is pretty safe to assume that they are removed but we just want to check that that is so.

ORAL

NO. 586 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – APPLICATIONS REJECTED

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 the answer to Question 11 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 587 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 587 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED

Can Government state how many applicants for housing were accepted because in the judgement of the Housing Allocation Committee the sale was necessary, giving a breakdown by month since the answer given to Question 12 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 587 of 2007

Answer to Question 586

A total of three applicants for housing were rejected. The breakdown by month is as follows:

March 2007	-	1
June 2007	-	1
September 2007	-	1

Answer to Question 587

A total of 23 applicants for housing were accepted because in the judgement of the Housing Allocation Committee the sale was genuinely necessary, since the answer given to Question 12 of 2007. The monthly breakdown is as follows:

February	-	1
March	-	5
April	-	4
May	-	1
June	-	4
July	-	3
August	-	1
September	-	2
October	-	Nil
November	-	2

NO. 588 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – TENANTS REQUIRING WORK TO HOMES

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

There are currently 887 tenants awaiting work to be done by Buildings and Works.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 588 OF 2007

HON C A BRUZON:

I understand from people who speak to me and come to see me that there are some elderly people experiencing problems of severe dampness within their homes. Can the Minister give Parliament a commitment for his staff to look into these cases so that these problems, particularly of the elderly, may be resolved as soon as possible?

HON F J VINET:

The officials at the Housing Department already do precisely that as a matter of course. The hon Member may be aware that in answer to a similar question last year, the number of tenants was in fact close to 2,200, earlier this year the number went down to 1,381 and now the number has gone down even further to 887. So, these issues are being addressed very actively if I may say so.

HON C A BRUZON:

What I would like the Minister to assure me is that in the case of elderly people, I remember I had a case where a lady came to see me who lives in Laguna Estate and she wanted me to write to the Minister urging him to move her to another home because the lock of her window on the ground floor did not work. So all it required was that this elderly person should have been looked after properly. Maybe the Minister as responsible for the department should ensure that in the case of elderly people maybe priority should be given. This is the point I am trying to make.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, we can see that that is the point that he is trying to make. But the reality is that there are also young families with young children, who also have needs. Therefore, elderly people worthy as they are of rapid intervention, are not the only category of tenant worthy of rapid intervention. Therefore, management and staff grapple with the resources that they have. I think that there is a good news story here, the figures are falling considerably, the productivity in the department is greatly improved, it is better organised. What I cannot give the hon Member is a Parliamentary commitment that we are going to erect some sort of system where age alone determines the order in which works get done in homes. There is a priority of urgency of work which may not be age sensitive, it may raise other sensitivities and therefore it is not possible to institutionalise the system that the hon Member is so eloquently recommending to the Government.

HON C A BRUZON:

I was going to mention young mums with young children as well.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can Government state how that priority is determined or is it simply a question of the time that flat has been pending?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, there is not a formal system of priority. The system is that one goes on a list but management exercises some discretion and when they see a particular case which may involve an elderly person, or may involve a younger person, that is worthy because of urgency or because of danger, or because it might be a family with a member of the family with bronchitis or with some medical ailment that the dampness exacerbates, management quite sensibly and sensitively take it upon themselves to prioritise the matter. I think that is the right level and I do not think the right system is that Ministers should decide what the prioritisation should be. It is exercised on the basis of discretion at a management level. We think that that is the proper system, however, if there was evidence that that discretion was being abused by management in favour of people other than those that really needed priority, for which we have no evidence, but if that were the case that would be something, that would be a systemic failure in which Ministers would be obliged to take an interest and indeed should intervene.

HON S E LINARES:

In the application, when something goes wrong in a house, to the Buildings and Works, in the application itself does one actually notify any illnesses or anything of the sort in order to make management aware that there is a certain priority?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I understand there is no application as such. The notification is a good deal less formal than that, in very many cases it is just a phone call and gets logged. So the answer probably is that there is no system which would result in that sort of information being recorded.

ORAL

NO. 589 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ANONYMOUS PHONE CALLS

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

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

and provide a breakdown as from February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 589 of 2007

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

- A: 102 phone calls have been received
- B: 56 were found to be correct.

A breakdown as from February 2007 is as follows:

Month	Calls	Correct	Incorrect
February	5	2	3
March	2	0	2
April	2	0	2
May	5	0	5
June	0	0	0
July	1	0	1
August	0	0	0
September	5	2	3
October	3	3	0
November to date	1	1	0
TOTAL	24	8	16

NO. 590 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – AIRLINES

Can Government say with how many airlines interested in flying to and from Gibraltar they are currently now in contact?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Government is in contact with six airlines interested in flying to Gibraltar.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 590 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say how many of those airlines are British airlines?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

At least two, possibly three, it is not immediately clear from the notes.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I remember discussing this issue with the Hon Mr Holliday and he mentioned FlyBe and EasyJet, I think, at that time, are those two of the six airlines that the Minister has mentioned?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am not going to go into the names of airlines at this moment in time.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Those were there before and they were mentioned by the Minister in the House. In relation to the routes not the airlines themselves, can the Minister say whether they will open routes to countries that are not presently served by Gibraltar Airport?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Two points, first we are on the grounds of hypotheses and, secondly, I do not see what the number of airlines is linked directly to where the routes fly to but I bow to Mr Speaker's ruling.

MR SPEAKER:

It is a connected matter airlines fly from routes.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Well then if it is, I am not prepared to attend to that sort of detail at this moment in time.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I do not want any details of the routes, all I am asking for is whether a country that is not served, and really what I am trying to establish is whether any of these will have flights between Gibraltar and Morocco?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

On the basis that this is a new Ministerial responsibility that I have, and on the basis that I myself have not yet established contact directly with the airlines concerned, I am not prepared to discuss at this stage matters of which I am not either fully briefed or fully aware of what the details are. At a later stage when I am I will be prepared to discuss with the hon Member.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I accept that the Minister may still need to be updated on what was going on before October, that is not in dispute, but information was provided in January of this year then, surely, at least he can tell us whether what was being said in January is still the case or not the case. Surely that much we all know in the House, what was said in January because he was sitting here when it was said. If somebody told us in January that a particular airline was in talks, I think it is legitimate to ask the Minister now if that airline is still in the running or not.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There is no running, the Government do not set about the provision of air services to Gibraltar. The Government entertain enquiries, expressions of interest, tentative testing of the temperature by airlines, who then provide the route or not, depending on whether they think it is in their commercial interest to do so. The difficulty that the Government get into precisely stems from giving Opposition Members too much information about things that are in the pipeline, that may or may not happen, negotiations that may or may not come to a satisfactory conclusion and if this is going to be a source of difficulty to the Government, then we shall stop providing that

information, as we are entitled not to provide that information. It used to be systemic in earlier years that the Government always used to decline to comment on things that were under negotiation for fear of prejudicing the negotiation. We can revert to that well trodden formula in this House if Opposition Members want. We choose not to do it and to give the hon Members as much information as we feel we can, without either prejudicing the negotiation, giving too much information to other airlines about other airlines that are negotiating or not negotiating, or even showing an interest. The hon Members have got to understand that the Government tread a fine line, not just in terms of their own political interests, in terms of the use that the hon Members then make of negotiations that never came to fruition about which they might never have known, but the airlines themselves may modify the level of interest that they have in coming to Gibraltar if they think there are too many other airlines about to come into Gibraltar. We have got to balance these things out. Now, I suppose that there is much that the Minister may be willing to tell the hon Member privately, in exchange of correspondence or in a conversation, that he may not be able when he is briefed up to do it, neither of which is the case right now for the reasons which he has explained. Much that he would be willing to tell the hon Member privately and not across the floor of this House in that respect. This is not about keeping the information from the hon Member, it is about not putting it in the public domain at a time when it is not in anybody's interest to do so.

HON J J BOSSANO:

First of all, if the Chief Minister does not like me using the word "running" then if the airline that in January was sniffing, enquiring, showing an interest or in remote contact is still there or not, is something that is a supplementary to information that was already in the public domain. All that I am saying is, why is it not possible to tell us if the airline that was there showing an interest in January is still one of the six showing an interest or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

What was the name of the airline?

HON DR J J GARCIA:

FlyBe.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is not on the list in front of my hon Colleague.

NO. 591 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – OCCURRENCE REPORTS

How many mandatory occurrence reports have been raised in relation to incidents at Gibraltar Airport in 2007 to date, with a breakdown giving the date of the incident, the name of the airline and aircraft involved, and a short description of each case?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question No. 592 of 2007.

NO. 592 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – OCCURRENCE REPORTS

Can Government say whether any action has been taken as a consequence of mandatory occurrence reports into incidents at Gibraltar Airport in 2007?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is in the schedule which I now hand to him. I would like to add, just on a cautionary note, that the Government do not have any responsibility for preparing these mandatory reports. Information has been provided to us by the MoD. I say that purely as a caution because if in future the information is not available, it is not because the Government do not want to provide it but because it may not have been made available to the Government.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 592

Date	Airline/Aircraft	Details of Incident	Action Taken	Status
04/01/07	Monarch/B757	Vehicle entered runway without clearance whilst aircraft was taxiing.	Driver re-briefed on airfield driving procedures	Closed
27/01/07	Iberia/A318	Aircraft experienced bird strike after take-off. Aircraft diverted to Malaga for inspection.	None	Closed
18/04/07	GB Airways/A320	Gibraltar's primary radar failed as aircraft was being vectored for approach. Aircraft continued his approach visually.	Review of power supplies initiated. Reconfiguration of power supplies completed and no failures recorded since	Closed
20/04/07	Monarch/A320	Road barrier and traffic light system failed resulting in aircraft having to go round.	Review of the reliability of the system undertaken.	Open
15/08/07	Private/Cessna 172	Aircraft became lost and landed at Gibraltar without radio contact.	Explanation requested from the pilot who explained that weather and passenger sickness had affected his navigation.	Closed
13/06/07	N/A	Passenger found walking on the apron without permission.	Passenger was detained by terminal security who confirmed that no illegal intent was present and security procedures were reviewed.	Closed
24/06/07	GB Airways/A320	Bird strike on departure, aircraft continued flight to Madrid where slight damage to nose cone was discovered.	Review of bird control procedures initiated	Open
12/07/07	GB Airways/A320	Bird strike on departure. No damage reported.	As above	Open

CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 592

Date	Airline/Aircraft	Details of Incident	Action Taken	Status
18/07/07	GB Airways/A320	Bird strike on departure, aircraft continued flight and no damage reported	As above	Open
19/07/07	GB Airways/A320	Bird strike on landing, some damage to engines discovered.	As above	Open
25/07/07	Hanseatic Aviation/Cessna 551	Aircraft suffered radio failure on approach.	Report from pilot still awaited.	Open
27/07/07	N/A	Airfield weeding party did not conform to agreed procedures.	Weeding party re-briefed and now conforming to airfield procedures	Closed
03/08/07	GB Airways/A320	Oil tanker anchored within restricted approach area of runway. Aircraft Captain advised and elected to continue approach.	Harbour master advised	Closed
26/08/07	TAG Aviation/LJ60	Wingtip clearance appeared unsafe whilst aircraft was parking.	Marshalling procedures reviewed.	Open
29/08/07	NetJets/H25A	Marshalling instructions appeared unsafe to the Air Traffic Controller	As above	Open
01/09/07	N/A	Interruption to ATC radios by engineering works.	Co-ordination review initiated.	Open
04/09/07	NetJets/F2TH	Marshalling instructions appeared unsafe to the Air Traffic Controller	Marshalling procedures reviewed.	Open
11/09/07	GB Airways/A319	Evidence of bird strike found after landing. No damage reported.	Review of bird control procedures initiated	Open

COND ANSWER TO QUESTION 592

Date	Airline/Aircraft	Details of incident	Action Taken	Status
21/09/07	GB Airways/A320	Bomb threat received by Royal Gibraltar Police	Aircraft searched by sniffer dogs and nothing found	Closed
30/09/07	N/A	Failure to carry out correct controller handover procedure	Controller suspended from duty. Disciplinary investigation in progress	Open
13/10/07	GB Airways/A320	Evidence of bird strike on parked aircraft. No damage	Review of bird control procedures initiated	Open
19/10/07	GB Airways/A320	Bird strike on take-off, flight continued. No damage	Review of bird control procedures initiated	Open
30/10/07	Monarch/A320	Aircraft entered runway without clearance	Fault admitted by aircraft crew. Review of taxiway marking initiated	Open

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS 591 TO 592 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

When the incidents relate to civil aircraft, are the Government involved or informed by the MoD?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I understand it is not so, unless the Government were to request the information. My understanding is that up to now that information has neither been requested nor made available. But this is the first time that this has been requested, simply because the parties concerned do not involve the Government. They are the parties primarily concerned in the incident. There is one incident which aroused public interest, where of course the Government were concerned, and that is the incident at the top of the list on the last page regarding a bomb threat. But all the rest are incidents on the runway itself or in the air for which there is no direct Government involvement.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can I just clarify what the Minister said? The Government then are not routinely informed or do not routinely ask for this kind of information from the RAF, is that correct?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is my understanding, that the Government have not in the past asked for this information.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Government explain why that is the case? If there is an incident involving airlines in Gibraltar, should the Government not be interested and routinely ask for reports on that incident?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government operate within the bounds of their constitutional responsibilities, which until very few weeks ago, did not include aviation. Indeed, it does not yet include aviation in a statutory sense but I am happy to say to this House that legislation is in the pipeline and imminent that will make the Government of Gibraltar responsible for aviation matters. At that point, these incidents will actually be reported to the Government not to the MoD as airfield operator. So hitherto, the Government's linkage with anything to do with aviation has been limited to managing the terminal, which is why we have an interest in incidents that affect the terminal, and in the sort of things that the Hon Dr Garcia questioned us about which is the commercial, civilian services to Gibraltar. But Gibraltar has historically never had any responsibility, or even role never mind responsibility, for the operation of the airfield

and its safe operation, which is, given that it is a military airfield, the MoD is the aerodrome licensed operator and it regards it as its exclusive responsibility, which until very recently it has guarded very jealously indeed. Now, this is an area which we are now about to take a very big step forward and I hope the House will welcome it, I know they wish to reserve their judgement until they see the legislation, but in principle, it represents another area of advancement for Gibraltar and its Government and people.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Would that also include the provision of the equivalent of a civil aviation authority in terms of applications to fly that route? For example, places like Bermuda have had it for a very long time.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I would ask the hon Member not to make me pre-empt legislation that has yet not been consulted about, has yet not been published and therefore is hypothetical to that sense. The legislation is at a very advanced stage of drafting, it is not that this is a project that is very early down the pipeline. It is quite a long way down the pipeline but I would not wish to say publicly more than I should at this stage. I will simply advance to the hon Member that it does include the establishment of a Director of Civil Aviation.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

There is a slight discrepancy, I know these figures have not come from the Minister. When this question was asked in the House of Lords two months ago, the answer there was that there were six, in the past six months there were seven occurrences. Seven occurrences of incidents at the airport. This seems to suggest there were over 20 in the same period. Can the Minister throw any light on this?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, Mr Speaker.

NO. 593 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – MADRID FLIGHT

What was the total number of passengers carried by airlines on the Gibraltar/Madrid route, showing inward and outward bound on a monthly basis since February 2007 inclusive, with a breakdown by airline?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 594 to 598.

ORAL

NO. 594 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – MADRID FLIGHT

Can Government say how many arriving passengers on the flights from Madrid to Gibraltar boarded the bus to La Linea after landing here on a monthly basis from February 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 593 and 595 to 598 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 595 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – 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 on a monthly basis from February 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 593 and 594 and 596 to 598 of 2007.

NO. 596 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – MADRID FLIGHT

Can Government say, of the passengers who arrived in Gibraltar by air from Madrid since February 2007 to date, on a monthly basis, how many were deemed to be in transit through Gibraltar and how many stayed in Gibraltar?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 593 to 595 and 597 to 598 of 2007.

NO. 597 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – DELAYED DEPARTURES

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) London Gatwick;
- (b) London Luton;
- (c) Madrid,

from February 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 593 to 596 and 598 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 598 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – TIMETABLED AND CANCELLED FLIGHTS

How many flights between Gibraltar and the following airports were timetabled and how many were cancelled on a monthly basis to or from:

- (a) London Gatwick;
- (b) London Luton;
- (c) Madrid,

since February 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

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

ContdAnswer to Question 598 of 2007**Answer to Question 593**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Iberia Outward</u>	<u>Iberia Inward</u>	<u>GB Outward</u>	<u>GB Inward</u>
Feb 2007	2197	2140	-	-
March 2007	2316	2574	-	-
April 2007	2608	2585	-	-
May 2007	2468	2335	2385	2118
June 2007	2313	2185	2238	2147
July 2007	2298	2768	1902	1846
August 2007	2699	2646	2039	2006
Sept 2007	2409	1913	2021	1936
Oct 2007	2068	1974	-	-
Nov 2007	597	460	-	-
Up to 26 Nov 2007				

Answer to Question 594

<u>Month</u>	<u>Iberia Arrivals</u>		<u>GB Airways Arrivals</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>By Bus</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>By Bus</u>
February 2007	2140	404	-	-
March 2007	2574	286	-	-
April 2007	2585	323	-	-
May 2007	2335	234	2118	68
June 2007	2185	151	2147	157
July 2007	2768	150	1846	72
Aug 2007	2646	147	2006	84
Sept 2007	1913	125	1936	120
Oct 2007	1974	81	-	-
Nov 2007	460	13	-	-
(up to 26 Nov 07)				

Answer to Question 595

<u>Departures</u>	<u>Iberia Departures</u>		<u>GB Airways</u>	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Via T2</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Via T2</u>
Feb 2007	2197	330	-	-
March 2007	2316	207	-	-
April 2007	2608	277	-	-
May 2007	2468	238	2385	127
June 2007	2313	162	2238	140
July 2007	2298	125	1902	103
Aug 2007	2699	176	2039	58
Sep 2007	2409	207	2021	73
Oct 2007	2068	95	-	-
Nov 2007	597	27	-	-
(up to 26 Nov 07)				

Answer to Question 596

	<u>Iberia</u>		<u>GB Airways</u>	
<u>Month</u>	<u>Total Transit</u>	<u>Total Staying</u>	<u>Total Transit</u>	<u>Total Staying</u>
Feb 2007	1779	477 (165)	-	-
Mar 2007	1868	684 (388)	-	-
April 2007	1875	580 (249)	-	-
May 2007	1669	622 (306)	1466	600 (385)
June 2007	1684	350 (147)	1789	339 (142)
July 2007	2330	359 (107)	1478	313 (141)
Aug 2007	2172	406 (102)	1620	252 (127)
Sept 2007	1560	325 (139)	1517	336 (185)
Oct 2007	1463	413 (213)	-	-
Nov 2007	279	131 (76)	-	-
Up to 26 Nov 07				

*Note: Total staying include figure for locals, in brackets

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Contd. Answer to Question 598 of 2007**Answer to Question 597**

<u>Month</u>	<u>London Gatwick</u>	<u>London Luton</u>	<u>Madrid</u>
Feb 2007	5	4	1
March 2007	7	5	-
April 2007	3	3	2
May 2007	2	2	2
June 2007	6	7	1
July 2007	6	3	0
August 2007	6	0	0
Sept 2007	4	0	0
Oct 2007	6	0	0
Nov 2007	0	1	0
Up to 26 Nov 2007			

Answer to Question 598

<u>Madrid</u>		<u>London Gatwick</u>		<u>London Luton</u>		
<u>Month</u>	<u>Timetabled</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>	<u>Timetabled</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>	<u>Timetabled</u>	<u>Cancelled</u>
Feb 2007	40	0	24	0	28	0
Mar 2007	52	0	26	0	31	0
April 2007	60	0	30	0	30	0
May 2007	71	0	31	0	62	2
June 2007	68	0	30	0	60	3
July 2007	71	0	31	-	62	5
Aug 2007	71	0	31	0	62	0
Sept 2007	68	0	30	0	60	0
Oct 2007	73	0	31	0	54	0
Nov 2007	49	0	24	0	9	0
Up to 28 Nov 2007						

NO. 599 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – TERMINALS MANAGER

Can Government say whether the post of Terminals Manager which was advertised in May has now been filled, how many persons applied for the vacant position and the nationality of the successful applicant?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Eight persons applied for the vacant position that was advertised in May. The successful candidate is British.

ORAL

NO. 600 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

By what date does the Government expect to have completed the works for the sound insulation of the buildings at Europa Business Park presently housing the OESCO Station?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 601 and 629 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 601 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Will Government now publish the report provided to it by the consultants contracted by it in respect of the noise insulation of OESCO Power Station?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 600 and 629 of 2007.

NO. 602 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – SANDY BAY

Can Government say whether they have monitored and with what conclusions beach erosion at Sandy Bay?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Government has not monitored the configuration of the beach at Sandy Bay. It should be noted that beach profiles are subject to seasonal and annual variations. The movement of sand is therefore something that is common and accretion or depletion is dependent on many factors such as the frequency and intensity of storms, their direction, and so forth.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 602 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is it the policy of the Government to take some action to save Sandy Bay before the whole beach disappears?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

It is implicit in my answer to the question that these changes have occurred in the past and will no doubt occur again in the future. The changes in the situation at Sandy Bay will be affected by the weather. If the Government decide at a future point in time, which has not yet been reached, that further action needs to be taken either to monitor the configuration or to do something about it, then we can deal with that question. But at the moment there is no such intention of doing so.

NO. 603 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

LICENSING OF DIVING COMPANIES

Can Government explain why there is no licensing requirement for diving companies that operate in Gibraltar waters?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

In accordance with the Port Operations (Registration and Licensing) Act 2005, any industrial commercial operation or business activity undertaken in relation to ships, which in the context of the said legislation includes boats, based, laid up or calling at Gibraltar is required to be licensed.

Accordingly, any commercial company operating a craft in Gibraltar waters for the purpose of diving should have a licence to operate. If not, the operation is not in compliance with the law.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 603 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does that apply to scuba-diving companies?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Will the hon Member define what he means by scuba-diving companies? Commercial companies divers use scubas.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

But they do not come in to do work on boats. They come in to take tourists, they come through the border, park a large van in Camp Bay, take the tourists into the water, they swim around in different locations that exist in our coastline and then they go back. That is the kind of activity to which we are referring. It is an activity we have discussed before in this House.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I think the hon Member is referring to sports diving as opposed to commercial diving. The answer is that there are no legislative requirements for non-commercial diving to be licensed.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say whether it is the policy of the Government to introduce such licensing in the future, given the problems which elements of the local industry are going through at present because of this competition from across the border?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, it is not the policy of the Government.

NO. 604 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – CAPTAIN OF THE PORT

Can Government say whether and if so when the vacancy for Captain of the Port (Designate) which was advertised in April 2006 was filled and who has been selected for the post?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The vacancy for the Captain of the Port (Designate) was not filled. Despite extensive interviews, both in Gibraltar and London, no suitable person was found. As a result, the posts of Chief Executive and Captain of the Port were amalgamated and the vacancy was filled by Captain C W Brand, the previous Maritime Administrator. He took up the post on 22nd March 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 604 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Was there not a previous Chief Executive of the Port Authority in post?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

There had been a previous Chief Executive but he was no longer in post when the two posts were amalgamated.

ORAL

NO. 605 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – SHIP VISITS

How many ships have called at Gibraltar since January 2007 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 THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 606 and 607 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 606 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT – BUNKERING LICENCES

Can Government say whether any new bunkering licences have been issued in 2007 to date and if so when and to whom?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 605 and 607 of 2007.

NO. 607 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 THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answer to Question 605 of 2007

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

Answer to Questions 606 and 607 of 2007

No new bunkering licences have been issued in 2007 and no applications for new licences are currently under consideration.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 607

Ships Calling at Gibraltar Jan-Oct 2007

<u>Month</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Repairs</u>	<u>Bunkering</u>	<u>Tonnes Fuel</u>
January	2	7	436	218,352.723
February	1	6	393	327,602.053
March	3	10	396	342,917.510
April	3	5	409	326,521.471
May	6	6	428	365,660.770
June	3	9	430	350,838.524
July	2	5	421	320,454.614
August	4	7	487	365,014.550
September	7	8	525	382,564.553
October	3	7	533	390,830.926

ORAL

NO. 608 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Can Government state the number of new registrations of:

- (a) private; and
- (b) commercial,

road vehicles from January 2007 to October 2007?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

From January 2007 to October 2007 a total of 1080 new vehicles were registered as private and 155 new vehicles were registered as commercial.

ORAL

NO. 609 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

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 February 2007 to October 2007?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question No. 610 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 610 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LIMITED

Can Government state the level of net current assets for the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited as at 31st October 2007?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The net current assets of the company are measured at the end of the financial accounting year which is 31st March. As at 31st March 2007, the net current assets were £175,274. The statistical information requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule which I now hand to him.

Cont Answer to Question 610 of 2007

The net current assets of the Company are measured as at the end of its Financial and Accounting Year which is the end of March. As at 31st March 2007 the net current assets were £175,274.00.

Answer to Question 609 of 2007

<u>Month</u>	<u>Passenger Nos</u>	<u>Revenue</u>
February 2007	129,548	£ 54,874
March 2007	149,965	£ 61,648
April 2007	141,275	£ 59,064
May 2007	158,076	£ 65,224
June 2007	159,717	£ 66,443
July 2007	175,707	£ 74,211
August 2007	203,491	£ 87,810
September 2007	156,988	£ 66,401
October 2007	<u>170,882</u>	<u>£ 70,953</u>
	<u>1445,649</u>	<u>£606,628</u>

NO. 611 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

ROADS – PELICAN CROSSING

Can Government state over how many days in October 2007 was the pelican crossing at Glacis Road out of use?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The traffic lights at the pelican crossing at Glacis Road developed an intermittent fault that was first detected on the 16 October. It was attended to and left operational. On the 17 October a re-occurrence took place and again it was attended and left operational. On the 23 October once again the fault developed and again it was attended and left operational. Finally the fault fully developed on the 26 October and the traffic lights remained out of service until a new cable was installed from the traffic controller cubicle to the traffic light head. The pelican crossing resumed normality on the 2 November.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 611 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

Can Government state why the fault was not properly identified on the 16th and operations fully restored on that date, rather than ad-hoc repairs which simply recurred?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I understand that the hon Member is a man of letters rather than a man of technical expertise. If he were, he would know that an intermittent fault in any electronic device is the most difficult fault to correct, because it comes and it goes. When one tries to correct it, it does not always appear in the form that it needs correction. So, the fact that it was not corrected is not a reflection of any bad practice on the part of the people correcting it, but simply a reflection of the fact that they did not become aware at that stage of the seriousness of the fault. This is common with electronic fault finding.

HON G H LICUDI:

In relation to the repairs carried out on 26 October, can Government state why it took seven days a week to repair? Was the cable not readily available in Gibraltar to repair such faults?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I do not have that information at hand but I would imagine a number of factors would have come into play, like possibly, the cable not being available. But I would need notice of that question, if the hon Member is interested if he writes to me I will provide him with a fuller answer.

NO. 612 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

ROADS – SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS

Can Government explain why it has repeatedly ignored concerns over the safety of pedestrians crossing Europa Road near the area of Rock Hotel?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Government has not ignored concerns over the safety of pedestrians crossing Europa Road near the area of the Rock Hotel. The situation in that respect is as it has always been. Government are not aware of any change that gives rise to particular concern.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 612 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister says Government are not aware of any particular concern. Are the Government aware that very recently there have been two serious accidents on that spot and previously there was another major accident on that spot? Are the Government not also aware that as a result of the most recent accident, there was an interview carried out and broadcast by the manager of the Rock Hotel where he said that there had been repeated concern expressed to the Government and Government has, in fact, ignored those concerns?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, it is not possible to take remedial steps in every place in our roads where there have been traffic accidents. One of those traffic accidents was due to the misbehaviour of the driver of the car who was travelling at excessive speed. There are many spots on our roads and there are many roads which are more prone to incidents between pedestrians and vehicular traffic than others. The views of the manager of the Rock Hotel is not what primarily inspires the Government to take remedial action. But of course, if the manager of the Rock Hotel is particularly concerned for the safety of his guests, the owners of the Rock Hotel should do what the owners of the Casino did and that is to ask permission for a pedestrian fly-over bridge to be built over the road so that their clients can..... What the hon Member is saying is that it is quite unusual for there to be a hotel separated from its swimming

pool by one of the busiest roads in the city. I agree that that is the case, but there are other issues that have got to be put into the equation as to whether it is appropriate to build traffic islands, zebra crossings or other traffic calming measures at that position. There are other mechanisms open to the Rock Hotel if that is what they think is a particular problem, which of course has not changed in many decades. But certainly, the Government do not accept the premise implicit in the hon Member's question that we have ignored concerns. The statement by the manager of the Rock Hotel is not a concern of the Government, it is a concern of his which he has the means to remedy if he wants to.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Chief Minister gives the impression that this is a private matter and the responsibility of a private concern. Does he not accept that we are talking about safety on public highways for which the Government is primarily responsible? Does he not also accept that at that particular juncture there is no safe crossing point and it is not only a question of residents of Rock Hotel, there are residential areas to which access is necessary from one side of the road to the other and there is simply no safe crossing point. The Government cannot simply wash their hands and put it in the hands of a private concern. It is the Government's responsibility.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government do not wash their hands any more than previous Governments have washed their hands in respect of a factual set of circumstances that has not varied one iota since Europa Road was constructed and the Rock Hotel was built by it. It is the same danger to pedestrians, the same washing of hands as, presumably, he is accusing his own party of incurring in when it was in Government and chose not to do anything about it during eight years. Look, on the basis of his last supplementary, what he is recommending to the Government is that we build measures at every point on the public highway where pedestrians want to cross. Yes, because he has referred to residential areas. There is no pavement on the Rock Hotel side of the road. The only place where pedestrians could go to would be up to the Rock Hotel foyer area. That is not a safe way to get people to Gardiner's Road, if that is the residential area that he was referring to, or anywhere else. Therefore, this is not a new issue. I understand that Gardiner's Road was completed on their watch, no, probably completed before that, no Government builds particular measures unless there is a persistent incidence of traffic accidents. As we, for example, did but not them when they were in Government at the black spot in Devil's Tower Road and we took measures to create more visibility around the bend, because that was called the black spot for a reason. I have not yet heard that the area that the hon Member's questions referred to have yet been dubbed the black spot. Notwithstanding that they did not take any action even about something that was called the black spot. Therefore, regrettable as two traffic incidents are, there are roads on which there are many more than two traffic incidents. The fact that there are traffic incidents involving pedestrians, and there are roads where there have been more than two in the last five years. The hon Member has not asked about that, perhaps because the manager of a nearby hotel did not write a letter in the Chronicle alerting him to the concern. But the reality of it is that there is a risk in pedestrianism coupled with motor vehicles, and excessive risks have got to be mitigated. Normal risks are normally accepted by society as the normal price of leading a day to day life. This has not yet, in the Government's judgement, passed from one category to the other. Should it pass from one category into the other, the

Government's view may be different. But for the time being, the Government are not convinced that it is in the category of black spot.

HON G H LICUDI:

Is the Chief Minister saying that it is the policy of the Government only to introduce safe measures on our streets when it becomes a notorious black spot, and until then, until many, many accidents happen the Government will simply turn a blind eye and ignore the concerns?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government are not saying that at all. The Government are saying that they take exceptional measures only when they identify that there are exceptional risks, and they do not take exceptional measures to respond to unexceptional risk. That is what the Government are saying.

HON G H LICUDI:

Are the Government saying that simply placing a pelican crossing is an exceptional measure?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government have said what they have said. Placing a pedestrian crossing, which is an interruption to traffic flow, about which the hon Members are always complaining. Zebra crossings, pelican crossings are an interruption to the free flow of vehicular traffic, to be installed only in places where either, by the exceptionalness of the dangers faced by pedestrians or by the volume of pedestrians crossing, there is a justification for a pelican crossing. That is the Government's position. But we look forward in the unlikely event that the hon Member should ever find himself on the Government side, we shall obviously find all Gibraltar's streets painted zebra like, red and black, along their whole length.

HON F R PICARDO:

It is not so unlikely now that there are only 300 votes between us.

NO. 613 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

ROADS – TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK

Can Government state what steps it proposes to take to prevent during the summer months next year the gridlock on our roads which motorists have experienced this summer particularly in the northern part of Gibraltar?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Measures are taken and will continue to be taken by the Royal Gibraltar Police Traffic Department on an ad-hoc basis, with the implementation of the third lane along Winston Churchill Avenue and redirecting traffic along Devil's Tower Road as and when necessary. There are no effective short-term alternatives. In the medium to long term, the building of the airfield tunnel, the doubling up of Devil's Tower Road and the building of car parks, especially the park and ride facility, will address the impact on traffic circulation in Gibraltar of excessive numbers of motor cars on our roads.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 613 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

The measures that the Minister has described are simply the same measures that were taken this last summer and which simply did not redress the problem. What the Minister appears to recognise is that the Government have no foresight whatsoever, have no ideas as to how to remedy the problem and recognise that they have failed miserably the motorist on the road.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, what the Government recognise is that unlike the Opposition Members our manifesto is full of ideas and measures to remedy the problem in a sensible, rational, feasible way whereas theirs was devoid of any measure. Perhaps because they did not think they would be elected and therefore did not think they would need to be in a position of having to resolve the problem quite rightly. But what the Government certainly accept, because we are sensible, rational people, unlike apparently the sentiment underlying the hon Member's supplementary, is that certain things are simply not fixable by Governments. The hon Member seems to think that

Government can wave a magic wand and make traffic disappear. Well, I have no shame in admitting that there are certain things that the Government cannot fix, and excessive traffic on our roads is one of them, unless we can persuade people to use their cars less. That is why this Government, unlike the previous Government, spend a considerable amount of money improving our public transport. See, the hon Members were not concerned about these issues when they were in Government, which makes their complaints now, apart from sounding irrational as articulated, also slightly hypocritical politically. So, yes, short of prohibiting either residents or visitors from using their cars in Gibraltar, there is no way that the Government can act. That is an obvious statement of fact, the hon Member may think that that is a criticism of the Government, we do not interpret it as a criticism of the Government, the solution will come when we have proper park and ride facilities of the sort which are in our manifesto but not in his. In the meantime, if he wants to go around telling people that the Government are therefore short of ideas and in dereliction of their duties, I look forward to hear him say so.

HON G H LICUDI:

I have only been in this House for two days and already it has become tiresome to hear the same response to almost every single question about what the GSLP did 11 years ago. It is almost as if the last 11 years had not happened and this Government has not woken up to that reality yet. But in relation to the Chief Minister's reference to not having a magic wand, does he not accept that it is not a question of having a magic wand and making problems disappear? But it is a question of political and public responsibility, it is a question of accountability, it is a question of ideas and it is a question of foresight. Does the Chief Minister not accept that the increase, or has he not said that the increase on traffic this year has resulted from improved traffic flow at the frontier? Does he not accept that that matter, relating to improved traffic flow at the frontier, was the subject of considerable discussions over many, many months which led to certain agreements and would not have been concluded had traffic flow not been a priority in the agenda? Do the Government, therefore, not accept that for many, many months they knew that this problem was going to occur and they did absolutely nothing about it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government do not accept any of that and nor do most rational right-minded thinking people in Gibraltar. If the hon Member is saying that in order to avoid what he regards as the traffic situation the Government should not have done the Cordoba Agreements to improve fluidity at the frontier, then the GSLP will become even more tainted with the electoral liability of maintaining views in relation to the Cordoba Agreements and they already suffered last time. The Government do not agree with that. Nor do the Government think it is a question of accountability or transparency. The Government believe it is a question of integrity. The Government believe it is a question of politicians being honest with the electorate about the things that they can fix and the things that they cannot, and that applies as much to Opposition as it does to Government. It is simply not honest with people to stand up in this House and pretend that Governments are responsible for things or responsible for solutions for which they are not possible to deliver, to the extent that they are, we are dealing with it, they are in our manifesto and not in theirs. However, let me go back to the very first part of his repetitive supplementary. He is not the only one that has grown tired of the questions and the answers in this House. We, and I suspect everybody who listens to this House on the radio on every occasion that they happen, are also

tiresome. But the reason for that is not that we give the same answers, we give the same answers because for five years we have been asked the same questions at every meeting of the House.

MR SPEAKER:

Order, order.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am on my feet.....

HON F R PICARDO:

I am making a point of order.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

A device for interrupting, everything is a point of order.

MR SPEAKER:

What is the point of order?

HON F R PICARDO:

The Chief Minister is misleading the public by saying what he has just said, because there are many questions asked in this House which are different every time this House sits. Mr Speaker, it is a matter for the Chair to ensure that the same question is never asked twice. Therefore, the Chief Minister should take that criticism back because it is not true and people listening will be misled.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

People will not be misled, people know because it is a matter of now notoriety in the streets, that they have a template for a question and all they change is the date. Last time it was up to February, now it is up to November and next Question Time it will be up to March. Everybody listening to these proceedings of the House know that the hon Members like to boast before a meeting of the House, that they have asked 566 questions. What they do not tell the public is that very often 12 of those are January, February, March, April, May, June, July, December, in respect of exactly the same statistical information. So I agree with the new hon Member in the House, I would hope that the arrival of himself and the other Members of the Opposition, will introduce some new ideas about questions. The Government look forward to being subjected to a different and more penetrative style of holding to account that we have had. But the reality of it is that if I get up to answer his supplementaries in the same way, it is because he has asked the same supplementary three times. What I am not going to do is change my answer just because he asks the question three times by

way of three different supplementaries. I cannot change the answer because he reposes the question.

MR SPEAKER:

If I may rule on the Hon Mr Picardo's point, the Chair does have certain discretion over questions asked but the Chair cannot refuse questions being repeated, as long as they were not repeated in the last six months. So there is a certain limitation on repetition. On the question of, it is not correct either to say that the same questions are being asked all the time, it is correct to say that certain questions do crop up frequently.

NO. 614 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

ROADS – TRAFFIC ARRANGEMENTS FOR LORRIES

Can Government explain the dangerous practice of lorries travelling southwards along Europa Road being escorted on the wrong side of the road?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The Government does not consider dangerous the practice of lorries travelling southward along the northbound lane of Europa Road as these operations are strictly conducted by the Royal Gibraltar Police who provide the necessary escorts and impose the appropriate controls on other traffic concurrently in the area.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 614 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

Do the Government consider it normal practice for lorries to have to be escorted on the wrong side of the road?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, Sir.

HON G H LICUDI:

So if the Government do not consider it normal practice, why do the Government permit it and what are the Government doing about it?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Government are doing what they have said they are doing, by providing controls by the police which are obviously adequate because there have never been any accidents involving any people travelling in the wrong direction. The need for vehicles to travel on the wrong side of the road, as the hon Member puts it, is that access of heavy plant and vehicles to the south district is very constrained, due to the

size and weight restrictions present on the route to the south district. Europa Road has a 10 ton weight limit and in order for contractors to be able to service construction projects in the south district, weight exemptions need to be granted to certain vehicles and plant to reach the south district. In order to avoid loading the retaining walls along Europa Road directly, the vehicles travel on the northbound lane against the flow of traffic.

HON S E LINARES:

Is the Minister aware that in front of St Joseph's School, both First School and Middle School, lorries are escorted the wrong way, and not only are they escorted the wrong way they are escorted the wrong way during quarter past three when children come out of school and are running around all over the place, and there have been a number of incidents in that place where parents, grandparents have actually confronted the police force and the police force's answer has been that there is a cement lorry and the cement dries. So they have the concern of the cement over and above the children.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think that is an outrageous statement for which the hon Member will have to make himself responsible. The statement that the Royal Gibraltar Police puts the cement lorries higher in their list of priorities than the safety of children, that the point is an outrageous statement for the hon Member to make, which he will have to explain publicly as others may require. Let me say to the hon Member that we have had reports of an incident of the nature that he has cause, and the reason we are told that it happened during school hours and coincided exactly was because the hon Member caused the delay to the operation by challenging the police. Yes, the hon Member may laugh but that is the written report that I have of the Royal Gibraltar Police about the incident, because when he last raised it in the House, the Royal Gibraltar Police wanted to answer him publicly. Whether I will be able to dissuade them from answering him publicly again, given the nature of the ridiculous statement that he has just made in the House today, I cannot promise him.

HON S E LINARES:

First and foremost, I was not present at the incident that I have just mentioned. In the incident that I was present, it was in representation of many grandparents and parents who were waiting outside, who asked me to do something about it as a Member of the Opposition. My duty was to inform the police officer in the spot to say to him, "look this is dangerous you had better do something about it". They had had instructions, yes instructions..... How do I know?

MR SPEAKER:

Order, order, may I just remind Members, the hon Member on his feet should be asking a question not answering questions.

HON S E LINARES:

I am not answering, but the Chief Minister has made a statement as well in answering what I asked him.

MR SPEAKER:

But still, this should culminate in a question not a statement.

HON S E LINARES:

Absolutely, there will be a question.

MR SPEAKER:

Soon I hope.

HON S E LINARES:

As soon as I can. It is just that I try to explain because there have been some allegations from the Chief Minister mentioning me as being the person who caused the whole issue. I am saying to the Minister, can he guarantee that this will not happen again at least just before and after children come out of school? Can the Minister guarantee, because he is the one responsible for these situations?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Minister or the Government cannot guarantee anything of the sort. We can guarantee that we have every confidence in the professionalism and skill in the Royal Gibraltar Police, not to permit, let alone facilitate, anything which represents a real danger to any pedestrian on our streets, let alone our schoolchildren as they leave from school. We have every confidence in the judgement and discretion of the RGP which is the public authority who is possessed of that judgement and discretion under our laws. That is what he can promise. What I can also say to the hon Member is that the police's job would be made much easier if he did not interfere in the exercise of their duties.

NO. 615 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

ROADS – WEIGHT OF LORRIES

Can Government state what steps are routinely taken to check the laden weights of lorries coming into Gibraltar?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The laden weight of vehicles coming into Gibraltar is determined by roadside checks that are carried out by the Royal Gibraltar Police Force. In these checks, the vehicle's National Type Approval Certificate is requested together with the vehicle's cargo manifest. These documents determine the vehicle's cargo weight and any other technical data that may be required by the police officer.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 615 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

The question relates to laden weight, clearly how much a particular lorry weighs cannot be determined in a particular day from the vehicle's documents?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I think the hon Member did not listen to my answer. It is determined by the details on the National Type Approval Certificate together with the vehicle's cargo manifest. The vehicle's cargo manifest, in turn, provides information of what is loaded on the vehicle and this provides the laden weight.

HON G H LICUDI:

So is the Minister saying that the Government simply rely on information supplied by the lorry driver himself and without any checks being carried out?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I have just explained what the check is and the Government rely on the same checks as are carried out everywhere else in the world, yes. On the documentation not provided by the lorry driver, but on the official documentation, carried by the vehicle certifying what is in the vehicle, yes.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Government state what steps are then taken when the weight of the lorries exceeds the weight of the roads over which that lorry is projected to pass?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes indeed. Offenders are summonsed to court and the hon Member may be interested to know how effective the measure is, if I tell him that during 2007 31 lorries were reported for exceeding the weight limits, and 29 out of the 31 lorries did not have weight limit exemption certificates. So, 22 companies were reported for permitting the use of the overweight vehicles. So obviously the RGP are on the ball and are doing their duty and these checks are being effective.

HON G H LICUDI:

In relation to the exemption certificates the Minister has mentioned, are these given on a case by case basis or they are generally produced to a particular transporter?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Case by case basis.

NO. 616 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

TRANSPORT LANE

Can Government explain why Transport Lane has been allowed to deteriorate into the state of disrepair it is currently in?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The Government do not agree that Transport Lane has been allowed to deteriorate into a state of disrepair.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 616 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

I was not making a statement of opinion but a statement of fact. It is a fact that Transport Lane is in a state of disrepair, it is uneven, it is being used by many lorries, it is not in the same condition that it was before all the buildings in that district were xxxxx. Why do Government not accept the obvious?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The Government do not agree that Transport Lane has been allowed to deteriorate into the state described by the hon Member. I would challenge the hon Member to go and photograph Transport Lane and provide me with photographs of Transport Lane in the state which he is describing.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, perhaps the hon Member would like to explain to us where he thinks Transport Lane is?

HON G H LICUDI:

By New Mole House.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, that explains his answer.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am afraid that the hon Member has the wrong lane.

HON G H LICUDI:

I may have made a mistake and I recognise that, does the Minister not know the road that I am referring to, Transport Road?

NO. 617 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

SMITH DORRIEN BRIDGE

Can Government state the total cost of the works to Smith Dorrien Bridge which were completed earlier this year?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The total cost of the works to the bridge has amounted to £465,727.02.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 617 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

Can Government state to what extent that was within the original budget?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not think it is within, I cannot tell him about the extent but I think I can confirm to him that it was not within the original budget because this became, as I explained in this House before he arrived in it, that in effect this became a job of rebuilding the bridge one bridge plate at a time, because when they removed the road surface to do the job that was originally programmed to be done, they discovered that the deterioration in part of the bridge structures was much worse than they had feared. What was actually done was that the bridge was rebuilt. The span was rebuilt one plate at a time, one side of the bridge, as the hon Member may recall that one side of the road was closed and then the other. That was as the bridge was rebuilt. So, it was a substantially more expensive job than the original budget but the extent by which it was so I cannot tell him. But it was certainly not within the original estimate or the original budget for it.

HON G H LICUDI:

The problem of the issue the Chief Minister has raised about rebuilding the bridge, was that not known when the tender was awarded?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know whether the extent of the job was discovered before the tender was awarded as opposed to the original estimate. I think it was not, from memory, but I would ask him please not to hold me to that, it was not. I think it was discovered as the original contract unfolded and the degree of corrosion of the, I do not want to stray too far into technical areas that I may get wrong, but the extent of the corrosion to the bolts that keep all these plates together was much greater than had occurred in the same period of time in the previous maintenance examination. The Government were asked whether they would deal with that and of course we agreed. So, from memory, I think it was not known at the time of the original tender and the extra works were done by way of extension to the original tender. But if I am wrong on that I will come back to him.

ORAL

NO. 618 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL

Can Government state the estimated cost of the works for the realignment and concreted protection of the approach road to Dudley Ward Tunnel?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 619 and 620 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 619 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL

Can Government state how many invitations to tender it has issued for the realignment and concreted protection of the approach road to Dudley Ward Tunnel?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 618 and 620 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 620 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL

Can Government state how many requests to participate were received for the tender for the realignment and concreted protection of the approach road to Dudley Ward Tunnel?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answer to Questions 618, 619 and 620 of 2007

A total of five expressions of interest were received for the tender for the realignment and concreted protection of the approach road to Dudley Ward Tunnel. At present these are being assessed with the intention of drawing up a shortlist of contractors who will be invited to tender for the works. At this stage of the tender process it is inappropriate and commercially unwise for the estimated cost of the project to be made public.

NO. 621 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

ROADS – RESURFACING

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

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

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

1. Sandpits Road;
2. Castle Road from Moorish Castle Arch to car park;
3. Lower Castle Road;
4. Tarik Road;
5. Moorish Castle Car Park;
6. New link road from Willis's Road to Tarik Road.

Major patchwork repairs and reinstatements have also been undertaken along Europa Road, Spur Battery Road and Moorish Castle Estate trenches.

In addition, Fish Market Road has been completed as part of the Orange Bastion project. This will shortly be followed by the completion of the works at Market Place.

NO. 622 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

CEMETERY

Can Government state when will the works at the cemetery be completed?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

It is not clear to which works the question relates but I would advise the hon Member that maintenance works is an on-going process on a daily basis as needs arise. However, if the hon Member is referring to the paving works these have now been completed. Elements of the beautification works have also been completed and final completion will be before the end of this financial year, that is, March 2008.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 622 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state what is meant by final completion because he says the works are maintenance? What final works will be finished by the end of this year?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, I am advised that all that is left to do is some tree planting and some planting of plants and replacing of some street furniture like benches.

ORAL

NO. 623 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

CREMATORIUM

Can Government state when the crematorium will be completed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

The crematorium is scheduled for completion during the month of April 2008.

NO. 624 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

INCINERATOR

Can Government state by when will the new incinerator be operational and whether it will produce water and electricity as the old one did?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

It is presently envisaged that the Energy-from-Waste plant will come into operation in late 2010. It is very much the Government's intention, and indeed it is compulsory for such plants, for there to be some means of energy recovery. This can be achieved by any one of different methods with water and electricity production being two such possibilities. The new plant will definitely be producing water and consideration continues to be given to the possibility of it also producing electricity.

NO. 625 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Can Government say at what stage they are in relation to their consideration of the consultant's report in respect of the Sewage Treatment Plant?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Government has now concluded its consideration of the consultant's report and efforts are now being directed towards the preparation of the necessary technical specifications and employer's requirements for the project.

NO. 626 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

RECYCLING FACILITIES

By what date does the Government expect to have set up recycling facilities and what, exactly, will those facilities entail?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The question appears to assume that Gibraltar has no recycling facilities. However, arrangements have already been put in place by Government for recycling some of Gibraltar's waste.

Currently at the facilities at Europa Advance Road, mattresses, tyres, refrigerators, batteries, air conditioning units, bulky items et cetera are segregated and sent to the relevant recycling streams abroad. Domestic household waste is segregated at Los Barrios where different fractions are sent for recycling such as glass, tins, paper, plastics and the organic component. Bins will be provided for the local segregation of glass and tins. An Environmental Park will be created to further segregate other waste streams.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 626 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

In answer to Question No. 484 of 2006, where I asked about what was going to be the Steelmac contract, the Minister for the Environment then said that tender documents for the recycling of certain items of waste are now ready. They are currently being audited internally and we expect to be in a position to invite tenders within the next few months. What progress has been made in that respect?

HON J J NETTO:

From my recollection at the time, the tender bid went out but this was overtaken by the fact that we had renegotiations of the Master Services contract, general contract, which in any case they had been awarded the tender. Where I left it, if I remember rightly, was that the order for the vehicle for the collection of both glass and aluminium cans had already been placed. I think that the service is envisaged or

was envisaged to start operation in January or February of 2008. That is as far as I can recollect now from memory.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am very grateful to the Minister for assisting the House in that way but, unfortunately, I fear that his answer is as clear as mud. Is it that the tender went out and was awarded to Master Services? Did I discern that from what he told me?

HON J J NETTO:

Yes, correct.

HON F R PICARDO:

That tender then became subsumed in the negotiations with Master Services as well?

HON J J NETTO:

Correct.

HON F R PICARDO:

So, can he give us a flavour of what the contract with Master Services now entails in respect of this aspect?

HON J J NETTO:

The hon Member would have to give me notice of that, I cannot recollect all the details for that.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I would suggest the hon Member writes to me asking me for the information that he wants and then I will reply.

HON F R PICARDO:

To the extent that the Minister has told the House that the service commences in January or February 2008, my question has been answered, I am grateful for that part of his answer.

NO. 627 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

CAGED RUBBISH COLLECTION POINTS

Why has the Government not installed cages over rubbish collection points in parts of Gibraltar where the apes continue to be attracted to household rubbish, such as the area of Catalan Bay?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Works have been carried out in areas where the problems with apes were attributed to the refuse holding facilities. A new enclosed facility will shortly be available at Catalan Bay. Once the works to it are completed the bins will then be removed from the current position in the open.

A refuse holding facility at Tankerville has been commissioned and is currently at the design stage. Construction of an enclosed refuse cubicle is to commence shortly at Castle Road. This will replace the current area which has outgrown its use.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 627 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

This is an issue where the Minister would be right to say that we have been asking repeated questions on the same subject, because it has taken questions in this House to get the Ministers to act. In fact, when they did act in the area of Calpe it worked very well, the facility kept the apes away from the household rubbish and the apes are no longer in the area in the numbers that they were. It is response to the problem that resolves the issue that concerns people. Why has it taken them so long to do it in an area, for example, like Catalan Bay where the problem has been endemic for the past number of years?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I need notice of that question.

HON F R PICARDO:

The Minister does not need notice of a question that says why has it taken so long for what he has told us in the answer that he has given the House is happening now, why has it taken so long for that to happen? How can the Minister suggest he needs notice of that question?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is his answer. This fourth GSD Government have only been in office since the date of the last Election. In respect of the events before that, the electorate have decided to forgive us.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is the Chief Minister saying seriously to this Parliament that his slate is wiped clean on 11 October in relation to everything that his Government undertook?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, what I am saying to the hon Member is that despite our many failures before that date, the electorate still preferred us to continue in Government rather than them.

HON F R PICARDO:

In that case, the fact that they won Government by 300 votes this time should be a salutary issue for them to reflect on. But on this specific issue, which affects the daily lives of people in Catalan Bay and in other areas, why have they failed to take these steps before? It was not meant to be a point on which we would debate the General Election result, this is an issue about rubbish collection, apes and cages to stop them from accessing household rubbish. Why has it taken this long to do it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If the hon Member is asking us why it has taken us longer to do it in Catalan Bay than in Calpe Road, perhaps it is because given that he lives in Calpe Road he pressed us about Calpe Road in preference to pressing us about Catalan Bay.

HON F R PICARDO:

That is not just unfair it is totally spurious because the Chief Minister will know that I have been pressing him in the previous Question Times in this House to do what they did in Calpe Road in all other areas in Gibraltar. Before they did it in Calpe Road, which was the first area to suffer this, which was the reason why they were pressed on it, it took them two years of investigating and planning a structure which was very obviously the one I proposed originally. Why are they not doing it everywhere, or is it that they are just a Government for Calpe Road and not the whole of Gibraltar?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, we are not a Government just for Calpe Road as the Election results clearly demonstrate. The point that I am making, which has nothing to do with apes and rubbish bins and cages, is that we will not subject to cross-examination by the hon Member about issues that occurred before the date of the General Election. He is of course free to ask us why we have not done it in the eight or twelve weeks since the Election, and he is free to ask us whether we intend to do it during this term of office and how long we intend to take doing it, indeed if we decide to do it. All those are legitimate questions, but as a matter of principle, the Government will not subject examination by the hon Member about pre-Election facts and periods because that is what Elections do in a democracy. They renew the mandate of the Government and they draw a line under arguments of the Opposition up to that date, because the electorate have expressed their judgement on those political arguments. That is all I am saying. Now if he wants my views about apes and Catalan Bay, I entirely agree with him that there is a problem, not just in Catalan Bay, but indeed in the area behind the Laguna Estate where people also come to see me to say to me that they are prisoners in their homes because they have got to keep the windows closed otherwise they find apes eating the food from the kitchen table. There is a problem with ape management, in terms of preventing them from wandering into town. Different people have different views as to the causes but the results and the effects are indisputable, and that is to say that there is a need to deconflict apes from men and women and that the Government intend to continue to do that. It seems to me that preventing or finding ways of preventing these central bin store areas from attracting apes is a useful contributor to that. It may not succeed entirely because, of course, there are other sources of interest to the apes in urban areas other than just the open bins. But I agree with the hon Member, as I seem to recall doing when he last raised it in the previous Parliament that it was an obvious starting point. So, that gives him an indication of the view that the Government will take going forward and he can take me back up to Election day. But as a matter of principle, I will not let him take me back before the Election date on this or any other issue.

HON F R PICARDO:

In that case I am especially grateful to the different and much more positive attitude to this Parliament that the Hon Mr Netto has taken a moment ago, when he has taken us back to things that happened before this Parliament. Given that this Chief Minister is telling the public that he is only answerable for what he has done in the past seven weeks and not what he has done in the past eleven years, so be it. Will he take it from me that the question of restricting ape access to rubbish works very well, and certainly in some areas has managed to do away with the problem altogether.

ORAL

NO. 628 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Why has the Government allowed OESCO 6 months between it being required to submit written reports on the reviews it has been required to carry out in the determination of OESCO's application for a permit under the Pollution Prevention & Control Act 2001, and related Regulations?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 630 to 632, 637 and 640 of 2007.

NO. 629 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Has OESCO now submitted proposals, including time-scales, to the Government/Environmental Agency for the installation of the noise mitigation improvements outlined in Section 9.7 Volume 2 of the Application by OESCO for a permit under the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 2001 and related regulations, which improvements are required to include, but not be limited to:

- (a) Replacement of the existing corrugated roof and ridge vents with a new roof and acoustic louver system; and
- (b) Provision of a sealable door for the south access entrance, and accompanying attenuated ventilation system to allow this door to remain closed; and
- (c) All glazed areas are to be sealed with panes of minimum thickness 6mm, and all penetrations sealed and made good, where practicable,

and containing dates for the implementation of individual measures?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answer to Question 601 of 2007

The report in respect of the noise insulation of the OESCO power station is available to anyone requesting the information from the Ministry or from the Department of the Environment by letter, by email or by telephone.

Answer to Question 629 of 2007

The works outlined in Question 600 and 629 are the responsibility of the Government and are the subject of a tender already issued by Government.

Answer to Question 600 of 2007

The tender was issued on the 5th November 2007 and will be closing on 7th December 2007.

The works are envisaged to start early next year and programmed to take about 40 weeks.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 600, 601 AND 629 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

Since when has the report of the consultants referred to by the Minister in reply to Question No. 601 been available to the public on the basis that the Minister has set out?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

My understanding is that under the access to environmental information, such enquiries are answered by the department.

HON F R PICARDO:

In that case, why has the previous Minister for the Environment and the Chief Minister told the House that they would not make the report available to the public?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

All I can tell the hon Member is that information is available if he asks for it.

HON F R PICARDO:

I recognise that the Minister has only just now taken responsibility for this department, but he is responsible for the answers given previously by previous Ministers and by the Chief Minister who is the leader of the Government with which he sits in this House. What has changed the Government's attitude to the disclosure of this report?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

First of all the Minister is not responsible for answers given in this House by any other Minister or his predecessor. Secondly, it is not a matter of change of attitude; it may be a matter of change of circumstances, and that is the fact that the matter has now gone out to tender and that the matter has now been acted on by the Government. The report has therefore been accepted and it is no longer a report that the Government feel any need to keep confidential.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is the Chief Minister telling us that the attitude of this Minister for the Environment on all issues can be dramatically different to the one of the previous Minister for the Environment and that they will accept no responsibility for those changes?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Nothing in my answer entitles the hon Member to deduce that there is going to be a great change of attitude or any change of attitude between this and the previous Minister for the Environment. Even if there were in this case, which is not established, he should not read into that anything on more general application. I believe that the previous Minister for the Environment was very open, perhaps the most open ever Minister for the Environment that we have had in Gibraltar, certainly more open than any of his predecessors. Therefore, if the present one succeeds in improving even on the performance of his immediate predecessor, he will be doing very well indeed.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is that an implicit criticism of all previous Ministers for the Environment of the GSD before Mr Netto?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, including all those Ministers with responsibility for the environment which may not have existed as a separate Government department in the Governments previous to the GSD as well, when the environment was not quite as important to them as it is today.

HON F R PICARDO:

That is a criticism, Mr Speaker, even of his own previous Ministers for the Environment. That is clear.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes indeed, there is no criticism, unlike the GSLP we do think that we are capable of improving, and our performance in 1996 does not condition our behaviour for the next 26 years, which we all know of course, to be one of the prime characteristics of the GSLP as a political party. They are incapable of admitting errors, they are incapable of showing flexibility and open mindedness and they regard a change of position as a sign of political weakness. That those are not afflictions which affect the Government and we strive constantly to improve the openness and transparency and effectiveness of Government year after year. So what the hon Member intends as a criticism I would take as a compliment.

HON F R PICARDO:

If the Chief Minister generally believes that people in the GSLP do not change, would he care to look to his right?

MR SPEAKER:

Next question.

ORAL

NO. 630 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Is Government/Environmental Agency aware if OESCO has carried out a detailed feasibility study into the provision of two 30-40 meter stacks as outlined in option 3 of Section 11.2 Volume 2 of the application by OESCO for a permit under the Pollution Prevention and Control Act 2001 and related regulations, which study is required to include a timetable for the construction and completion of the stacks?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 628, 631, 632, 637 and 640 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 631 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

ENVIRONMENT – NITROGEN DIOXIDE LEVELS

Is Government/Environmental Agency already undertaking the further monitoring required pursuant to the recommendations of UK expert air quality advisers, which Government informed the ESG it had to carry out after the ESG was consulted by the Government on the ESG's concerns (communicated by letter of 12th May 2006) about allegedly illegal levels of Nitrogen Dioxide within the South District area close to Jumpers and Schomberg?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 628, 630, 632, 637, and 640 of 2007.

NO. 632 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

ENVIRONMENT – NITROGEN DIOXIDE LEVELS

Can Government identify who are the UK expert air quality advisers it consulted in relation to the ESG's concerns about the allegedly illegal levels of Nitrogen Dioxide within the South District area close to Jumpers and Schomberg?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 628, 630, 631, 637 and 640 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 633 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Has OESCO now submitted a written procedure to the Government/Environmental Agency detailing the measures to be used so that monitoring equipment, personnel and organisations employed for the emissions monitoring programme shall have either MCERTS certification or accreditation?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 634 to 636, 638, 639 and 641 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 634 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Is Government satisfied that OESCO has carried out a review of the design, method of construction and integrity of all bunds surrounding above ground tanks of the installation operated by that Operator?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 633, 635, 636, 638, 639 and 641 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 635 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Has OESCO now submitted a noise management plan to the Government/Environmental Agency, detailing the measures to be used to control emissions of noise and shall be accordance with Appendix 4 (noise management plan) of Horizontal Guidance Note H3 (Horizontal Noise Guidance) Part 2), which plan shall be implemented by the operator from the date of approval in writing by the Agency?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 633, 634, 636 to 638, 639 and 641 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 636 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Is Government satisfied that OESCO has carried out a review of the integrity of all storage tanks and site surfacing against the requirements of Section 2.2.9 of the Sector Guidance Note IPPC S1.01 Combustion Sector Technical Guidance Note, version 2.03 July 05, carried out by a qualified structural engineer?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 633 to 635 and 638, 639 and 641 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 637 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Has Government/Environmental Agency now received from OESCO a fugitive emission management plan detailing the measures to be used to control fugitive emissions to air in accordance with Section 2.2.8 of Sector Guidance Note IPPC S.1.01 Combustion Sector Technical Guidance Note, version 2.03 July 05?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 628, 630 to 632 and 640 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 638 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Has OESCO now submitted a revised Accident Management Plan to the Government/Environmental Agency for approval, identifying the hazards, provide an assessment of the risks and identify the techniques necessary to reduce the risks in accordance with the indicative requirements of Section 2.8 of the Sector Guidance Note IPPC S1.01 Combustion Sector Technical Guidance Note, version 2.03 July 05?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 633 to 636, 639 and 641 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 639 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Is Government/Environmental Agency aware if OESCO has now developed and implemented a formal Environmental Management System (EMS) as described in Section 2.3 of the Sector Guidance Note IPPC S1.01 Combustion Sector Technical Guidance Note, version 2.03 July 05, at the installation, having regard to the requirements of ISO14001 or equivalent recognised standards?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 633 to 636, 638 and 641 of 2007.

NO. 640 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Has OESCO now submitted a written plan to the Government/Environmental Agency for approval that sets out the monitoring of emissions to be undertaken from AI-A11 (stacks A1 and A2), which plan is required to be in accordance with the requirements of Section 2.10.1 of the Sector Guidance Note IPPC S.01 Combustion Sector Technical Guidance Note, version 2.03 July 05 and Technical Guidance Note M2 (Monitoring of stack emissions to air) in order to fulfil the air emissions monitoring requirements set out in section 3.6 of the permit?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answer to Questions 628 and 630 of 2007

OESCO submitted several different proposals for the reduction of Nitrogen Dioxide in their application for a PPC Permit. These proposals were considered by the consultant engaged by the Environmental Agency. The consultant after consideration of the different proposals and applying the principal of BAT (Best Available Technology) recommended the six month period. The consultant engaged by the Environmental Agency was the Environment Agency in UK who processed all the UK IPPC applications. As far as the Government is aware OESCO have not yet carried out a detailed feasibility study into the provision of two 30-40 metre stacks. The date for them to comply with this condition of the permit is 30th April 2008.

Answer to Question 637 of 2007

As far as the Government is aware OESCO have not yet produced a fugitive Emissions Management Plan. The date for compliance with this condition of the permit is also 30th April 2008.

Answer to Question 640 of 2007

Under the terms of the permit and on completion of the feasibility study, OESCO has to comply with the condition to submit to the Environmental Agency a written plan to monitor the emissions from the proposed two 30-40 metre stacks.

Answer to Questions 631 and 632 of 2007

The advisors engaged from the UK by the Environmental Agency to carry out an air modelling dispersion study are AEA Energy and Environment Ltd. The consultant was not engaged because of ESG concerns but because the Government asked the Environmental Agency to carry out further assessments following the results obtained by the Environmental Agency from a preliminary study they carried out in the area using diffusion tubes. Government has now agreed in principle to the setting up of additional air quality monitoring and has now received proposals for the installation, management and quality control of such a facility. These proposals are under consideration.

ORAL

NO. 641 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

Has OESCO now submitted a written Site Closure Plan to the Government/Environmental Agency for approval to comply with the requirements of Section 2.11 of the Sector Guidance Note IPPC S1.01 Combustion Sector Technical Guidance Note, version 2.03 July 05?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Neither the Government nor the Environmental Agency have been informed by OESCO whether the Company has as yet carried out any of the actions about which the hon Member is asking. However, as yet, none of the compliance dates under the relevant conditions of the permit have been reached.

I will now hand over to the hon Member a schedule showing the compliance date for each of the actions identified in his questions.

Cont'd Answer to Question 641 of 2007

Schedule

<u>Question</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Compliance Date</u>
633	Written Procedure	31 Oct 2008
634	Review	31 Jan 2008
635	Noise Management Plan	31 Jan 2009
636	Review	31 Jan 2008
638	Accident Management Plan	31 July 2008
639	Environmental Management System	31 Oct 2008
641	Site Closure Plan	30 April 2009

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 633 TO 636, 638, 539 AND 641 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

I am very grateful to the Minister for having given me the breakdown of that, which appears to be worked out from the date of the permit being 1st November 2007. I am concerned though, in relation to Question No. 634, because if the Minister looks at Annex 2, Condition IC1, what is set out there is a requirement because there is a specific date set out, a requirement that the condition which I am asking about in that question be dealt with by 29 September 2007. Now, could the Minister tell us why it is that that date for the completion of that condition has not been complied with?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Can the hon Member identify the section of the permit again?

HON F R PICARDO:

Of course, it is page 30 of the OESCO Combustion Permit Decision Document, it is Annex 2.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I am afraid I do not have the document with me, I have the permit with me but not the document itself. What is applicable, I would hazard this moment until I see this, is the conditions of the permit not what is in the determination document. I obviously need notice of this question, I will take up the matter with the Environmental Agency and provide him with an answer. But what I would say at this stage, is that what OESCO need to comply with is the conditions of the permit. Presumably, what the hon Member is asking me is why this condition is not reflected in the permit. Is that correct?

HON F R PICARDO:

No, I specifically asked the Minister whether OESCO has carried that out, because the Decision Document provides the date which I have highlighted in the document I have just passed to the Minister, which is that it should be done by 29 September 2007. That is the question I have given notice of, so the Minister says he needs notice but it is in the Decision Document which is on the Government website, which says it should be done by that date. The permit is silent on the specific date. If the Minister has the permit he will see that it says within three months of permit issue specify date. The Decision Document says exactly the same thing and actually sets out the specific date, which is 29th September 2007.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

My recollection is that the September date was the limit for obtaining the permits that have now been issued, and they have now been issued with those conditions. Well, the hon Member shakes his head but certainly, I remember receiving a memo saying that there was some, I do not understand the technicalities of it under the legislation, but that there was something that OESCO had to do by September in order to obtain a permit. There was a consultancy being done and on the back of that consultancy what had to be issued by September was actually issued by September and it was these licences with these conditions that had to be complied. My recollection is that the September deadline was the deadline for the issue of the permits, which were indeed issued by the deadline, but subject to conditions that require them to do certain things by dates forward of that date. That is my recollection of the choreography of this, not that things had to be done by September which had not been done and therefore OESCO is already in breach of the legislation. That is not the position.

HON F R PICARDO:

That is completely irrelevant to Question No. 634 and the part of the Decision Document that I have passed to the Minister, which talks about the requirement for OESCO to carry out a review of the design method of construction and integrity of all the bunds surrounding the above ground tanks of the installation operated by them. The provision in the Decision Document is the same as the provision in the permit. It says OESCO must do this within three months. The Decision Document says specify date and the permit says specify date. The date set out in the Decision Document is 29 September 2007, there is no specific date set out in the permit, although there is specific provision in the permit for specifying the date. I am being told in answer to my question, for the benefit of those listening at home who do not have the sheet passed to me by the Minister, in answer to Question No. 634 that that review shall be completed by 31 January 2008. In other words, within three months of 1 November 2007. Why is it that the dates have changed?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government do not accept that the date has changed. The Government accept that by the due date the required licence under the legislation was issued, subject to conditions which are perfectly permissible and compatible with the legislation, that requires them to do certain things, not within an unspecified date but within an outside date within three months of the permit issue. I just do not understand why

the hon Member thinks that there is a contradiction in these facts. But I will say something else to the hon Member, OESCO produces as we heard yesterday over 50 per cent of the electricity needs of this community. The Government are about to embark on the building of a new power station. Pigs will fly before we subject this community to the social and economic consequences of disabling OESCO from continuing to operate, two years ahead of a long-term resolution for this community. So, certainly, the Government will use all the latitude available to it and will encourage the Environmental Agency to use all the latitude available to it within the law, to extend the operability of the OESCO power station without unreasonable expenditure for what is a very short period of time. That is the policy position of the Government, we much look forward to the solution of all the pollution issues that arise from Gibraltar's current electricity generating arrangements, but between now and the date that those new arrangements come into place, priority will be given to the electricity needs of this community and to no other agenda.

HON F R PICARDO:

Pigs should fly before we do anything contrary to what the Chief Minister has suggested, because the electricity generation needs of this community are important. He should not think that by my questions I am trying to suggest anything to the contrary. If he assumes that I am, to assume makes an xxxxx of him and me. Mr Speaker, what is very clear is that these permits were applied for in May, that they were obviously ready to be issued in June, that the long stop date would have been three months later, therefore, 29 September 2007 and that, clearly, there was no stomach for issuing these IPPC permits or certificates before the Election. Is this not clearly another case of an item that the GSD wanted to bury before the Election?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, I do not think so. Certainly, if there had been the remotest possibility of power cuts before the Election, we would have worked very hard indeed to prevent that. Not just before an Election but at all times, but that is not the consequences of this. There is no electoral disadvantage in having issued permits. On the contrary, the very many thousands of people in Gibraltar who rightly attach importance to the environmental agenda, would have been electorally very impressed by us issuing these permits before the Election and would have been more rather than less likely to vote for us. So if the hon Member wants to introduce electoral implications, our interests electorally would have been better served by issuing than by withholding the systems.

ORAL

NO. 642 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now produced and implemented written procedures (and any amendments to them) that accord with Section 2.1.3 of Sector Guidance Notes S5.06, December 2004, which shall specifically focus upon, but not be limited to:

- (a) location of storage areas;
- (b) storage area infrastructure;
- (c) condition of tanks, drums, vessels and other containers;
- (d) stock control;
- (e) segregated storage;
- (f) site security; and
- (g) fire risk,

and submitted a written report summarising the findings to the Environmental Agency including a time-scale for implementation of any improvements proposed in the said report?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 643 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 643 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now produced and implemented written procedures (and any amendments to them) to reduce and where possible prevent fugitive emissions to air from the vessels, containers, pipework and plant equipment used at the installation operated by them and that accord with Section 2.2.4 of Sector Guidance Note IPPC S5.06, December 2004?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 and 644 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 644 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have implemented a formal, documented procedure for the inspection and subsequent maintenance of underground tanks, drains, pipes and collection pits with the purpose of preventing fugitive releases to ground, which procedure will take into account the requirements of the Sector Guidance Note IPPC S5.06 Issue 3, December 2004 (Section 2.2.5); and whether a written report summarising the findings has now been submitted to the Environmental Agency?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642, 643 and 645 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 645 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now developed a written Site Closure Plan with regard to the requirements set out in Section 2.11 of the Sector Guidance Notes IPPC S5.06, December 2004 and submitted such a plan to the Environmental Agency for approval?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 to 644 and 646 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 646 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now undertaken a water use audit in accordance with Section 2.4.3 of the Sector Guidance Note IPPC S5.06 dated December 2004?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 to 645 and 647 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 647 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now undertaken an energy use audit in accordance with Section 2.7.2 of the Sector guidance Note IPPC S5.06 dated December 2004?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 to 646 and 648 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 648 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now undertaken a waste minimisation audit in accordance with Section 2.4.12 of the Sector Guidance Note IPPC S5.06, dated December 2004?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 to 647 and 649 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 649 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now developed and implemented a formal Environmental Management System (EMS) (as described in Sector Guidance Note IPPC S5.06 Issue 3 December 2004 Section 2.3) at the installation having regard to the requirements of ISO14001 or equivalent recognised standards?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 to 648 and 650 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 650 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now carried out a review of the design, method of construction and integrity of all bunds surrounding above ground tanks in the installation operated by them, required to be carried out by a qualified structural engineer and whether a written report of the review has been submitted to the Environmental Agency detailing the reviews findings and recommendations?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 to 649 and 651 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 651 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now conducted a review of the integrity of all storage tanks and site surfacing against the requirements of Sections 2.1.3 and 2.2.5 of the Sector Guidance Note S5.06 required to be carried out by a qualified structural engineer and whether a written report of the review shall be submitted to the Environmental Agency detailing the reviews findings and recommendations?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 to 650 and 652 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 652 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now carried out an assessment of the measures that are in place to reduce the risk of a pollution incident caused by firewater at the installation operated by them and whether a written report summarising the assessment and any necessary improvements has now been submitted to the Environmental Agency for approval?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 to 651 and 653 to 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 653 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now produced and submitted to the Environmental Agency for approval a revised Accident Management Plan which identifies the hazards, provide an assessment of the risks and identify the techniques necessary to reduce the risks of the operation of the installation that SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED operate?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 642 to 652 and 654 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 654 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

SLOP OIL RECEPTION AND TREATMENT LTD

Is the Government/Environmental Agency aware if SLOP OIL RECEPTION & TREATMENT LIMITED have now submitted a written procedure to the Environmental Agency, detailing the measures to be used so that monitoring equipment personnel and organisations employed for the emissions monitoring programme shall have either MCERTS certification or accreditation in accordance with condition 3.6.3?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Neither the Government nor the Environmental Agency have been informed by Slop Oil Reception & Treatment Limited whether the Company has as yet carried out any of the actions about which the hon Member is asking. However, as yet, none of the compliance dates under the relevant conditions of the permit have been reached.

I will now hand over to the hon Member a schedule showing the compliance date for each of the actions identified in his questions.

Schedule

<u>Question</u>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Compliance Date</u>
642	Written Procedures	31 Jan 2008
643	Written Procedures	31 Jan 2008
644	Documented Procedure	29 Feb 2008
645	Site Closure Plan	31 May 2008
646	Water Use Audit	31 Oct 2008
647	Energy Use Audit	31 Oct 2008
648	Waste Minimisation Audit	31 Oct 2008
649	Environmental Management System	31 March 2008
650	Review	31 Jan 2008
651	Review	31 Jan 2008
652	Assessment	31 Jan 3008
653	Action Management Plan	31 March 2008
654	Written Procedure	30 June 2008

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 642 TO 654 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

I am very grateful, these are all new questions by the way for those listening at home.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

They may be new questions but he could equally well instead of spending five minutes on his feet asking them, have asked simply if Slop Oil are complying with all the conditions laid down in the permit, and it would have been the same question.

HON F R PICARDO:

Well, but that was not my question, my question was about whether or not Slop Oil had communicated things to Government before the dates in which they had to do them. It is very clear from the permit that these are the dates when they have to comply, but I was asking the Government whether perhaps they had complied already. Many of the things might have been dealt with before the permit date. If they have not and they will do it by these dates as required, so be it. Needless to say, because we are elected to do that for the community, we shall keep monitoring these items and ensure that they are done.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

He could still have asked it in one question.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Absolutely, and the question is even more irrelevant, if he is looking to see whether they have complied, the list of dates are public knowledge, they are available on the website.

HON F R PICARDO:

I do not really appreciate that the Minister is saying that the question is irrelevant. How can it be irrelevant when they are dealing with serious issues to do with the safety and security of Gibraltar in the generation of electricity by private parties and sewage. I do not think these questions are irrelevant. I am aware that these are the dates because one simply has to be able to add three, six or nine which are the months required after the date of the permit. But I am very grateful for him having set them out and put them here. But the dates which are relevant from the permit are not the dates I was asking about. I was asking whether the Minister had received things even though there was not yet the date passed by when they had to happen.

HON C A BRUZON:

It is just that I could not hear what the Hon Mr Britto was saying because there was too much noise. I think the House should respect a Member who is standing making a statement on either side of the House.

MR SPEAKER:

I agree entirely.

ORAL

NO. 655 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

REFUSE DISPOSAL – LOS BARRIOS CONTRACT

Can Government state what was the amount payable in the financial year 2006/2007 to the Los Barrios Municipal Waste Facility and the volume of waste handled in that financial year?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question No. 656 of 2007.

NO. 656 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

REFUSE DISPOSAL – LOS BARRIOS CONTRACT

Can Government state how much was actually paid to the Los Barrios Municipality for handling Gibraltar's waste in 2006/2007 and are these fees paid to the Gibraltar contractor that delivers the waste or direct to the Municipality in Spain?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Government does not pay the Los Barrios Municipality directly for waste disposal. The Government contractor handles all permits and fees required.

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 656

Year 2006/07 MONTEVERDE LORRIES - Total Household, Mattresses & Refuse per month

	Household		Mattresses		Refuse	
	Weight	Amount Paid	Weight	Amount Paid	Weight	Amount Paid
APRIL 06	556.520	£49,438.80	2.020	£800.00	1,152.980	£71,173.46
MAY 06	603.700	£53,232.10	2.000	£800.00	1,289.990	£79,631.08
JUNE 06	717.800	£58,709.50	3.140	£1,200.00	1,276.200	£78,779.85
JULY 06	783.780	£68,654.40	4.080	£1,600.00	1,236.120	£76,305.69
AUGUST 06	711.840	£65,499.30	5.060	£2,000.00	1,461.200	£90,199.88
SEPTEMBER 06	664.560	£62,041.00	2.000	£800.00	1,486.100	£91,736.95
OCTOBER 06	879.860	£78,464.50	1.040	£400.00	1,792.560	£110,632.46
NOVEMBER 06	953.480	£84,886.30	4.170	£1,600.00	1,398.400	£86,323.23
DECEMBER 06	637.340	£58,767.30	nil	nil	1,687.680	£104,180.49
JANUARY 07	695.080	£62,142.50	2.880	£1,200.00	1,487.080	£92,778.92
FEBRUARY 07	759.780	£68,219.90	3.100	£1,200.00	1,272.020	£79,361.33
MARCH 07	1032.220	£91,816.00	6.820	£2,400.00	1,414.240	£88,234.43
YEARLY TOTAL	8,995.960	£801,871.60	36.310	£14,000.00	16954.570	£1,049,337.77

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 655 AND 656 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am grateful to the Minister who has provided more statistical information than I actually asked for, because my question was in fact related to the financial year as a whole and I have not asked for a month by month breakdown. Could I ask, in Question No. 655 I am asking how much was payable and in Question No. 656 I am asking how much was actually paid. The written answer he has given me does not tell me whether there is a distinction drawn here. This is the amount actually paid and it is Question No. 656 is that correct?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Is he asking whether there is any due but not yet paid?

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is correct, that would be the difference between the two figures, yes.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Subject to correction, but I would have thought that if the payments were due in March that they would already have been paid, and that these are the final balances. I do not think there are, from the implications of the question, otherwise I think they would have been drawn to my attention.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If that is the information which the hon Member is interested, can he just explain the in 2006/2007, does he intend that to relate to the waste or to the payment? So that we can get the right information for him. Does the period 2006/2007 describe the waste? There may be a lag. In other words, that the waste for March 2007 may not be paid by 31 March 2007. So we can get him the right information.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The amount payable is the question which is on the Order Paper which has not been answered, which is Question No. 655. The piece of paper that I have had handed over to me, shows the amount paid each month. I take it, unless I am told the opposite, that the amount paid and the amount payable are the same and that is why there are no two different figures. In fact, Question No. 655 asked what was the amount payable and, obviously, the amount payable is not amount of waste per month it is amount of pounds. The volume of waste that was actually handled may not, in fact, mean that the last bit of waste delivered on the last day had already had a bill presented for it. So the amount payable might mean that some of that amount was for waste that was handled before 1 April 2006 and was handled in 2005/2006. But I think the question as drafted is very clear. The first part of the question asked what was payable in that financial year and what was handled in that financial year,

and the second question is how much was actually paid, which is the information I have been given, as I say, in greater detail than I asked. But I am grateful that I got the greater detail. But I am not sure whether I should deduce from it that the answer to Question No. 656 is that the payable and the paid are the same figures.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am assuming they are the same figures and if they are not I will write to the hon Member informing him.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Can I take this opportunity before we change questioners and Ministers, to refer back to Question Nos. 655 and 656, which the Hon Mr Bossano asked me this morning? I refer back to Question Nos. 655 and 656 in respect of the cost of the disposal of refuse in Los Barrios, he asked me for clarification. The table showed only the amount paid and he queried whether the amount payable was the same. I can confirm to the hon Member that the table was constructed to adjust these positions, to show that the amount payable and the amount paid is in the same column. The heading should have read, amount payable and amount paid. I am told that these payments are made on a very regular basis, so as soon as the amount that is payable is established, the amount is paid for the same month. So, I can confirm that.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Unless the Minister has got a different piece of paper from the one he gave me there is only one column so I do not know what two columns he is referring to. One column was about mattresses and the other column was about household refuse.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The hon Member asked me two different questions, Question Nos. 655 and 656. Firstly, on an annual basis and I supplied the answer on a monthly basis, how much money had been due in payment or how much money was payable, was the word he used. Then in the second question he asked how much money was paid. The table only has one column which shows the amount paid. He asked me this morning whether the amount payable was different on a month by month and yearly basis or whether it was the same. I have checked and I can confirm to him that on a month by month and, therefore by implication, on an annual basis, the amount payable in each month and annually is the same as shown in the column as the amount paid. In other words, the bill is raised on a monthly basis and is paid. So there is no outstanding balance brought forward, even at the beginning or at the end of the month. I beg your pardon, at the beginning or at the end of the year.

ORAL

NO. 657 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

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 January 2007 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 658 to 663 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 658 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

AQUAGIB – UNITS BILLED

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 657 and 659 to 663 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 659 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

AQUAGIB – VALUE BILLED

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 657, 658 and 660 to 663 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 660 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

AQUAGIB – CUSTOMERS BILLED

Can Government state the number of customers that were invoiced for Domestic Secondary Units of water in the months of January 2007 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 657 to 659 and 661 to 663 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 661 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

AQUAGIB – VALUE BILLED (STANDING CHARGES)

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 657 to 660, 662 and 663 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 662 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

AQUAGIB – VALUE BILLED

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 657 to 661 and 663 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 663 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

AQUAGIB – UNITS BILLED

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 663

Answer to Question 657

	Amounts Collected (£)	Amounts Billed (£)
January 2007	460,815.40	428,631.24
February 2007	419,682.57	365,282.75
March 2007	509,417.10	369,716.62
April 2007	345,221.44	412,278.91
May 2007	347,174.85	383,445.65
June 2007	494,966.35	443,605.28
July 2007	413,296.86	447,290.30
August 2007	441,249.03	484,518.32
September 2007	406,863.30	486,555.46
October 2007	553,486.27	437,741.30

Answer to Question 658

	Domestic Primary Units
January 2007	381,875
February 2007	371,778
March 2007	374,287
April 2007	392,529
May 2007	366,787
June 2007	389,289
July 2007	390,368
August 2007	389,985
September 2007	395,982
October 2007	382,239

Answer to Question 659

	Value of Domestic Primary Units (£)
January 2007	80,193.75
February 2007	78,073.38
March 2007	78,600.18
April 2007	82,431.09
May 2007	77,025.27
June 2007	81,750.69
July 2007	81,977.28
August 2007	81,896.85
September 2007	83,156.22
October 2007	80,270.19

Answer to Question 660

	Number of Customers invoiced for Domestic Secondary Units
January 2007	5,653
February 2007	5,084
March 2007	5,117
April 2007	5,826
May 2007	4,768
June 2007	5,606
July 2007	5,589
August 2007	5,587
September 2007	5,933
October 2007	5,238

Answer to Question 661

	Value of Standing Charges invoiced to Domestic Customers (£)
January 2007	35,538
February 2007	35,646
March 2007	35,631
April 2007	35,679
May 2007	36,087
June 2007	35,940
July 2007	36,024
August 2007	36,408
September 2007	35,770
October 2007	36,141

Answer to Question 662

	Value of Domestic Secondary Units (£)
January 2007	117,505.40
February 2007	89,772.68
March 2007	91,097.16
April 2007	120,757.49
May 2007	81,691.22
June 2007	112,972.15
July 2007	117,353.60
August 2007	118,771.88
September 2007	132,412.18
October 2007	102,864.45

Answer to Question 663

	Domestic Secondary Units
January 2007	225,972
February 2007	172,640
March 2007	175,187
April 2007	232,226
May 2007	157,099
June 2007	217,254
July 2007	225,680
August 2007	228,407
September 2007	254,639
October 2007	197,816

Statistics for November is not yet available.

ORAL

NO. 664 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

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 ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

In the Financial Year ending 31st March 2007, the average consumption, on the basis of potable water metered to each household, was 162 litres per day per household.

NO. 665 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

AQUAGIB – SUPPLY OF WATER BY MOD

Can Government state by when Ex-MOD properties and areas that are currently being supplied with water by the MOD system will be supplied by AquaGib instead?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The Government is unable to confirm at present when ex-MOD properties and areas that are currently being supplied with water by the MOD system will be supplied by AquaGib instead.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 665 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Do AquaGib have a programme of works that they have been carrying out in certain areas in Gibraltar, have they got a schedule of programmes and works where ex-MoD properties will be given AquaGib water?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is not a systematic programme throughout the whole of Gibraltar but there are areas of Gibraltar where precisely that is being done. So they are doing it by area and then this may all be overtaken by the fact that under the agreement that was struck with the MoD earlier this year, it may be that we will be taking over their water distribution system, in which case the issue will go away in the sense that their system will be integrated into ours and it will all be operated as one. But in the meantime, there is an upgrade going on, for example, in the area of Brympton, that area of Europa Road is the one where I know AquaGib are working now and one or two other smaller bits in the South District are also being worked on to integrate them. But there are large areas, for example, I think Edinburgh House is still all on the MoD system if I am not mistaken.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister guarantee that the water is of the same standard that AquaGib supply from the MoD?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Minister cannot guarantee anything of the sort. What the Minister can say is that the MoD have rules about water quality and that they comply with their own rules about water quality, which are well within the rules of potability. But the Government, its Ministers are not here to provide guarantees on behalf of MoD. The answer to his question is no, but the information he is really interested in has been given, and that is that the MoD's own standards are perfectly adequate and safe.

HON S E LINARES:

I understand what the Chief Minister is saying but, unfortunately, it is AquaGib that bills people of which MoD supplies the water. Therefore, the responsibility is on AquaGib and not on the MoD.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member cannot confuse issues of billing with issues of unsafeness. He has asked for an undertaking, not that the MoD's water is safe, if he had asked me are the Government satisfied that the MoD's water is safe. I would not have stood up to tell him it is none of the Government's business, because the Government is most certainly interested in citizens of Gibraltar not consuming unsafe water. But he did not ask that, he asked for a Ministerial assurance that the water was identical. Well, identicalness does not raise issues of safety. They can both be safe and not be identical. So the answer to his question as formulated is that the Government will not give him any such assurance, but the Government can certainly assure him that the Government believe that the MoD's water supply is entirely safe, subject to any individual isolated case of localised contamination which could happen as easily to the MoD as it could do to AquaGib. But subject to any normal occurrence the Government are entirely satisfied that the MoD's potable water system is entirely safe for human consumption.

ORAL

NO. 666 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

ELECTRICITY – REVENUE COLLECTED

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 667 to 674 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 667 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

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 January 2007 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 666 and 668 to 674 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 668 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

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 January 2007 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 666, 667 and 669 to 674 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 669 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

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 January 2007 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 666 to 668 and 670 to 674 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 670 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

ELECTRICITY – VALUE BILLED

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 666 to 669 and 671 to 674 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 671 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

ELECTRICITY – UNITS BILLED

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 666 to 670 and 672 to 674 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 672 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

ELECTRICITY – CUSTOMERS BILLED

Can Government state the number of customers invoiced in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of January 2007 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 666 to 671 and 673 to 674 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 673 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

ELECTRICITY – MOD

Can Government state the number of units and the value of electricity purchased from MOD in the months of January 2007 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 666 to 672 and 674 of 2007.

NO. 674 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

ELECTRICITY – OESCO

Can Government state the number of units and the value of electricity purchased from OESCO in the months of January 2007 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The information requested by the hon Member is only available up to the month of October 2007 and is set out in the schedule I now hand to him. The figures for November 2007 were not available at the time of preparing this answer.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 674

Answer to Question 666

Amounts collected in respect of electricity

	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007
Collected	£1,453,92.41	£1,651,689.28	£1,529,588.87	£1,047,294.45	£1,315,799.43

	June 2007	July 2007	August 2007	September 2007	October 2007
Collected	£1,460,536.79	£1,423,637.69	£1,198,647.50	£1,203,111.01	£1,794,176.93

Answer to Question 667

Amounts collected and billed in respect of electricity

	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007
Collected	£1,453,920.41	£1,651,689.28	£1,529,588.87	£1,047,294.45	£1,315,799.43
Billed	£1,391,314.53	£1,455,696.55	£1,318,385.63	£1,370,959.02	£1,156,572.08

	June 2007	July 2007	August 2007	September 2007	October 2007
Collected	£1,460,536.79	£1,423,637.69	£1,198,647.50	£1,203,111.01	£1,794,176.93
Billed	£1,211,910.70	£1,426,836.41	£1,427,631.58	£1,360,901.43	£1,345,891.94

Answer to Question 668

FCA invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007
Invoiced	£178,428	£174,229	£145,616	£160,930	£121,891

	June 2007	July 2007	August 2007	September 2007	October 2007
Invoiced	£126,711	£125,717	£125,195	£134,600	£127,358

Answer to Question 669

Standing Charges invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007
Invoiced	£50,762	£50,328	£51,054	£50,876	£50,988

	June 2007	July 2007	August 2007	September 2007	October 2007
Invoiced	£51,106	£51,336	£51,614	£50,966	£51,428

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 674Answer to Question 670

Total value invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007
Invoiced	£628,741	£614,780	£522,643	£572,173	£445,823

	June 2007	July 2007	August 2007	September 2007	October 2007
Invoiced	£461,528	£458,563	£457,138	£486,974	£463,989

Answer to Question 671

Units invoiced to Tariff 3 Domestic Consumers

	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007
Units	5,399,334	5,273,284	4,405,048	4,869,826	3,688,435

	June 2007	July 2007	August 2007	September 2007	October 2007
Invoiced	3,833,932	3,804,192	3,788,231	4,073,092	3,854,103

Answer to Question 672

Number of Consumers invoiced under Tariff 3 Domestic

	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007
Consumers	12,676	12,706	12,743	12,764	12,784

	June 2007	July 2007	August 2007	September 2007	October 2007
Consumers	12,790	12,835	12,818	12,816	12,969

Answer to Question 673

Purchases from the MOD

	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007
Units (kWh)	540,020	448,295	359,409	No invoice	722,535
Value	£56,124.59	£46,186.27	£37,060.54	No invoice	£72,995.74

	June 2007	July 2007	August 2007	September 2007	October 2007
Units (kWh)	258,653	317,391	202,972	211,044	532,359
Value	£26,450.03	£32,676.70	£20,958.18	£21,848.21	£54,060.90

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 674**Answer to Question 674**

Purchases from OESCO Ltd.

	January 2007	February 2007	March 2007	April 2007	May 2007
Units (kWh)	8,940,120	6,805,820	6,862,470	6,469,010	6,544,820
Value	£871,746.69	£722,741.91	£760,261.59	£823,292.88	£836,524.22
	June 2007	July 2007	August 2007	September 2007	October 2007
Units (kWh)	8,152,650	8,769,350	6,000,930	6,873,470	8,112,680
Value	£1,021,890.05	£1,110,237.16	£796,092.31	£936,988.20	£1,099,966.92

ORAL

NO. 675 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

ELECTRICITY – OESCO

Can Government say what percentage of electricity is being supplied by OESCO power station annually?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

During the financial year 2006/2007, OESCO Power Station supplied 53.1 per cent of the electrical energy.

ORAL

NO. 676 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

ELECTRICITY – POWER FAILURES

Can Government state the number of power cuts that affected whole districts in the months of January 2007 to November 2007, providing a breakdown of the areas affected and the reason why they occurred?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question No. 677 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 677 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

ELECTRICITY – POWER FAILURES

Can Government state how many power cuts there has been in the past two years stating when these occurred and their duration?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The information requested by the hon Member is only available up to 27 November 2007 and is set out in the schedule I now hand to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 677**Answer to Question 677**

YEAR 2005	Date	Duration	Areas affected	Reason
1	Sat 8 Jan 05 13.15hrs	8mins to 10mins	Four districts supplied from WPS. 14,15,17,18	Generator set no. 2 at WPS Alternator's neutral bars earth fault due to vibrations.
2	Sat 22 Jan 05 11.30hrs	18mins to 20mins	Four districts supplied from WPS. 14,15,17,18	OESCO no 6 generator tripped on load. Electrical fault.
3	Tue 25 Jan 05 22.24hrs	7mins to 9mins	Four districts supplied from WPS. 14,15,17,18	OESCO no 6 generator taken off load by mistake – 0Operator error
4	Thu 3 Feb 05 01.12hrs	9mins to 13mins	Four districts supplied from WPS. 10,13,15,18	Falling Frequency Protection System tripped feeders as a result of load surge when closing JBDC interconnector
5	Thu 3 Feb 05 03.25hrs	5mins to 7mins	Four districts supplied from WPS. 10,13,15,18	Falling Frequency Protection System tripped feeders as a result of surge when closing S10 Bayside
6	Sun 6 Mar 05 18.21hrs	1hr24mins to 1hr52mins	Eleven districts supplied from KBDC & JBDC. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 6,19,20	Translay Relays operated at WPS disconnecting the two Interconnectors WPS to OBDC.
7	Fri 18 Mar 05 23.55hrs	6mins to 20mins	Four districts supplied from WPS10,13,14,15,18 and one from KBDC 9	Generator set no. 3 at WPS tripped due to faulty exhaust valve link pin
8	Sat 19 Mar 05 23.34hrs	1min to 3 hrs	District 2 St Bernard's Hosp restored after 1 min. All districts fed from OBDC and JBDC affected by up to 3 hrs.	Fault in Interconnector no. 1 OBDC – OESCO.
9	Sat 19 Mar 05 01.00hrs	4mins to 7mins	Five districts supplied from WPS. 10,13,14,15,18	Fault in Interconnector no. 1 OBDC – OESCO. FFP activated.
10	Sat 19 Mar 05 01.13hrs	7mins to 10mins	Five districts supplied from WPS. 10,13,14,15,18	Fault in Interconnector no. 1 OBDC – OESCO. FFP activated.
11	Thu 19 May	9mins to 23	Five districts supplied from	Generator set no. 2 at

	05 09.05hrs	mins	WPS. 10,13,14,15,18	WPS Lub oil trip elec fault.
12	Thu 19 May 05 09.51hrs	6mins to 10mins	Five districts supplied from WPS. 10,13,14,15,18	Generator set no. 2 at WPS Lub oil trip elec fault.
13	Mon 23 May 05 19.03hrs	6mins to 9mins	Five districts supplied from WPS. 10,13,14,15,18	OESCO no 4 generator tripped on load, due to engine governor oil leak.
14	Mon 11 July 05	7mins to 9mins	Five districts supplied from WPS. 10,13,14,15,18	Generator set no. 1 at WPS Lub faulty emergency stop valve.
15	Sat 17 Aug 05 12.50hrs	9mins to 12mins	Five districts supplied from WPS. 10,13,14,15,18	OESCO no 7 generator under test at 4MW, tripped on load, due to low lub oil pressure switch
16	Sun 4 Sept 05 14.35hrs	9m ins to 13mins	Five districts supplied from WPS. 10,13,14,15,18	Generator set no. 1 at WPS Lub oil trip elec fault.
17	Tue 6 Sept 05 00.26hrs	8mins to 9mins	Five districts supplied from WPS. 10,13,14,15,18	OESCO no 3 generator shutdown instead of no. 1. – Operator error
18	Wed 5 Oct 05 20.02hrs	7mins to 1hr 29mins	Eight districts supplied from WPS. 10,11,12,13,14,15,17,18 Four Districts supplied from OBDC, 1, 7, 9,21	Fault in S49 Substation at Europort. Switchgear circuit panel to S72 Safeway substation flashed over.
YEAR 2006				
1	Sat 15 April 06 07.29hrs	7mins to 10mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10,13,14,18 One District supplied from OBDC, 9	Generator set no. 3 at WPS Tripped manually Turbocharger fault.
2	Thu 27 April 06 02.13hrs	2mins to 16mins	Eight districts supplied from WPS, 10,11,12,13,14,15,17,18 Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18 One District supplied from JBDC,23	Generator set no. 2 at WPS Lub oil trip elec fault.
3	Mon 4 June 06 06.09hrs	3mins	One district supplied from WPS, 18	OESCO no 1 generator tripped on load due to low lub oil pressure switch
4	Wed 14 June 06 05.37hrs	22mins	Two districts supplied from WPS, 14, 17	Generator set no. 1 at WPS. Broken air valve caused turbocharger surge.

5	Sun 23 July 06 10.25hrs	10mins to 11mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15	Generator set no. 2 at WPS. Fuel changeover valve failure.
6	Fri 18 Aug 06 10.52hrs	3mins to 10mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18	Generator set no. 1 at WPS. Lub. Oil filter changeover activated low pressure trip.
7	Wed 23 Aug 06 12.48hrs	12mins to 21mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18	OESCO no 4 generator tripped on load due to high temperature alarm.
8	Sat 26 Aug 06 11.15hrs	2mins to 7mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18	OESCO no 4 generator tripped on load due to high temperature alarm.
9	Wed 27 Sep 06 06.41hrs	11mins to 12mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	OESCO no 7 generator tripped on load due to low pressure in coolant circuit.
10	Tue 31 Oct 06 10.30hrs	4mins to 9mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	OESCO no 3 generator tripped on load due to low oil pressure – clarifier fault.
11	Thu 16 Nov 06 13.26hrs	8mins to 10mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	Generator set no. 1 at WPS. Lub. Oil pump failure activated low pressure trip.
12	Sun 19 Nov 06 18.09hrs	10mins to 29mins	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.
13	Sun 3 Dec 06 16.40hrs	5mins to 57mins	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 HV cable from S9 Substation at Rosia Road to S31 Sandpits Substation.
14	Tue 19 Dec 06 23.40hrs	7mins to 10mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	WPS generator no. 1. Faulty over-speed protection sensor caused engine trip.

Answer to Question 676

YEAR				
2007				
1	Mon 12 Feb 07 19.59hrs	7mins to 9 mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	WPS generator no. 2. Broken fuel pipe. Tripped manually.
2	Sat 3 Mar	3mins	One district supplied from	WPS Generator set no.

	07 16.36hrs		WPS, 15	1 Problem in fuel system. Reverse power relay caused engine trip.
3	Wed 14 Mar 07 13.43hrs	11mins to 13mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	OESCO no 6 generator tripped on load due to engine governor failure
4	Mon 7 May 07 14.11hrs	21mins to 23mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18	WPS generator no. 1 Problem in fuel system. Reverse power relay caused engine trip.
5	Tue 29 May 07 19.21hrs	12mins to 14mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	OESCO no 4 generator shed load due to fuel leak. Engine tripped manually.
6	Thu 23 Aug 07 08.13hrs	17mins to 19mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	OESCO no 4 generator tripped on load due to low lub oil pressure latch.
7	Wed 12 Sep 07 14.12hrs	6mins to 19mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18	OESCO no 7 generator tripped on load due to high temperature alarm.
8	Fri 21 Sep 07 00.30hrs	20mins to 1hr55mins. Some MOD supplied consumers in excess of 11 hours	Total Blackout in Gibraltar	High Voltage fault in MOD's Glenn Rocky substation caused a cascade tripping effect on the generators operating at the time.
9	Mon 24 Sep 07 22.26hrs	3mins to 4mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18. One District supplied from OBDC, 9.	WPS no.3 generator stopped in error by operator whilst on load.
10	Thu 4 Oct 07 22.55hrs	9mins to 10mins	Four districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 18. One District supplied from OBDC, 9.	OESCO no 7 generator tripped on load, due to low lub oil pressure switch
11	Thu 8 Nov 07 09.27hrs	6mins to 9mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 15, 14, 18.	WPS no. 2 generator tripped on load due to broken lub oil pipe.
12	Tue 27 Nov 07 12.38hrs	37mins	One district supplied from WPS, 15.	Contractor engaged in works at Ocean Village damaged an 11000 volts high voltage feeder cable.

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

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

The districts fed from Jumper's Bastion Distribution Centre (JBDC) comprises an area covering parts of Rosia Road, Witham's Road, Red Sands Road, Vineyards, Naval Hospital Road, Europa Road, New Harbours, Europa Business Centre.

NO. 678 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

POWER STATION – LATHBURY BARRACKS

Will the Government say when will the new power station at Lathbury Barracks be in operation and what percentage of electricity will it be supplying?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The Government's current expectation is that the new power station will be in operation by December 2010, and it will supply 100 per cent of Gibraltar's electrical needs.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 678 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

The Government stated that they are looking into alternative energy for supplying Gibraltar's electricity, does this come into consideration when already the Government have taken the decision that 100 per cent of the supply will be by a power station?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, we are indeed and there are studies and there are possibilities being considered. The target, I think, is 10 per cent or 12 per cent, 10 per cent by 2012 or 12 per cent by 2010. I can just see the figures dancing in my head but there is certainly, and indeed there is a manifesto commitment in that respect.

HON F R PICARDO:

So the power station will supply 100 per cent of the non-renewable source of electricity.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.

ORAL

NO. 679 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP

Can Government list the conferences that they have sponsored or co-sponsored, both in Gibraltar or elsewhere, since the last Question Time in this Parliament, showing the dates when the conferences were held, the cost and the department that was most directly involved?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

My Ministry has not sponsored or co-sponsored, in Gibraltar or elsewhere, any conferences since the last Question Time in this Parliament.

ORAL

NO. 680 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 ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

Schedule to Question 680

I have been away from Gibraltar on Government business since the last Question time in this Parliament on the following occasions:

2007

21 – 24 May	United Nations Seminar	Grenada
1 – 3 June	UKGTA Meeting	London, UK
30 September – 1 October	Conservative Party Conference	Blackpool, UK
21 – 23 October	Gibraltar Day in London	London, UK
23 – 24 October	Meeting Iberia	Madrid, Spain

NO. 681 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TOURISM / PORT / BUSINESS AND CONFERENCE / E-BUSINESS ADVISORY COUNCILS

How often and on what dates have the following met:

- (a) the Tourism Advisory Council since 16 November 2006;
- (b) the Port Advisory Council since 16 February 2007;
- (c) the Business and Commerce Advisory Council since 16 November 2006;
- (d) the E-Business Advisory Council since 13 November 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

- (a) The Tourism Advisory Council has met three times on 6 March 2007, 2 May 2007, and 15 June 2007.
- (b) The Port Advisory Council has met once on 2 May 2007.
- (c) The Business and Commerce Advisory Council has met once on 21 March 2007.
- (d) The E-Business Advisory Council has met twice; on 21 March 2007, and 17 May 2007.

ORAL

NO. 682 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 January 2007 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 ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

Schedule to Question 682

The following revenue has been collected on a monthly basis since January 2007 inclusive:

- (a) Charging Coaches that use the Coach Park:

2007	No of Coaches	£10 per Coach
January	311	£3,110
February	448	£4,480
March	797	£7,970
April	740	£7,400
May	856	£8,560
June	722	£7,220
July	632	£6,320
August	654	£6,540
September	914	£9,140
October	1,008	£10,080
Total	7,552	£75,520

- (b) Admission fees to the Upper Rock

	£
Jan 2007	93,591.70
Feb 2007	126,081.64
Mar 2007	198,754.35
Apr 2007	288,308.82
May 2007	313,895.43
Jun 2007	277,187.74
Jul 2007	324,667.38
Aug 2007	388,315.03
Sep 2007	344,522.51
Oct 2007	355,347.33
Total	£2,710,671.93

- (c) Admission fees to the Gibraltar Museum

	£
Jan 2007	1422.82
Feb 2007	2592.22
Mar 2007	887.67
Apr 2007	1562.77
May 2007	1167.98
Jun 2007	954.90
Jul 2007	928.50
Aug 2007	2014.17
Sep 2007	1103.35
Oct 2007	1332.75
Total	£13,967.13

ORAL

NO. 683 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – COACH PARK ATTENDANT/VISITOR INFORMATION OFFICER

In respect of the vacancies advertised in August for a Coach Park Attendant and a Visitor Information Officer, can Government say in each case:

- (a) how many posts were vacant;
- (b) how many persons applied;
- (c) whether the vacancies have been filled;
- (d) the nationality of the successful applicant?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 684 to 686 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 684 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – MAINTENANCE WORKER

Can Government say how many persons applied for the vacant post of Maintenance Worker at the Tourist Board which was advertised in May, whether the post has been filled, and, if so, the nationality of the successful applicant?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 683, 685 and 686 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 685 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – INFORMATION OFFICER/UPPER ROCK AND BEACHES SUPERVISOR

With respect to the vacancies for Information officer and Upper Rock and Beaches Supervisor which were advertised in August, can Government say in each case:

- (a) how many vacancies there were;
- (b) how many people applied for the vacant position;
- (c) whether the posts have now been filled;
- (d) the nationality of the successful applicants?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 683, 684 and 686 of 2007.

NO. 686 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – TERMINAL ASSISTANT/VISITOR INFORMATION PATROL OFFICER

In respect of the vacancies for Terminals Assistant and Visitor Information Patrol Officer which were advertised in May, can Government say in each case:

- (a) how many posts were available;
- (b) how many persons applied;
- (c) whether the posts have been filled;
- (d) the nationality of the successful applicants?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answer to Question 683 of 2007

There were two vacancies for Information Officer, with 14 applications and one vacancy for Coach Park Attendant with 12 applicants.

All the vacancies were filled by Gibraltarians.

Answer to Question 684 of 2007

There were 26 applicants. The post has been filled by a Gibraltarian.

Answer to Question 685 of 2007

There were two vacancies for Information Officers. Eight persons applied for the post. The successful applicants were both Gibraltarian.

There was also one vacancy for Upper Rock and Beaches Supervisor. Nine persons applied for the post. The successful candidate was a Gibraltarian internal candidate.

Answer to Question 686 of 2007

There was one vacancy for Terminal Assistant and one vacancy for Visitor Information Patrol Officer.

There were six applicants and five applicants respectively and both vacancies were filled by Gibraltarians.

ORAL

NO. 687 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 January 2007 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 at hotels what was the average length of stay in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

Schedule to Question 687

The figures requested are as follows:

(a) Stayed at hotel

	Total No of Interviews	Stayed At Hotel	Airport	Average Length of Stay	Frontier	Average Length of Stay	Elsewhere	Average Length of Stay
Jan 2007	1262	1	-	6	1	6	-	-
Feb 2007	1242	2	-	-	2	5	-	-
Mar 2007	1157	11	11	4	-	-	-	-
Apr 2007	1242	4	-	-	4	3	-	-
May 2007	1734	58	58	4	-	-	-	-
Jun 2007	1292	43	40	3	2	2.5	1	2
Jul 2007	1426	11	10	4	1	4	-	-
Aug 2007	1768	31	30	4	1	4	-	-
Sep 2007	1141	9	9	7	-	-	-	-

(b) Not stayed at hotel

	Total Interviews Not Stayed At Hotel	Airport	Port	Frontier	Waterport	Marina	Coach Park
Jan 2007	1261	-	-	1261	-	-	-
Feb 2007	1240	-	-	1220	-	-	20
Mar 2007	1146	29	-	1117	-	-	-
Apr 2007	1238	-	-	1238	-	-	-
May 2007	1676	115	224	1168	-	7	162
Jun 2007	1249	61	21	974	-	6	187
Jul 2007	1415	26	86	1260	-	-	43
Aug 2007	1737	38	234	1435	-	-	30
Sep 2007	1132	18	-	1073	-	2	39

* the information in respect of September 2007 has only been partly inputted.

NO. 688 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU/GOVERNMENT 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 ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

Schedule to Question 688

ERDF PROJECTS

Project No.	Sponsor	Status	ERDF	GOG	Purpose of Grant
119	Figlagvic Ltd T/A El Sombrero	Active	£16,035.99 (15%)	£16,035.98 (15%)	Building Works, Fitting-Out Costs, Equipment, Marketing, Rent & Import Duty.
120	John J. Ocaña Ltd	Active	£4,986.59 (14.8%)	£4,986.59 (14.8%)	Equipment, Import Duty & Building Works.
121	She Ltd T/A Figaro	Active	£13,002.68 (15%)	£13,002.68 (15%)	Buildings Works, Equipment & Fitting-Out Costs.
122	Sport ON	Completed	£259.90 (15%)	£259.89 (15%)	Equipment, Import Duty & Freight Charges.
123	Senor Delivery Ltd	Active	£3,495.85 (15%)	£3,495.84 (15%)	Office Equipment & Furniture, Import Duty & Freight Charges, Renovation Works, Marketing & Rent.
124	The Water Margin Ltd	Active	£4,998.22 (14.25%)	£4,998.22 (14.25%)	Purchase of Kitchen Equipment.
125	Ocean Village Health Club Ltd	Active	£68,094.00 (12.5%)	£0.00 (0%)	Purchase of Exercise, Audio & Visual Equipment, Electrical Works & Fitting-Out Costs & the creation of a Website and Purchase of Software.
126	Rison Ltd	Active	£8,478.88 (30%)	£0.00 (0%)	Renovation Works, Purchase of Office Furniture & Equipment, Telephony/Internet & Rent.
127	Bransford Projects Ltd	Active	£65,472.05 (21%)	£0.00 (0%)	Restoration Works.

ESF PROJECTS

Project No.	Sponsor	Status	ESF	GOG	Purpose of Grant
ESF 43	Focus 5505	Active	£20,070.00 (45%)	£24,530.00 (55%)	Wage Subsidy Scheme

INTERREG PROJECTS

Project No.	Sponsor	Status	INTERREG	GOG	PS	Purpose of Grant
IIIA/00-06/005	Beginnings	Active	£28,500.00 (50%)	£14,250.00 (25%)	£14,250.00 (25%)	Cultural, Youth Exchanges Between Gibraltar & Morocco

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 688 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Were there no applications for Gibraltar Government funding in this period?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct, there have not.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Under the European Social Fund is a reference to Focus 5505, is that the name of the company or the name of the project?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, that is the name of the project and it is a project that is basically managed by the Ministry of Employment.

ORAL

NO. 689 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 February 2007 inclusive and on what dates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question No. 691 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 690 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 ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

A list of applications received between 16th February and 27th November 2007 is attached. For each application the decision, applicant name, description and site address is given. I am supplying this to him in written format.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 690

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN: 16/2/07 AND 27/11/07

App No	Applicant Name	Description	Decision	Site Address
10579	Mr and Mrs F Marin	Proposed balcony.	Approved	30 Canton House Vynl Begg Estate
10581	Mrs J Martinez	Proposed part conversion of house into two units and other alterations to building.	Approved	9 Sandpits Road
10582	Mr Paul Watson	Proposed glass enclosure of part of terrace.	Approved	102 Perineular Heights Harbour Views Road
10583	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed removal of existing staircase & construction of a new one	Approved	24 Crutchett's Ramp
10584	T B Pennalver	Proposed internal alterations/ new timber door & new aluminium windows	Approved	2 Rosia Road Rosia Court
10585	Mr E Navas	Proposed one storey extension over existing ground floor	Approved	22/24 Morello's Ramp
10586	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed redevelopment of existing open area into a multi-storey carpark.	Refused	40/46 Queensway Quay
10587	Mr J Pau	Proposed minor alterations to dwelling.	Approved	8 South Pavilion House South Pavilion Road
10588	Mr R Benalim	Proposed minor works to dwelling.	Approved	3 South Pavilion House South Pavilion Road
10589	Gardens of Beauty (Gib) Ltd	Proposed construction of 82 residential apartments.	Approved	7 Europe Road
10590	Lionel Massetti	Internal alterations.	Approved	House 7 South Pavilion Road
10591	Tyrina Hernandez	Proposed timber terrace extension.	Approved	51A Europa Road
10592	Taylor Woodrow Gibraltar Ltd	Mixed use development proposing demolition of existing, proposed 10 residential units and extension to synagogue community hall	Refused	45 Engineer Lane
10593	P.L. Properties Ltd	Refurbishment of shop unit and conversion into specialist takeaway / catering premises.	Approved	Units Casematias House Casematias Square
10594	Mr Shane Brown	Proposed canvas awning on terrace.	Approved	Barbary Ape Boyd Street
10595	Mrs Christine Hibbert	Proposed green wire fence on top of existing wall around patio	Approved	501 Watergardens Waterport Road

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<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
10596	Barclays Wealth	Alterations to Barclays reception, partitioning, suspended ceilings and M & E installations.	Approved	First Floor Regal House Queensway
10597	Hammonds Ltd	Proposed enlargement of doorway and associated works.	Approved	Unit 11 Waterport Road Watergardens
10598	Mr F.J.R. & E.M. James	Proposed retractable awning on balcony area.	Approved	304 Endeavor Sir Herbert Miles Road Both Worlds
10599	Mr & Mrs McElwee	Proposed terrace decks to garden/terrace areas to rear of residence.	Approved	2,3 & 4 Lord Napier Mews Rodger's Road
10600	Joyleen Gomez Bruzon	Proposed replacement of all existing timber windows with white aluminium.	Approved	1 Rosia Road Roala Court
10601	Vanja Ltd	Proposed demolition of existing storage shed & construction of apartment block of 12 units and 207 sq m storage.	Pending	60 Devils Tower Road
10602	Mitsud & Olivero	Proposed conversion of one large office into two smaller offices.	Approved	6 Engineer Lane
10603	AON Insurance Managers (Gib)	Proposed removal of partitions between adjacent offices.	Approved	912D/913 Europort Europort Avenue
10604	ITEK Ltd	Proposed internal alterations to shop unit	Approved	81-83 Governor's Street
10605	Mr & Mrs L Hodgson	Proposed internal alterations to residence.	Approved	Flat 6B Elliott's Battery
10606	Cammell Laird Gibraltar	Proposed fence and gate on road and pavement at entrance Cammell Laird.	Pending	Main Wharf Road Dockyard
10607	Mr & Mrs C Ramirez	Proposed construction of 3 bedroom timber framed house.	Refused	4 Lower Bruces Farm Queen's Road
10608	Mr Emil Hermida	Proposed conversion of internal patio into a covered area and alterations to partition walls.	Approved	No 2 South Pavilion Road
10609	M E Bello & Partners	Proposed conversion of store into shop with internal alterations.	Approved	3 Bomb House Lane
10610	Vanessa Stanley	Proposed conversion of vacant unit into shop	Approved	18a Edinburgh House
10611	Southern Lighthouse Holdings	Proposed construction of private swimming pool	Approved	10 Europa Road St Bernard's House
10612	Andrews Kent & Stone	Proposed Temporary Timber Pergola	Pending	12 Naval Hospital Road Admiral's Place

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10613	Adrian Oban	Proposed internal alterations to residential unit	Approved	9 South Pavilion Road
10614	Alan Palao	Proposed internal alterations to residential unit	Approved	6 South Pavilion Road
10615	Mrs Jean McGuire	Proposed window grill on door & cupboard door removed re: entrance door	Pending	17 The Square Marina Bay
10616	Mr N Yao	Proposed construction of partitions for restaurant use	Approved	Ocean Village block 2
10617	Andrews Kent & Stone	Proposed fitting of new internal window	Approved	Rosia Road Unit 94 Harbour Walk New Harbour
10618	Mr Shane Llamblas	Proposed installation of aluminium window in living room.	Approved	4 Rosia Court
10619	The Tower Building Ltd	Proposed construction of new residential development for affordable housing.	Approved	Former Tower Building Site Rosia Road Bayview Terraces
10620	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed demolition.	Pending	Willis's Road Car Park
10621	Mr Mario Almen	Proposed extension and interior/exterior alterations.	Approved	1 South Pavilion Road
10622	Kildavin Ltd	Proposed refurbishment of existing buildings construction of new building to accommodate a childrens activity centre.	Approved	44 Town Range
10623	GC Architects	Proposed conversion of residential property into offices.	Approved	117 Main Street
10624	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed temporary Timber Pergola.	Approved	41 Admiral Place Naval Hospital Road
10625	Mr C Isola	Proposed internal alterations & new skylight	Approved	5 South Pavilion Road
10626	Zoe Droy	Proposed demolition of a store and new construction into a residential unit ancillary to house	Approved	10 Willis's Road
10627	Ian David Jones	Proposed conversion of two bedroom flat into a three bedroom flat	Pending	5B Riesling Vineyards Estate
10628	R L Labrador	Proposed construction of a double garage	Approved	JOHN SNOW HOUSE 35 Europa Road
10629	EWMS LTD	Proposed internal modifications to existing hexagonal building	Approved	Governor's Cottage Europa Advance Road
10630	Land Property Services Ltd	proposed removal of partitions for open plan offices	Approved	50 Town Range Suite 6a & 6b

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10631	James Hughes	proposed demolition of internal non load bearing walls & partitions	Approved	Portland House Ground Floor Glacie Road
10632	Mr & Mrs Grech	Proposed balcony enclosure within existing void.	Approved	19 Barham House Varyl Begg Estate
10633	Solid Mix Ltd	Proposed construction of a boundary wall & installation of concrete plant	Approved	Devils Tower Road Aerial Farm Site
10634	Andrews Kent & Stone	Proposed joining of two apartments with internal alterations	Approved	19 Merlot House Vineyards Estate
10635	Hareram Ltd	Proposed conversion of two show room floors into separate office suites	Approved	4 & 8 Trafalgar Road
10636	Mumbai Curry House Ltd	proposed conversion of mezzanine for restaurant use	Approved	1.02 Eurotowers Europort Road
10637	Haymills Ltd	Proposed residential development comprising 22 apartments and garaging.	Approved	Sir Herbert Miles Road
10638	Taylor Woodrow (Gib) Ltd	Proposed 48 residential apartments.	Pending	Redroofs Devils Tower Road
10639	Mr Desmond Walsh	Proposed installation of 3 solar modules & a wind turbine.	Approved	1A Cumberland Road
10640	Dr & Mrs D Chincotta & others	Proposed pergolas for Houses 1,7,8 & 9	Approved	Units 7,8 & 9 Lord Napier Mews Rodger's Roac
10641	Mr Elio Victor	Proposed fitting of air conditioning units within false balcony.	Approved	68 Irish Town
10642	Mark & Charmaine Yeo	Proposed conversion & extension to existing ground into new 3 bedroom apartment.	Approved	5A Europa Road Elliott's Battery
10643	Mr Albert Falzun	Proposed steel structure to every floor with a steel bridge and lift structure.	Approved	33 Cumberland Road
10644	Mr Steven Vinales	Proposed internal alterations & new staircase enclosure.	Approved	28/3 New Passage
10645	Number Thirteen Ltd	proposed refurbishment of shop & conversion into catering outlet	Approved	Unit 18 Watergardens
10646	Commercial Developments Inv	Proposed construction of sales office & billboard	Approved	Reclamation Road Naval Ground Car Park
10647	Tyrina Hernandez	Proposed bedroom extension adjacent to property	Approved	51A Europa Road
10648	Cepasa Gibraltar Ltd	Proposed refuelling terminal	Approved	Waterport Wharf Vacant Site

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10649	Patrick Francis	proposed installation of steel storage cabinet	Pending	78 Irish Town The Clipper
10650	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed joining of 2 apartments with minor internal modifications	Approved	Queensway Quay Flat 37 Level 3
10651	Ross & Co Ltd	Proposed change of use from workshop/store to shop together with associated internal alterations.	Approved	68/70 Governor's Street
10652	Haymilla Ltd	Demolition of Ramp	Approved	Waterport Wharf
10653	Dick Azopardi	Proposed conversion of existing terrace into a conservatory	Pending	3/3 Scud Hill
10654	G Chiverton	Proposed internal fit out for gymnasium/health club.	Pending	Unit 3 Ocean Village Ocean Village Avenue Resort
10655	ABCO International LTD	Proposed construction of 6 luxury detached houses.	Pending	Sir Herbert Miles Road
10656	Mr F Patron	Proposed installation of new lift, lift enclosure and new wc facilities	Pending	297 Main Street
10657	John J Ocaika Ltd	Proposed conversion to take away shop	Approved	252/256 Main Street
10658	Mrs N Casaglia	To erect timber pergola & awning	Approved	Unit 12 Lord Napier Mews Rodger's Road I
10659	Jamlin Ltd c/o Hassan & Partne	Proposed roof top awning to restaurant on Sail 3.	Pending	Ocean Village
10660	Sandpits Tennis Club	Proposed provision of new roof covering over existing roof	Approved	Sandpits Road Sandpits Tennis Club Sandpits Lawn
10661	Estate of Parral	Change of use from restaurant to offices	Approved	1A College Lane
10662	M H Bland	Proposed new ticket office and alterations to access yard	Approved	Cable Car Base Station Grand Parade
10663	M E Bellio & Partners	Proposed conversion of window into vehicular entrance and internal wall opening for vehicular access	Approved	20 Lancaster Road
10664	Management Company Ltd c/o	Proposed window replacements	Pending	South Pavilion Road
10665	Montagu Group of Companies	Proposed minor alterations to reception area and alterations to main entrance door.	Approved	83 Irish Town
10666	Mr & Mrs Lavarello	Proposed extension to house and internal alterations	Approved	5 Library Ramp

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10667	Mr & Mrs Tirado	Proposed conversion of existing roof space into a loft bedroom	Pending	Apt 211 Rosita Plaza Rosita Parade
10668	Space Interiors	Proposed fitting out of new ground floor commercial unit as offices.	Withdrawn	Unit C Royal Ocean Plaza 48 Ocean Village Avenue
10669	Icon	Proposed removal of internal partitions of one office and providing a new door to Irish Town to same office	Approved	1/5 Irish Town
10670	Lardi Alachar & Nordin Alachar	proposed extension to workshop and into rear vacant yard	Pending	Unit No 27 Governor's Cottage Camp
10671	Princess Properties Ltd	Proposed conversion of existing washhouse into a flat	Pending	6/8 Crutchett's Ramp flat No 7
10672	Butterfly & Co Ltd	Refurbishment of shop premises	Approved	152 Main Street
10673	Ministry of Culture	Proposed demolition	Pending	Incess Hall Main Street
10674	Commercial Developments Int'l	Proposed mid town development consisting of offices, residential apts, parking and park.	Pending	Mid town development Reclamation Road
10675	Mr M Zammit	Proposed minor amendments to existing take away premises	Approved	4b South Barracks Road
10676	Mr E J Slade	proposed alterations to flat	Approved	1,06,01 slender Court Sir William Jackson Grove (Glb 5)
10677	Richard Labrador	proposed construction of prefabricated fibreglass pool	Approved	35 Europa Road John Snow House
10678	James Hughes	Proposed builders yard & office building	Pending	91 Queenway
10679	Volker Stevin Gibraltar Ltd	proposed two storey demountable temporary timber structure	Approved	Queenway King's Wharf
10680	M E Bello & Partners	Proposed creation of a new section of masonry reinforced concrete retaining wall.	Pending	8 South Barrack Mews
10681	Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd	Proposed change of use cinema to residential apartments with ground floor retail and basement parking.	Pending	Queen's Cinema Boyd Street
10682	Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd	Proposed fitting out and of 2 retail units to provide a new sale centre and offices	Approved	Units 4 & 5 Bayside Road Trade Winds
10683	Andrews Kent & Stone	Proposed construction of a footpath connecting side road (off Europa Road) and rear of garden.	Pending	33B Europa Road

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10684	M.E. Bello & Partners	Proposed construction of a timber mezzanine floor to the upper level of a duplex apartment.	Approved	1001 Block 6 Europlaza
10685	Abegon Filtrars	Proposed installation of air to shopfront and construction of a Withdrawn small store and secure room.		B.P 13 Winton Churchill Avenue
10686	Andrews Kent & Stone	Proposed renovation, restoration and additional storey to house.	Pending	Innos Farm
10687	AquaGib	1. Proposed construction of new concrete plinths foundations to accommodate new ROP equipment. 2. Proposed minor structural alterations to steel structure. 3. Proposed refurbishment/replacement of roof elements.	Approved	Governor's Cottage
10688	G A & M C Oliveira	Proposed re-conversion of one flat into two.	Approved	2930 Poplar Lodge Montagu Gardens
10689	Mr & Mrs V A Ferro	Proposed 3rd floor overstealing roof	Pending	25/25A Naval Hospital Road
10690	Mr S W Vaughan	proposed roof cover with eleanit roof slate tiles	Approved	49 Europe Road
10691	Catherine Matto	Proposed partition on upper floor bedroom	Approved	47 Roala Road Roala Dale
10692	Andrews, Kent & Stone	Proposed Demolition of internal walls	Approved	287 Main Street
10693	Andrews Kent & Stone	Proposed conversion of ground floor storage space into private club & first floor office space into bar & restaurant	Approved	287 Main Street
10694	Mr C Sant & Mr f frendo	Proposed redevelopment of properties & part demolition to construct 22 residential units.	Pending	18/20/22/24 Town Range
10695	Mr Albert Aguiar	Removal of terrace and stairs and making good disturbed are	Pending	7 South Barracks Road South Barrack Mews
10696	Mr & Mrs E Lavarello	Extension and refurbishment of existing property, to include 2 additional storeys, together with new external landscaping	Pending	1B Engineer Road
10697	Mrs Joan Hall	Proposed demolition of garage and stores and construction o 2 storey house with new garage.	Pending	8 Rodger's Road
10698	James Olivero Ltd	Proposed construction of detached double garages. Conversion of existing garages into living room & internal alterations and construction of swimming pool.	Pending	51B Europa Road

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10699	Ocean Village Investments Ltd	Proposed landscaping & beautification at quay in front of restaurants and around side of ex-da Paolo's Restaurant.	Approved	Bayside Road Marina Bay
10700	Ocean Village Gibraltar Ltd	Proposed entrance/enhancements including landscaping	Pending	Waterport Wharf
10701	Louise & Fabiola & Company L	Change of use from restaurant to retail and refurbishment of the premises	Approved	238 Main Street
10702	Ocean Village Developments L	Demolition of existing car showroom and construction of commercial plus residential apartments over 17 storeys in total	Pending	Waterport Wharf
10703	Mr John Francis Silva	To form an arched opening between the kitchen and dining/living room partition wall to flat no. 17.03.02.	Pending	17.03.02 The Sands Site North Mole Road Waterport Terraces
10704	IDT Financial Services Limited	Change of use clinic(Class D1) to offices (Class B1)	Approved	180 Main Street
10705	Andrews Kent and Stone	Extension of existing underground wash room	Approved	1 South Barrack Mews
10706	Mr W. Parody	Re-Development of building into restaurant premises and terraces.	Pending	2 Camp Bay
10707	Gibraltar Tourist Board	Proposed single storey building to provide WC & information facilities.	Pending	Willis's Road Moorish Castle
10708	Gibraltar Tourist Board	Proposed single storey building to provide WC & information facilities. Altered access to Moorish Castle approach.	Approved	Upper Rock Great Siege Tunnel Road
10709	Victor E. Cardona	Minor internal alterations to residential unit	Approved	8 South Pavillion Road
10710	Lee and Kirsty Busto	Proposed internal alterations to residential unit.	Approved	7 Roala Road Roala Court
10711	M Simons & D Vallejo	Proposed double glazed window to enclose balcony area.	Approved	8 Roala Road Roala Court
10712	Mr John C Barabitch	Proposed internal and external alterations to shop.	Approved	65 Governor's Street
10713	Mr Isaac Tobelem	Proposed replacement of timber sash windows.	Approved	Flat 2 6 Bell Lane
10714	Derek Ghio	Proposed entrance doorway and boundary wall.	Pending	1 Highbury Terrace Europa Road
10715	M J Mericlea	Proposed extension over existing terrace	Pending	Devil's Gap Bay View
10716	FAO: Neha V. Naigrant	Refurbishment of First Floor part of Royal Bank of Scotland	Approved	Royal Bank of Scotland Cornal Road

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10717	Andrews Kent and Stone	Existing car park yard to be converted into customer car park service yard, workshop and service reception buildings	Pending	57 Devils Tower Road
10718	Robert Blimpson	fitting out of shop unit	Pending	6-7 Ocean Village Promenade
10719	M E Bellio & Partners	Small brickwork tower with a flat concrete roof slab over	Approved	35 Devils Tower Road
10720	Ishwar Rupani	Proposed supermarket	Pending	Royal Ocean Plaza Ocean Village
10721	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed repositioning of clock tower & refurbishment of public toilets.	Approved	West Place Of Arms
10722	Nicola Wynne	Proposed Alterations to Apartment	Approved	135 Waterport Road Watergardens
10723	Ocean Village Wateraide Villas	Proposed construction of 72 Wateraide villas and apartments with associated berthing	Pending	Marina Bay
10724	Ocean Village Business Plaza	Proposed construction of 8 storeys of office with landscaped terrace and 7 storeys of split level parking	Approved	6 Bayside Road
10725	Mr E Lima	Proposed window replacement.	Approved	1 Cornwallis Tower Brympton
10726	Anglo Hispano Co Ltd	Proposed extension to existing restaurant/ cafeteria	Approved	38 Ploacilly Bar Roala Road
10727	Mgr P.Bear, Cathedral Adminia	Proposed lift serving residential area of cathedral clergy	Pending	215 St Mary The Crowned Main Street
10728	James Olivero Limited	Proposed alterations and modifications to provide for a baker & confectionary factory	Approved	7/8 Bomb House Lane
10729	Mr M Benalim	Proposed construction of 2 balconies from existing windows	Pending	1 Library Ramp
10730	Easycall Ltd	Proposed partition to create office and upgrading of premises	Pending	11 Cornwallis Parade
10731	FAO: Neha V. Nargani	Proposed extension of Nat West Bank into ground floor and new linking bridges	Approved	55/57 Line Wall Road
10732	Ocean Village Investments Ltd	Proposed 5 new loured storage sheds abutting existing emergency generator building	Pending	Neptune House Bayside Road Marina Bay
10733	Mr Lindsay Adamson	Proposed alterations to external facade and internal layout	Pending	5 The Tower Marina Bay
10734	S V Catania ESQ	Proposed conversion of two apartments into one	Approved	3/6 3/7 Jumpers Building Roala Road

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10735	CTS Gibraltar Ltd	Proposed fitting-out of existing unit as offices	Pending	Unit c Royal Ocean Plaza Ocean Village
10736	Andrews Kent & Stone	proposed extension to existing building for waiting area and offices	Pending	Gibraltar Electricity Authority Rosta Road
10737	M E Bello & Partners	proposed erection of a trellis to screen a new vertical CO2 cylinder & re-roofing	Pending	35 Devils Tower Road
10738	Line Limited	Proposed Office Refurbishment	Approved	13/1 Line Wall Road
10739	Mr M Carter	Proposed construction of internal partitions to divide floor space into W/C facility & Storage facility	Pending	Unit 5 Ocean Village
10740	Darren Sheriff	Convert old store into male and female shower rooms	Approved	Mount Pleasant South Barracks Road
10741	Dr V. Kumar	Divide existing unified apartment into two original apartments	Approved	Apts 8/4 & 8/5 Jumpers Building Withams Road
10742	Dr W Fitzpatrick	Construction of new terrace extension in reinforced concrete	Approved	14 Withams Road
10743	Desmond Walsh	Redevelopment of existing plot as residential accommodation over workshop and garage parking	Pending	1A Cumberland Road
10744	Joseph Falero & Maria Elena F	Proposed construction of fire door along the corridor	Approved	11 Bellgravia Close Montagu Crescent
10745	Andrews, Kent & Stone	Proposed small extension of existing building located in courtyard	Pending	Gibraltar College Line Wall Road South Bastio
10746	Surinder S. Kalrai	Extension and KFC Restaurant	Pending	Pod 1 Ocean Village Marina
10747	Richard Scott & Carlana Moon	Error in original plan of the lease and removal of internal partition wall to create open plan living room.	Approved	8/14 Bomb House Lane
10748	M E Bello & Partners	Construction of mezzanine floor for storage purposes. Mezzanine to comprise of a timber deck on a steel frame of beams and columns	Approved	Unit 2 York Ltd (M&S) Harbours Yard New Harbours
10749	C/o MKL Consulting Engineers	Change of use from commercial to offices, to include internal alterations to partitions	Approved	Suites 603-4 Europort Europort Road
10750	Josephine Russo	Proposed change of use office to shop.	Pending	Unit 3A & 3B Cornwells Centre

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10751	Mr D. Orfila	A new lift is to be built in the courtyard of the house and will give access to the 3 floors. The lift is needed for an elderly resident.	Pending	17 Irish Town
10752	Dr M & Mrs C Maskill	New covered private carport on new vehicular platform constructed on independent structure over vacant roadside platform	Pending	7/1 Tam House Gardiner's Road
10753	Helvetic Fund Administration	Create storage area for offices (Suite 207 & 208). No external access - only through existing door.	Pending	2nd Floor Neptune House Marina Bay
10754	Andrews Kent and Stone	Conversion of garage to tv/dvd room and toilet	Withdrawn	11 Sir Herbert Miles Road Catalan Gardens
10755	Jamin Ltd	Shop fit to restaurant	Pending	3.2 Sail Restaurant Ocean Village Marina Bay
10756	Mrs Mitchell	To convert bed 1 unit into self contained living area by using fitting external door and blocking interconnecting door. This will not increase occupancy (2 br) but give privacy to guests and visiting adult children.	Pending	712 Ocean Heights Montagu Place
10757	Mr Lee Everest	To close existing doorway with a brick wall and open a new doorway to allow for a new shower room. Existing pipework will be used.	Pending	16/4 College Lane
10758	Mr Martin Scales	Proposed conversion of convent 'Royal Suite' into Governor's Pending residential accommodation	Pending	Office of The Governor The Convent
10759	Andrews Kent and Stone	Removal of corrugated sheeting and installation of new roof cover and associated waterproofing and gutters	Pending	12/14 Cathedral of the Holy Trinity Cathedral Square
10760	George Sevilla	Conversion of existing patio to provide bathroom and utility room	Pending	12 Hargrave's Court Morelio's Ramp
10761	M E Bellio & Partners	Provision of automatic telling machines, internally and externally, complete refurbishment of ground floor premises.	Approved	17 Main Street
10762	M B Development Company Ltd	Minor internal partitioning and incorporation of existing car wash area	Approved	Regal House
10763	Gala Casino (Gibraltar) Ltd	Proposed interior fit-out works to develop Shell to form casino/bingo club venue.	Pending	23 Ocean Village Promenade
10764	International Properties Gb. Ltd	Minor conversion works to forth floor flat and new lift to building and stairs	Pending	7/4 Horse Barrack Lane

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10765	Mr M Hook	Provide internal partitions to premises to divide floor space	Pending	Unit 3 Ocean Village
10766	Swerford Holdings Ltd	Works to Main Street & Engineers Lane Facades (1st Floor)	Pending	8/2 Engineers Lane (1st Floor)
10767	G N Trading Ltd	Conversion of existing clothes shop into tea room	Pending	27 City Mill Lane
10768	Quantum Projects Management	Provision of short term parking bays together with beautification and landscaping of the area immediately in front of Atlantic Suites	Pending	Blkg 5 Atlantic Suites Europort Road
10769	Mr Albert Faizun	Proposed installation of lift in patio.	Withdrawn	33 Cumberland Road
10770	Sunil R Thirathdas	Convert unit into restaurant KFC	Pending	2/2 The Sails Ocean Village
10771	John S. Langdon	Passenger lift from the ground floor to the 2nd floor, the lower floor of the maisonette	Pending	6 Cathedral Square
10772	Mrs Ann Lesley Tibbs	Repairs and refurbishment	Pending	28/37 Engineer Lane
10773	M E Bello & Partners	Demolition of the roof structure over the ABM Cement Store	Pending	8 Halifax Road
10774	M.E.Bello & Partners	Terraced property of three storey masonry construction	Pending	117 Main Street
10775	Mr S Vinuales	Internal alterations and new staircase enclosure	Pending	28/3 New Passage
10776	Mr Mark Francis & Rebecca Fa	Single storey double garage.	Pending	Lighthouse Cottages Europa Point
10777	Mr & Mrs J Sanders	2 one brick piers to support a wicket gate	Pending	1 Lower Bruce's Farm Upper Rock
10778	Andrews, Kent & Stone	Proposed refurbishment and internal modification to the first floor offices.	Pending	20 Line Wall Road
10779	S.M. Seruya Ltd	Converting entrance door into a full length display window and display window into 4-leaf glazed folding door	Pending	58 Main Street
10780	Tylen Properties Ltd	Internal alterations, construction of single storey extension, refurbishment and re-conditioning of existing building. Conversion of all into offices.	Pending	117 Main Street
10781	Michael Bautista Crown Pharm	Proposed alterations to premises to accommodate a new goods lift.	Pending	4 Casemates Square

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10782	P & C Enterprises Ltd	Internal works	Pending	Unit No 7 Ocean Village Promenade Ocean Village
10783	Neelie	Proposed glazed door on 250mm thick wall to monitor and control merchandise from adjoining office	Pending	No 37 Devils Tower Road
10784	Paul Mann	Proposed internal alterations to existing partition layout, electrical works and general decorations.	Pending	323 Main Street
10785	Sam Wiegold	Add one number W.C Unit to existing second floor toilet	Pending	317 Main Street
10786	Mr N Ramchandani	Extension into rear void.	Pending	404 Endeavour Sir Herbert Miles Road Both Worlds
10787	Mr M. S. Francis & Mrs V. Fran	Conversion of existing loft space into additional accommodation for cottage - with internal and external alterations to suit	Pending	Unit 2/38 Europa Flats Europa Point Europa Cottages (Lighthouse)
10788	M E Bellio & Partners	Demolition of the roof structure over the new cold store	Pending	20 Lancaster Road
10789	Andrews Kent and Stone	Construction of additional level to existing building	Pending	Queensway Administration Building Queensway Quay Marina
10790	Mr & Mrs Alcantara	1st Floor extension over existing garage and enclosure of ground floor terrace	Pending	13 Sunset Close Windmill Hill Road
10791	Owen Smith & Xenia Duarte	Refurbishment of property as part of GOG owner/occupier regeneration tender scheme	Pending	Nos 1 & 3 New Passage
10793	Stop Oil Reception Treatment L	Proposed portal frame roof	Pending	North Mole
10794	M E Bellio & Partners	Change of use from a shop/store room to residential	Pending	3 Abcassie Passage

NO. 691 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Can Government say whether planning permission has now been granted to the following, and if so on what date:

- (a) Castledine Ltd for a stone-crushing facility at the old incinerator site in Devil's Tower Road;
- (b) Parade Developments (001) Ltd for ground floor commercial area and 9 apartments at 5, 7 and 9 Town Range;
- (c) Parade Developments (002) Ltd to convert and extend ground floor commercial area with 13 apartments at 29/31/33 Governor's Parade;
- (d) Engineers House Ltd for a 98 bedroom 4 star hotel and 48 serviced flats at 37/39 Engineer Lane;
- (e) WSRM Architects on behalf of Mr Humbert Peliza for 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 ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

Schedule to Question 691

Answer to Question 689

There have been seventeen meetings as follows:

6th March 2007
22nd March 2007
26th March 2007
2nd April 2007
10th April 2007
18th April 2007
1st May 2007
31st May 2007
4th June 2007
21st June 2007
24th July 2007
2nd August 2007
6th September 2007
18th October 2007
9th November 2007
11th November 2007
29th November 2007

Answer to Question 691

- (a) Ex Incinerator Site, Devil's Tower Road – Stone Crusher – Planning Permit issued on 7th March 2007.
- (b) 5,7,9 Town Range, Parade Developments (001) – Outline Planning Permission issued 27th September 2007.
- (c) 29/31/33 Governor's Parade, Parade Developments (002) – Outline Planning Permission issued 27th September 2007.
- (d) 37/39 Engineer Lane – 98 bedroom hotel and 48 serviced flats – no Planning Permission has been granted.
- (e) FP81 & CP39A, Lower Engineer Lane – no planning permission has been granted.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 689 AND 691 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to the two projects in Engineer Lane it says no planning permission has been granted, is that because it is being considered or because it has been refused?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

There are other questions in the Order Paper in respect of this that may be able to explain that but the situation as we speak is that DPC has taken the decision not to accept either of the projects as they stood at the time. But as we proceed with the Order Paper today the hon Member will realise that there have been developments subsequent to that.

ORAL

NO. 692 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – OCEAN VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS LTD (CP1301 AND CP1301A)

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to Ocean Village Developments Ltd to demolish an existing car showroom and construct commercial premises with residential cover at CP1301 and CP1301A and how many representations were made in respect of this project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 693 to 701 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 693 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – BRECKLAND TRADING CO LTD (175/177 MAIN STREET)

Can Government say whether the application by Breckland Trading Co Ltd to convert residential premises at 175/177 Main Street into offices has been approved, if so on what date, and what were the number of representations received?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 692 and 694 to 701 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 694 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – TAYLOR WOODROW (45 ENGINEER LANE)

Can Government say whether the application by Taylor Woodrow to construct a residential development above and extension adjacent to the synagogue at 45 Engineer Lane has been approved and if so on what date, and how many representations have been received in respect of this project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 692 to 693 and 695 to 701 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 695 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – TAYLOR WOODROW (REDROOFS)

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd in respect of the application to construct a block with 51 apartments at Redroofs, 29 Devil's Tower Road and how many representations have been received in respect of this project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 692 to 694 and 696 to 701 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 696 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – SOLAR MODULE/WIND TURBINE (1A CUMBERLAND ROAD)

Can Government say whether the application to install 3 solar modules and a wind turbine at 1A Cumberland Road has been approved and how many representations have been received in respect of this project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 692 to 695 and 697 to 701 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 697 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – CABLE CAR (WALK IN THE AIR)

Can Government say on what date the application for planning permission was submitted by the owners and operators of the cable car for a “walk in the air” platform over the eastside and a suspension bridge from the terrace over where the cable car enters the top station to connect with the northern terrace?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 692 to 696 and 698 to 701 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 698 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – TAYLOR WOODROW (11-13 BOYD STREET)

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to the plans submitted by Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd for an apartment block with 41 apartments and retail units on the ground floor at 11-13 Boyd Street, and if so on what date and how many representations have been received in respect of this project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 692 to 697 and 699 to 701 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 699 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – ABCO INTERNATIONAL LTD (SIR HERBERT MILES ROAD)

Can Government say whether the application for planning permission by ABCO International Ltd to build six luxury villas at Sir Herbert Miles Road has been approved, and how many representations have been received by the DPC in respect of this application?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 692 to 698, 700 and 701 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 700 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – GARDENS OF BEAUTY (GIB) LTD (7 EUROPA ROAD)

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to Gardens of Beauty (Gibraltar) Ltd to construct block of apartments with gardens at 7 Europa Road, and how many representations were received by the DPC in respect of this project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 692 to 699 and 701 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 701 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – SHARROCK SHAND DESIGN LTD (91 QUEENSWAY)

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to Sharrock Shand Design Ltd to build an office and storage building at 91 Queensway, if so when and how many representations have been received?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

Schedule to Question 701

Answer to Question 692 of 2007

The DPC has resolved to grant outline planning permission but no permission has yet been issued.

There were no letters of representation.

Answer to Question 693 of 2007

Outline planning permission was granted on 25th May 2007.

One representation was received from the freeholder confirming there was no objection.

Answer to Question 694 of 2007

A refusal notice was issued on 16th October 2007. Four letters of representation were received.

Answer to Question 695 of 2007

The Development & Planning Commission has not issued an outline planning permit

Answer to Question 696 of 2007

A planning permit for the installation of three solar modules was issued on 24th September 2007. No permission was granted for the wind turbine.

No representations were received.

Answer to Question 697 of 2007

No such application has been submitted to the Development and Planning Commission.

Answer to Question 698 of 2007

This application was withdrawn.

Fifteen letters of objection were received.

Answer to Question 699 of 2007

The application has not yet been determined by the DPC.

One letter of objection was received.

Answer to Question 700 of 2007

Outline planning permission was granted on 15th June 2007.

One letter of objection was received.

Answer to Question 701 of 2007

No permission has as yet been granted for this application.

No representations were received.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 692 TO 701 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to Question No. 694 can the Minister say why the application was refused? This is the one, the Taylor Woodrow application to construct adjacent to the synagogue.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Development and Planning Commission is not the Government and the Government is not accountable, at all or in this House, for the business of the Development and Planning Commission. One thing is to give the hon Members information, which is already more than the Rules of the House require us to do, another thing is to ask the Government to explain or justify decisions of the DPC, which is not a Government department for which a Minister is not directly accountable to this House and the Government will not explain or justify decisions of the DPC in this House.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Given that the Minister is also the Chairman of the Development and Planning Commission is he in a position to say whether the refusal related to the letters of objection or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is the same issue. If the hon Member wants to know information about the reasoning of the DPC for its decisions he is free to write to the Chairman of the DPC, who happens to be the Minister, and I suppose the DPC will deliberate and consider whether that body, which is a statutory corporation a statutory body, wants to give the answer to the Parliamentary Opposition. We must not behave as if the Government is the DPC and the DPC is the Government, it is not the case.

HON C A BRUZON:

On a general principle and procedure of this House, in the case where there are six or seven questions asked, if the answer to each question is short would it not be better and more beneficial for the people who are here to listen to the answers one at a time? I understand full well that if it contains a lot of statistics then obviously it is understandable that a list is handed to the Opposition, but if the questions have simple answers it would be better if the Minister answers the questions one at a time.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the hon Member is right and normally only statistical information is provided in writing. On this occasion, in these questions, it has been provided in writing for the same reason that I have just explained orally to the hon Member. The Government's natural instinct ought to be not to answer even these questions, but as in the past we

have agreed to answer them, a practice which I believe to be a bad practice, because we are breaking, actually, Standing Orders which say that Ministers are not accountable in this House except for Government policies and Government business, we have not wanted to resile from the practice and therefore we have provided the information, albeit in writing, rather than orally. This is not an answer that is given in a schedule because it is statistical and the volume, in that respect the hon Member's point is well made in relation to this question.

HON F R PICARDO:

With respect, just talking on the procedural issue not on the issue of substance where I think there will be other supplementaries. The answers that are given in the schedule form part of the Hansard of this House and they are therefore public information, whether they are read out or whether they are handed over they are public information.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say whether the reasoning or the reasons why the DPC refused this application are available at the offices of the Development and Planning Commission for anybody to go and examine?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I do not think the minutes are public, I do not think so. We have a manifesto commitment in respect of major projects, obviously the hon Member has not studied our manifesto in detail. There is a manifesto commitment in respect of major projects to require the DPC to give publicly reasons for its decisions, but we have not yet converted that commitment into legislation. Of course, at that stage the answer and the position will be different but at the moment I think the hon Member's only recourse is to write to the DPC and ask them. My personal view is that unless there is something hugely confidential or hugely sensitive, I think the DPC should provide the hon Member with the reasons for its decisions. All I am saying is that the conduit for that should not be Question Time to Ministers in Parliament. But if he writes to the DPC I would hope that the DPC would take the view that they can provide the hon Member with the answer. It is a matter for them not for me, I am just expressing my opinion on it.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

If possible, can the Minister then say whether this application was refused on the grounds of Government policy, in his position as Minister?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No it was not rejected on the point of Government policy.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Would the hon Member like the application to be granted?

HON F R PICARDO:

We do not have to have a brief from anyone to try and hold the Government to account, perhaps to an extent to which the Chief Minister does not feel comfortable.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member is absolutely right except that there is a long list of questions and applications in respect of which the same answer has been given and the six supplementaries have all related to the Taylor Woodrow application.

HON F R PICARDO:

Most of the supplementaries have related to the procedure in answering questions in relation to the DPC not the substance of any one particular application.

MR SPEAKER:

I think that was really intended as an aside off the record and things of that sort. The Hon Gilbert Licudi wishes to ask a question.

HON G H LICUDI:

On the general point of principle which the Chief Minister has referred to concerning the matters relating to the DPC, do the Government accept that matters concerning the DPC relate to public affairs with which the Minister is officially connected?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The answer is the one that I have given to his hon friend.

HON G H LICUDI:

The question is very straightforward. Are the matters of the DPC public affairs with which the Minister is officially connected? Yes or No?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Minister is the Chairman of the DPC and the answer remains. He can formulate the question differently if he thinks that his colleague has not been sufficiently clear in his formulation of the question, but the re-phrasing of the question does not alter the answer.

MR SPEAKER:

If I may interject there. Under Standing Orders a Minister is liable to answer or may be asked questions based on departmental responsibility not connection, it is a different type of criteria.

HON G H LICUDI:

Under Rule 15, which concerns matters to which questions must relate, it provides “any question addressed to the Chief Minister or a Minister shall relate to the public affairs with which he is officially connected or to a matter of administration for which the Government is responsible.” Now what the Chief Minister has said is that the Government is not responsible for the administration of the DPC and that is the latter part of this particular rule. The first part is public affairs with which a Minister is officially connected. I am asking the Government whether they accept that this Minister is officially connected with the DPC by virtue of being its Chairman?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Minister is connected to the DPC in the sense that he is its Chairman, as I have repeatedly pointed out to the hon Member, but he is not officially connected with the business of the DPC in the sense that the business of the DPC is not the business of the Minister or of the Government. Put another way, the Minister or Ministers are also Chairmen of utility companies, Lyonnaise des Eaux or AquaGib now and Gbtelecom. On the hon Member’s logic every aspect of the business of those companies would be amenable to questioning in this House and it is not so.

HON G H LICUDI:

No, does the Chief Minister not accept the distinction between the public affairs and the private affairs? What the hon Member has referred to could relate to the private affairs of a company as opposed to the public affairs of an official body such as the DPC.

HON F R PICARDO:

On a point of order before the hon Member rises to answer, there is a specific ruling from the Chair made on 24th January 1989, that deals specifically with companies limited companies of which the Government is shareholder, where the Government under that ruling are not responsible for answering questions in that respect in the House. It is in the rulings that we had made available by the Chair, if the hon Gentleman wants to refer to it and the ruling of Mr Speaker was that the Government, although it may surprise new Members, is not answerable for the activities of a private limited company in which they are shareholders. So the example of Lyonnaise des Eaux does not apply.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, it is the same business and the Government’s position remains the same. It depends in what sense the hon Member is using the word “public” or “private”. Is he

saying private as in confidential and public as in non-confidential? Or is he saying public as in public interest? Obviously the DPC exercises a statutory function, is that his definition of public business? I do not know.

HON G H LICUDI:

The distinction is simply whether it is a private company or a public body and the DPC is a public body conducting public affairs with which the Minister is officially connected. This is a proper question and a proper supplementary.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the hon Member has had the Government's answer about the extent of the information that the Minister is willing to provide.

HON G H LICUDI:

So the Chief Minister is confirming today that the Government is refusing to be publicly accountable for a public body.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Chief Minister has confirmed publicly today what he has confirmed publicly today, no more and no less.

HON F R PICARDO:

Does the Chief Minister accept as a matter of law that the hon Member holds his post as Chairman of the DPC only because he is the Minister responsible for those functions?

MR SPEAKER:

There is a question there. Is the answer forthcoming?

HON G H LICUDI:

Is this the Government's notion of accountability?

MR SPEAKER:

We have not finished one question yet.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government have made their position clear and will not rise to answer any more questions in the same vein.

MR SPEAKER:

I think we have exhausted the subject.

HON F R PICARDO:

An imperial ruling.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member gives me the opportunity with Mr Speaker's leave to say that at least we are stopping answering questions after answering 20, as opposed to their hon Leader who for four years refused to answer a Member's questions only because he disapproved of his politics. That is the difference between the Opposition and the Government.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I do not see what relevance the answer that I gave Mr Cumming, which was that when the Chief Minister sacked him from the Opposition party allegedly for giving away the secret that they were all palomos in that party and he sacked him, I suggested that..... The Chief Minister has chosen to bring up in a totally irrelevant and smokescreen attempt, the question of Mr Cumming, he cannot quote anybody else. Mr Cumming put questions in this House and I suggested to Mr Cumming that his continued membership of the House should be tested by going to a bye-election, coming back and being elected on the ticket on which he had not previously been elected, because the party that had him as a candidate had expelled him from the party. It is for that reason. What this has to do with the Chief Minister thinking that the Chairman of the DPC, who is a Minister and therefore the Chairman for that reason should not ask the question, he is entitled to that view. But to suggest that that is justified because I said what I said to Mr Cumming shows how unsure he is of his ground.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

This is a classical example of Mr Bossano's distorting political debating techniques. Of course the fact that he refused for four years to answer Mr Cumming's questions on any subject because he disagreed with Mr Cumming's view on the politics involving Spain, has got nothing whatsoever to do with the Government's decision explained in this House. But it has everything to do with the question to which I gave that answer, which was an attempt by his very recent new Colleague, who presumably had he been Chief Minister in those days would not have adopted the line that the Leader of the Opposition then adopted, when he tries to suggest with a huge dollop of indignity that the Government was refusing to make itself publicly accountable in this House. This Government has been publicly accountable in this

House in measure that they used to only dream, well not only dream about, when they were on the Government side.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The Chief Minister is entitled to have his valued judgement about how democratic he is and how undemocratic the GSLP was 12 years ago. Presumably, that view of what he had 12 years ago continued to be the view that applied to all the members of the GSLP until they chose to become members of his party instead of the GSLP. All I am saying to him is that Mr Cumming committed the crime of actually giving away the secret agenda of the GSD and was sacked from the GSD for it. That is the peculiar circumstances. Let me tell him that it was not for four years because it took a couple of years for the sacking to come about.

MR SPEAKER:

Order, I think we have deviated from the actual question. Both sides have had their say and there is not much that we can really add. Next question please.

ORAL

NO. 702 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – WRSM ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS HOUSE LTD (ENGINEER LANE)

On what date did the DPC first consider the applications for planning permission in Engineer Lane made by WSRM Architects and Engineer's House Ltd and on what date did they write to the respective applicants informing them of their decision in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 703 and 704 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 703 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – WRSM ARCHITECTS (FP81 AND CP39A)

On what date did WSRM Architects on behalf of Mr Humbert Peliza apply for planning permission for the project at FP81 and CP39A?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 702 and 704 of 2007.

NO. 704 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – ENGINEER’S HOUSE LTD (37/39 ENGINEER LANE)

On what date did Engineers House Ltd apply for planning permission for a 98 bedroom 4 star hotel and 48 serviced flats at 37/39 Engineer Lane?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answer to Question 702 of 2007

DPC considered the applications from WSRM for planning permission in Engineer Lane on the following dates:

- (a) WSRM application at FP81 and CP39A, Engineer Lane was first discussed by DPC on 15 August 2006.
DPC wrote to WSRM on 13 September 2006 and on 14 August 2007 to request scheme to be amended to exclude Crown Property.
- (b) J Langdon (Engineers House Ltd) application at FP697, 37-39 Engineer Lane was first discussed by DPC on 8 February 2007.

Due to an ownership dispute and therefore failure to comply with a procedural notification, the Commission has not given substantive consideration to the application and therefore has not made a formal decision. The Commission has not therefore been able to communicate a formal decision on the application.

Answer to Question 703 of 2007

The application was received on 11th July 2006.

Answer to Question 704 of 2007

The application was dated 1st December 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 702 TO 704 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The last time we discussed this issue the Minister said the Government had more or less told interested parties to try and come together to arrive at some kind of understanding. Is that no longer the case?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, that is no longer the case.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In order to come to a final decision on the Engineer House application, can the Government say whether they are waiting for the applicant to supply some information or what the position is?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

There has been an alternative scheme put together in relation to the Engineer House application which is currently under consideration by DPC but is actually limited to the site that they have and the building that they have, rather than what they were aspiring to which involved Crown Property, public car parking et cetera, which was not something the Government could accept.

NO. 705 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Can Government say how many representations have been received to date in respect of the Draft Development Plan?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

There have been 171 letters of representation.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 705 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the Minister in a position to say whether the Plan is now going to be reconsidered in the light of those letters?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The Town Planning Department is currently assessing the various representations that have been made and, in fact, even though there have been 171 representations a lot of them have got common ground. There is one particular representation which I believe is the same letter signed by 40 odd individuals that live in a particular area. So now these are being grouped together and they will be considered shortly by DPC and then the decision will be made as to whether the amendments are going to be put forward or not. If they are, then it would have to go to public consultation again.

ORAL

NO. 706 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC – OEM (NORTH GORGE AND BUENA VISTA)

Can Government say whether the planning applications by:

- (a) OEM North Gorge Developments Ltd;
- (b) OEM Buena Vista Developments Ltd,

have now been considered by the DPC and with what result?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Following consideration by the Development & Planning Commission in February 2007 the applicants were advised of various issues raised by the Commission. The matter has not been considered further pending the applicant's response to that.

In respect of Buena Vista, the outline planning permission was granted on 22nd June 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 706 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are Government in a position to say whether the developer intends to go ahead with these projects in the light of recent events?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

He no longer has a site with which to proceed with the project. Sorry I thought it was understood. Part of the consequences of Government repossessing the three affordable housing schemes, is that these sites, which is all part of the safe consideration premium, are withdrawn too.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does the developer then forfeit the premium in relation to these developments, that he has already paid?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know in law what the answer to that is, in any case, my legal opinion on the matter is neither here nor there. These development licences have clauses which regulate how much the developer is entitled to get back in the event of repossession, and it is a percentage something less than a hundred of what they put in. Those clauses are intended to apply, I think, to works done on the site. For example, in these cases we are inheriting a site where several millions of pounds has already been xxxxx. These buildings have got foundations and some of them are up to several floors in height, the Government cannot just keep that value and not account from the eventual proceeds of sale. So this is not a windfall but there is a complicated account to be carried out so it is not just a question of writing a cheque for the amount that they have put in because they were..... In other words, what the Government is not going to do is relieve them of the loss that they were intended to have to suffer on these affordable housing schemes. But on the other hand, that loss was supposed to be compensated by their development opportunity on the Buena Vista site which they have lost. So either if these guys steps back into the picture in some circumstance, either there would have to be an account to make sure that the loss does not stay with the Government, because the affordable housing schemes are always intended to be loss making by themselves. In the hands of the developer, he was going to recover his losses as part of the profit in the Buena Vista site, this is in his cash flow, in his accounting. Of course, the Government are now able to sell the Buena Vista plot again. I cannot yet tell him the numbers, how that mathematics stacks up. From the information that we have seen so far and our discussions with the contractor, and given the fact that it is a fixed contract price, we believe that there is no prospect whatsoever of the Government being left with any loss in respect of these three affordable housing schemes, and what is at stake is what proportion of the original premium may be due back to them. In other words, we are not in the realms of possible loss, we are in the realms of calculating whether and if so how much may be due back to them from the proceeds of sales when they start flowing in. Remember that the position is at the moment that they have ploughed money into the sites but have not yet got any of the proceeds of sale from the purchasers. So far they have only paid..... well it is not true to say they have had none I think they have paid £1,000 reservation fees but they have not paid any of the substantial..... So there is an account to be done, it has not yet been done and that is for the future. But the Government are satisfied that there will be no cost to the Government in terms of loss in taking over these developments.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it not the case that, for example, in the Rosia Tanks site there was no premium paid for the land? That that was provided by the Government at zero.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Subject to confirmation on memory there was a tender bid for the Buena Vista site. They bid £15 million for the Buena Vista and the Gorge and then in a negotiation the Government imposed on them the requirement to build the affordable housing schemes on the other two sites. That is how it went about. So let us call the sites by their original names as sites rather than the development. The Tower Buildings site, the Cumberland Buildings site and the Rosia Tanks sites were not actually part of a tender because there was no profit opportunity there. The prices at which the Government was requiring these properties to be sold to affordable buyers did not

permit for the developer to make a profit. The whole idea was that the loss that they would suffer in the affordable housing schemes would be made up by them through the profit opportunity together with the rest of the premium on the other site. That is how the deal was structured in the negotiations that followed the tender.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So the position is that for those sites there was no premium charged for the land by the Government.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There was an amount allocated in the lease but a nominal amount, I think £1 million, allocated to each of those. From memory, a small amount of the premium was allocated to the site for the purposes of documentation, yes. If the hon Member is interested in that I can give him the information, from memory I cannot tell him.

HON J J BOSSANO:

What I am trying to establish is the fact that the Government takes over the three sites which are intended to be for local housing and which people have already bought the houses that are not there, clearly to ensure that they get finished and the customers get what they paid for. Surely it would not entitle them to a refund in respect of any of those three sites, because they did not pay for those sites in the first place. They may want some money for the work that has been done but the premium for the open market developments, surely is a separate issue for which the contract must have dates by which they must do certain things with penalties if they did not do it, like every other tender normally has.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Correct, except that over and above the premium that they bid in tender for the other sites, the non-affordable sites, I think the Government made them pay something by way of premium for the affordable sites. In other words, increased their losses.

HON J J BOSSANO:

What is it that the price that is payable to the contractor is more than the cost at which the units were put on sale? I think throughout the time that this was being marketed, it was being marketed on the basis that there was not a commercial level of profit and that they were sold at nearly cost price but this was slightly more than cost price compared to the Waterport buildings. At least that is what the literature at the time indicated.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, but in the hands of a commercial developer cost means more than it does to the Government. For example, when the Government works out cost in respect of one of their developments, they may not put in the cost of finance. For the developer, cost

is not just the cost of the construction contract, it is also the cost of his money whilst he is constructing and things of that sort. We have seen the cash flows in the account of the contractor and it is indeed true that there was a loss to be made in these affordable housing schemes by the developer. In fact it has increased. On day one the projected loss was £2 million, admittedly it includes things that are not pure construction contract. It includes things like cost of finance, running his office, a whole series of things that a businessman would include in his cost base, and that there was a projected loss of £2 million, which indeed has now increased substantially because since then there have been additional claims by the contractor and things of that sort. There is no doubt in the Government's mind that these three schemes, with the flats being sold at the amounts that the buyers paid for them, would have delivered a loss to OEM. We do not think that they are going to deliver a loss to the Government, in the sense that the amounts that we will have to pay to the contractor plus any amount that we may have to pay back to OEM together, plus any other costs that we have to pay as the developer now, for example, utility connection costs and paying the Electricity Department, all of those costs that the Government face are covered by the income stream from the sale proceeds. So, the Government's definition of whether they are in deficit is very different to OEM's calculation of whether it is in deficit. Of course, we have not paid premiums or anything of that sort and we are not subject to this formula whereby they do not recover 100 per cent of what they paid in. These formulas in the leases, that the hon Members who are lawyers across the floor may be more familiar with than I am, provide for a recovery of a percentage of the amount invested but not 100 per cent of the amount invested. So it is not the same calculation when the Government's pocket is at stake as OEM's. But I will come back to the hon Member, if he does not mind my doing so, on the precise allocation of premiums to the various sites because I have not got it entirely clear in my mind and I just want to make sure that the information that I have given him is accurate. I believe it is accurate but I just want the opportunity to confirm it.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is the contractor in each of these sites, I do not know if it is the same one or not, still able to complete on the original price or are they asking for more money?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

They are completing for the same price that OEM had agreed to pay them originally plus in subsequent negotiations. In other words, there is nothing extra as a result of the Government taking over. The original price was a sum of money, during the last couple of years that sum has increased, either because the developer has asked for variations or for some reason that under the contract entitled the contractor to more money. So the contract is now worth more, costs more than it did originally on the first day that it was signed by OEM. OEM then did a new negotiation which resulted in the figure going up, we have now inherited that higher figure, it has been in place for some time, and that figure remains static now until the end of the contract, the contractor has confirmed. It is an all risks to the contractor fixed price contract, he is responsible for building the building and handing the keys over to us for that amount of money, and any increased costs are for the account of the contractor.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Do the Government have available at the moment what that figure would be, presumably, now that it is no longer a private company, that figure can be given to us in the House?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

In any case it is not secret, I think the original contract price was for around £32 million or £33 million and it is around £37 million now. That is for the three projects.

NO. 707 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

FILOMENA HOUSE – STAMP DUTY

How much Stamp duty was paid when Filomena House in Devil's Tower Road was sold by the original owner to the original purchaser and how much Stamp Duty was paid when it was then sold on to Taylor Woodrow at a later stage, giving the date of both transactions?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

1. £20,000 Stamp Duty was paid when the property was sold on 1st March 2005 by the original owner to the original purchaser.
2. The property was surrendered by the original purchaser back to the Crown on 13th September 2006 and Stamp Duty of £30,000 was paid. The Crown then granted Taylor Woodrow a lease for which £15,000 Stamp Duty was paid.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 707 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

If I can just clarify what the Minister said, did he say £30,000 was paid in Stamp Duty when the original purchaser surrendered the lease to the Government?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, originally there was £20,000 Stamp Duty, then subsequently there was £30,000, then subsequently there was £15,000.

HON G H LICUDI:

Is it £30,000 on surrender to the Government that Stamp Duty was paid?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am not really involved in Stamp Duty issues, this is the reply that I have been given. The property was surrendered by the original purchaser back to the Government, I

think it was because Taylor Woodrow was insisting on a new lease which allowed them certain extensions.

HON G H LICUDI:

Are the Government aware of other situations when properties have been surrendered to the Government and Stamp Duty paid by the surrenderer?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, I hope that more of them are. This is very good revenue for the taxpayer, with interests we are all here to defend and not the property developers, although they are entitled to be protected too. If it was done it was because they wanted it to be done.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

In fact, in supplementary information I have here it says that there are a number of cases where this has happened before. They actually give me some examples of when this has been done before.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I take the separate point that the hon Member is making that, even leaving to one side the question of whether it makes sense for somebody to surrender and obtain and that is an issue, and even allowing for the fact that I cannot remember the date on which Stamp Duty was increased for properties above a certain value, remember we did that. But still, £30,000 on a surrender of a lease when only £20,000 had been paid for the original assignment of the lease and then £15,000 paid when a new, presumably longer more valuable lease was issued, I think those numbers may be juxtaposed. Logically the £30,000 would be the last transaction and not the middle transaction. So I think we may just check that. It certainly did not lose value as a result of being temporarily surrendered back to the Government.

HON F R PICARDO:

I mean the hon Member reminded us in the debate on the Stamp Duty that the Stamp Duty is a tax on the document. It does not seem to me to make sense that the Government should be in receipt of Stamp Duty for a document which returns property to the Government, even if for the purposes of then the Government granting a new lease. It just does not seem to make sense.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know whether it makes sense to him or not. It appears to have made sense to those who drafted the legislation in the first place. I do not think the legislation exempts Stamp Duties for documents involving the Crown either as grantor or grantee. On that basis most Crown leases would not pay Stamp Duty.

HON F R PICARDO:

What is the cash value on a surrender on which the Stamp Duty is raised?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There is a conveyance of property value. This threatens to become a lawyers' convention, including the lawyer speaking from the Chair. I think the point the hon Member was making was whether the surrenderer should be paying Stamp Duty on the deed of surrender, given that he was surrendering back to the original owner or to the head owner of the property namely the Crown. The Crown itself does not pay Stamp Duty.

HON F R PICARDO:

I think what we agree on is that there seems to be something which does not tally and that it may make sense, perhaps even later on in this Session, if possible, to come back having checked those figures because they certainly do not appear to make sense.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

On the figures?

HON F R PICARDO:

Yes, absolutely.

HON G H LICUDI:

Do the Government know whether the surrender and subsequently the grant of a new lease was part of the same agreed transaction or whether they were totally independent, where somebody simply surrendered a lease and a new purchaser for the site was found by the Government?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If I recall, there was an element of connection and, in fact, I think the Government were asked to waive and we refused. I think Taylor Woodrow was only interested in the purchase on the basis that certain other things were xxxxx, which were not permitted by the original, so there was this choreography but the Government declined to be just mechanically part with that without the amount due on Stamp Duty being paid. If their interest required them to go through certain mechanics and that mechanics exposed them to taxation then they had to suffer the taxation.

NO. 708 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ROSIA BAY DEVELOPMENT

Have Government now reached a policy decision on the development of Rosia Bay?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

No, Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 708 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are Government in a position to say since we last discussed this in the House, what different options they are looking at for the area in terms of its use?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The options are that, obviously, the Government want to see the development at Rosia Bay to include leisure, water sports, public bathing facilities et cetera. I think we intimated to him last time we discussed this in the House, that there was a particular proposal that the Government was giving consideration to. Unfortunately the calling of the Elections, this summer recess et cetera, made it very difficult for us to process that. Contact has now been re-established since then and I am awaiting further developments shortly.

ORAL

NO. 709 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CP1401 (6 BAYSIDE ROAD)

Can Government give the area in square metres of the plot of land at CP 1401 at 6 Bayside Road where Lord Napier Mews Ltd intend to build an office block with car parking?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question No. 710 of 2007.

NO. 710 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CP1401 (6 BAYSIDE ROAD)

Can Government say what was the premium paid by Lord Napier Mews Ltd in respect of the land at 6 Bayside Road CP1401 where they intend to build an office block with car parking?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answer to Question 709 of 2007

The area of CP 1401 at Bayside Road is 4835 square metres.

Answer to Question 710 of 2007

No premium was paid.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 709 AND 710 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The last time we discussed this I think the Minister mentioned negotiations with the developer for some kind of premium for that land. Is that the case?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The question he is asking is in respect of the land. The land was actually acquired when let me call it the Ocean Village group of companies, there are a number of companies one never knows which one is what, bought over Marina Bay. They had that land included as part of the purchase of Marina Bay. What they negotiated with the Government was obviously premium in respect of the development of the site but not the actual land which is what the question is asking. In fact, that land under the Marina Bay ownership had already acquired some development rights. So the premium that was negotiated with the Government was the enhanced, shall we say, scheme that they wanted to put above what was originally in the kitty, if I can call it that, in Marina Bay.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But then in fact, on the basis of that final answer that we have had from the Minister, there was a premium paid for that land initially as part of the bigger deals. Does the Minister have a notion of how much of the overall premium that was paid by the Ocean Village for the whole thing, how much pro rata would that 4,835 square metres have cost the developer before he paid the additional premium for enhancing the value of the land by doing more on it he had already paid the premium for the land? That is what we have been told. But not separately as part of an overall package of land? Is that the case?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I do not think that that is right. I think that Marina Bay had a site to build a multi-storey car park and they had that right already acquired. When Ocean Village purchased Marina Bay they wanted to make an additional development over that piece of land, which included the multi-storey car park that they already had the right for, and therefore the Government negotiated what would be the additional premium to be able to put together the enhanced project.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Was the original land holding of Marina Bay just a question of changing the use of the area or was there an extension of the length of the lease as well for that area?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No there was not an extension of the lease, they had already acquired a lease for that area but to build solely a multi-storey car park and they wanted to enhance that by incorporating some commercial and some office accommodation as well. Therefore, we had to negotiate a premium in respect of the additional facilities they wished to incorporate.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can he say what that premium was?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, the additional premium was £500,000.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Just to clarify, £500,000 were granted because they were changing it from a car park to a car park with office and commercial?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct. The original scheme was just the multi-storey car park. The additional development represented an additional 1,921 square metres of additional commercial and 165 additional parking spaces as well. So it was not just an enhanced project with commercial and offices, it actually enhanced the number of car parking as well.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I assume the hon Members have finished on that question, perhaps I could provide now, what my honourable Colleague had available to him in this peculiar form that Ministers are provided with information, it is rather complicated and it may not have occurred to him that he actually had the legal answer to the structure. The structure to the transaction that we discussed before is not the ones that the hon Members assume. The numbers are right, by the way, as given in the answer. The reason is that actually more information has been given in the answer than the question strictly called for. The question assumes, wrongly, that there was only one transaction, one buyer and one seller, and that that one buyer swapped the lease with the Government for a longer one. That appears not to have been the case. What appears to have happened is that the original seller, the family that has lived there for many years, sold the house for a sum of money to a company. That company then sold the property to Taylor Woodrow for a higher sum of money. The first transaction suffered Stamp Duty at £20,000, the first sale let us call it that. The second sale suffered Stamp Duty at £30,000 but took the form of a surrender. That is when the Government was brought into the picture. Taylor Woodrow paid this company that sum of money which was reflected in the deed of surrender back to the Crown, so that there was not an assignment, it was all done in a deed of surrender. Then Taylor Woodrow paid the Crown a further sum of money on the very same day as the deed of surrender for the grant of an extended lease. That is the sum that suffered duty at £15,000. The £15,000 last mentioned in the question is the premium for the extension of term element.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is it premium or Stamp Duty on premium?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, Stamp Duty on premium on that. The £30,000 is in effect the duty on the second sale at the higher value, the sale to Taylor Woodrow and the first sum mentioned in the answer of £20,000 was the Stamp Duty on the sale, documented as a sale in the conventional way, between the family in question and the first buyer. The first buyer that then became the seller to Taylor Woodrow in the second sale transaction. So the numbers are right and we were all getting confused because there is one extra sale in there over and above the one that we were discussing before.

HON F R PICARDO:

What are the enhancements to the lease that the Government granted? The longer period and, if so, what period?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There would have been user issues, length issues.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I do not have the information readily available but I know that, obviously, Taylor Woodrow would not construct a development like that unless they had a 150 year lease, for example, and I know the original property owners had a relatively short lease compared to the 150 years. But I cannot really recall what that was, but maybe it was 40 or 50 years left or 30 years, something like that.

HON F R PICARDO:

Surely no change of use issues because it was and still is residential use?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, but the xxxxx right is a change of user in a sense. In the sense that it is multi-residential as opposed to single family residential.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can I clarify a point? The original question asked for two sales, one from the original owner to the original purchaser on which Stamp Duty was paid. When did that happen or what was the Stamp Duty? Then it asked from the original purchaser to Taylor Woodrow what was the Stamp Duty and what was the date? Is it two dates and two.....?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the bit of information that the hon Member has been given in the answer that he did not ask for, is the last £15,000 of Stamp Duty relating to the increase of term. That is not asked for in the question but is provided in the answer.

HON G H LICUDI:

Presumably that Stamp Duty in relation to the increase in term relates to a premium paid by the developer. Do Government know the amount of the premium paid to Government?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

We are talking about the premium paid by Taylor Woodrow which is £600,000. It can be worked out, it is mathematical.

ORAL

NO. 711 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

THE ANCHORAGE

Can Government provide the cost, with a breakdown of moving the entities on the site of The Anchorage into the Victualling Yard?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 712 and 713 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 712 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

THE ANCHORAGE

Can Government provide the net income figure from The Anchorage project after the entities occupying the site had been reallocated?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 711 and 713 of 2007.

NO. 713 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

THE ANCHORAGE

How much additional land in square metres at The Anchorage site was sold to developers for £505,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answer to Question 711 of 2007

The cost of moving the Police and the kennels to Victualling Yard amounted to £264,690 and £446,504 respectively.

Answer to Question 712 of 2007

The net income received from The Anchorage project amounted to £1,456,608.

Answer to Question 713 of 2007

The additional land disposed of at The Anchorage site by way of a supplemental lease was for a consideration of £505,000 representing approximately 613 square metres of land area.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 711 TO 713 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

In relation to Question No. 711, can the Government confirm whether that cost was actually paid for by Government itself?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes it was paid by Government but what I am not too sure is whether these costs were actually borne by one of the property companies or development companies. They were definitely paid by the Government but I think it was actually paid through one of the Government-owned companies.

ORAL

NO. 714 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 when, to whom and in what amount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 715 to 718 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 715 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

91 QUEENSWAY

Can Government give the surface area in square metres of the plot of land at 91 Queensway?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 714 and 716 to 718 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 716 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OCEAN VILLAGE

Can Government say what premium was paid by the Ocean Village group for the construction on water of the boardwalk site and the reclamation and construction of the site that the Casino will be moving into, with the area of each in square metres?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 714, 715, 717 and 718 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 717 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

QUEENSWAY QUAY – THE SAILS

What was the area in square metres in respect of which Queensway Quay The Sails paid the Government £1,026,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 714 to 716 and 718 of 2007.

NO. 718 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ST PETER'S SCHOOL, CATALAN BAY

What was the area in square metres of the plot of land at ex-St Peter's School, Catalan Bay that was sold to developers for £750,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answer to Question 714 of 2007

The tender was awarded to NHOW Ltd, a subsidiary of Sharrock Shands Ltd on the 23rd April 2007 in the sum of £106,000 plus the surrender of land at the Waterport Desalination Plant area.

Answer to Question 715 of 2007

The area questioned under Question 715 is 282 m² approximately.

Answer to Question 716 of 2007

No additional premium payment was made for the Heart Island aspect of the development into which the Casino will be moving to, nor in respect of the boardwalk site on which three kiosks are being constructed.

Answer to Question 717 of 2007

Queensway Quay Marina Ltd paid the Government £1,026,000 for The Sails development at Queensway Quay Marina, on a plot of land of 4260 square metres.

Answer to Question 718 of 2007

The area in question in respect of ex St Peter's School is approximately 588 square metres.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 714 TO 718 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to Question No. 714, the Minister said the tender was awarded for £106,000 and the surrender of the plot of land in Waterport. What was the value of that plot of land?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am not sure if there was a value actually attributed to that but definitely it is of great value to the Government to have that area in the Waterport Desalination Plant handed back to the Government. In any case, I think Sharrock Shand was actually the highest bidder, and if they were not the highest bidder they were up there, so the value to the Government in terms of not just financial but actually the return of land was something that way outbid any other of the tender bids that were submitted at the time.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say in relation to Ocean Village not paying a premium for the land where the Casino will be moving into, the sea which is now being reclaimed, whether that was part of the Sheppard's Marina area or lease or what?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, I think that the advice that we had from Land Property Services was that a development such as this, which is basically in the sea, had a negative value in terms of land, so therefore there was no premium that was due in respect of that particular aspect of the actual project itself. The premium was paid, obviously, for other areas of the land but in respect of that specific area the hon Member is asking for there was a negative value attributed to it.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister explain what he means by a negative value?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the formula that LPS use and have always used for premium value of land is based on the value of it to the developer or to the exploiter of it or the seller of it. In the case of reclamations from the sea, the cost of reclamation and creating of the land can be more than the land would be worth if it was there already and up for sale. It depends on the location, the access, who could benefit from it, there are a number of factors that go in and from time to time different bits of land have different valuations of that. There is a formula, if he asks me what the formula is I would not be able to tell him, but that is what is meant by negative value. In other words, there is no premium value. This is not a piece of land, this is the right to fill in a bit of the sea and create a piece of land.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So the Chief Minister is saying that an exercise was done as to what the cost of that particular bit of what is going on there was so as to put a casino on it and they concluded that if the land had already been there and they had to buy it, it would have been cheaper than it cost to create it. That is the answer. So, presumably, how that conclusion was reached is something that is available in terms of information. Not readily available now, because it seems a very peculiar conclusion to come to.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it is not a particularly peculiar conclusion, it is peculiar in certain circumstances but not necessarily peculiar in all circumstances. If the hon Member wants to know what the formula is by which LPS, I understand the formula is the same as it has always been by the way, it has not been changed by us, we would be perfectly happy..... Well, we are talking about reclamations, this is not sale of land. This is, if one likes, allowing the seabed to be used to be filled up to create an asset which then becomes of value to the community as well as to the developer. But he has to create the land. Some reclamations are valuable. For example, in the Western Beach development the Government have taken the view that rather than allow somebody to develop that to reclaim that and keep it, that the Government would not do that in that case because it was cheaper for the Government to do it themselves and then sell off the bits and make a profit, which is what the proposer was wanting to do. It depends on the plot of land. Some reclamations have a net value after the cost of creating the land and some reclamations do not. These are not decisions made at Ministerial level, there is a formula, I do not know if it is public or whether it is in the public domain, but it is not a secret and the hon Member is perfectly welcome to know what it is. I am sure the Minister will write to him and tell him if he would like it.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Surely whatever the formula, somebody must be exercising a judgement that, for example, if the land is going to be used to put a fish and chip shop, then the use to which one is going to put the land gives the land a value that may be less. But if one puts a casino on it.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

My understanding of the formula is that it does not take account of the end user. It takes account of the end user in terms of commercial, residential, whether it is a car park but whether one then chooses in the building that one builds to lease it out to somebody who wants it..... Remember at the time that this happened they had no commitment from the casino, the casino came later. Now, my understanding of the formula is that it is not quite so refined as to differentiate between different types of commercial occupancy, as opposed to commercial occupancy.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Presumably the people who bought that place had to obtain the permission of the Government to covert the water into land.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Just like when I asked some time ago about Queensway Quay, the Chief Minister told me that when they reclaimed land there to build flats they both paid for the reclamation themselves and paid the Government a premium for being permitted to do it. Now in this case the formula did not produce that because presumably, at the time that they were given permission to do it they did not say what was going to go on it. Is that the case?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, the difference between for example The Sails and this particular case is that when LPS does take into account the actual area that is going to be built there and categorises it, because they have different values be it residential, commercial, or whatever, in the case of The Sails in Queensway Quay there were residential that were going to be built and those had a value. In the case of the Heart Island it was a commercial and therefore the values are different. So in the formula they can actually come up with a negative value attached to it. Obviously, if there is a negative value we do not actually pay them to do the reclamation the same as if there is a premium. I think one also has to bear in mind that in the case of the Heart Island, the actual sea was within their lease. The sea belonged to the marina area, it was theirs, it was not that they were acquiring it. What they wanted was the right to be able to develop it and to actually make it into land and build on it. But they had an original interest, an original value there as well because it was within their lease.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But surely, the fact that somebody has got a marina and therefore has got, obviously, as part of his business the right to park boats, does not mean that he can then convert the sea into land in a place which is only a couple of metres depth. This is not reclaiming land at 20 metre depths, that is very shallow water with very low reclamation costs, in the context of all the reclamation going on around it. I certainly look forward to seeing that formula but I think we will have to come back with more questions on that.

NO. 719 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID LICENCE NO. 1/2007 AND 1/2007 – KING’S WHARF

Can Government say why Development Aid Licence 1/2006 which was issued to King’s Wharf Ltd was cancelled and a new Licence 1/2007 was issued?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

After Development Aid Licence No 1/2006 was issued to Kings Wharf Limited, it was brought to the Development Aid Advisory Committee’s attention by the developer that they had mistakenly omitted to include in the application details of the various amenities which they were proposing to include in the project.

On the Committee’s advice the developer was invited to submit further details on these amenities. As a result the original rate of development aid granted was increased from 20 per cent to 30 per cent.

Due to this change of rate the applicant was instructed to surrender the Development Aid Licence already issued (No 1/2006) and a new Development Aid Licence (No 1/2007) reflecting this change was issued.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 719 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

What were the amenities in question?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I cannot exactly recollect what they were but I believe they were amenities in the sea front area and the fact that they had to allow a certain space for public access to the front of the development and some of the amenities they were offering the public, in order to ensure that they met some of the requirements that had been set by the Development and Planning Commission.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

This was brought to the attention of the Government by the developers, is that right?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, I think when the licence was granted originally they obviously looked at the specifications that had been allowed or not allowed and they realised that a chunk of their development had not been included by them originally. So they asked whether they could resubmit the additional stuff and the Committee agreed to allow them to resubmit the actual details of the project that had been omitted originally.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Both in relation to the 2006 application as it appeared, there is a reference in the licence to these amenities. There is a reference in the licence to the amenities in the 2006 licence, so what was it that they left out?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I think I have said, when they originally applied which led to the granting of Licence No. 1/2006, they had omitted to include some of their amenities which would allow them the flexibility or the Committee to reconsider the level of development aid that can be granted. For example, in the case of Ocean Village which we have just been discussing, the level of development aid that was granted to a project that has public amenities, commercial and leisure facilities is higher than if it were just a block of flats with no amenities whatsoever. I think that is where they fell foul in the sense that they put in the application just for the basic scheme and forgot to mention all the other amenities that they were putting into the project.

ORAL

NO. 720 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID LICENCE

Can Government specify in respect of each financial year since 1996/7 which projects were completed that had received a Development Aid Licence and of these projects the date by which accounts were submitted and what was the amount granted in Development Aid based on the estimate of the construction costs?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 721 to 724 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 721 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TRADE LICENCE ACT – DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Can Government list all the development projects, whether completed or under construction, which enjoy exemption under section 16(4) of the Trade Licence Act?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 720 and 722 to 724 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 722 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID

Can Government say which development projects enjoying exemption under section 16(4) of the Trade Licence Act also enjoy development aid, showing the percentage of aid in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 720, 721 and 723 to 724 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 723 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID

Can Government list the development projects which are not yet complete and which have been granted development aid as at 31 October 2007, giving the number of the licence, the date when development aid was originally granted, and the date by which the project had to be complete in order to qualify for development aid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 720, to 722 and 724 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 724 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID

Can Government list the projects which are not yet complete and which have been granted development aid where extensions of time have been granted for the purposes of the Development Aid Act, showing the projects and the time extension?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

Schedule to Question 724

APPLICANT	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	LICENCE ISSUED ON	Estimated Completion date	%	Accounts submitted on	Relief Granted	Trade Licence Exemption	LICENCE NO
Laguna Car Park Management Ltd	Construction of multi storey car park at Laguna Estate	£500,000.00	2/2/1996	31/08/94	1%	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	2/96
Abco International Ltd	Refurbishment of Gibraltar Beach Hotel (Sandy Bay)	£2,000,000.00	2/2/1996	June 1995	10%	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	3/96
Abco International Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 September 1999 & Review of percentage	APPROVED	2/10/97	30/09/1999	50%	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	3/96
Abco International Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 September 2001	APPROVED	16/11/99	30/09/2001	50%	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	3/96
Abco International Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 September 2002	APPROVED	01/07/2003	30/09/02	50%	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	3/96
AKS (Gibraltar) Ltd	Conversion of former officers mess at Buena Vista Road into 5 houses and a further construction of 3 houses on the ground	£1,500,000.00	2/2/1996	31/08/1998	20%	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	04/96
Montagu Crescent Ltd	Construction of 208 apartments and 500 sqm of ancillary commercial space at the site of old GASA and Calpe RC	£9,000,000.00	2/2/1996	31/03/1997	55% Residential 10% Commercial	22/05/2002	Residential £4,089,807.60 Commercial £743,601.38	N/A	05/96
Montagu Crescent Ltd	Extension of completion date until 31 August 1998	APPROVED	2/10/97	31/08/1998	55% Residential 10% Commercial	22/05/2002	Residential £4,089,807.60 Commercial £743,601.38	N/A	5/96
Montagu Crescent Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 April 1999	APPROVED	29/3/99	30/04/1999	55% residential 10% commercial	22/05/2002	Residential £4,089,807.60 Commercial £743,601.38	N/A	5/96
Gib Property Developments Ltd	Construction of Europa Mews (25 Town Houses) at site of E-Block Europa Road	£3,000,000.00	19/09/96	31/10/1997	20%	20/12/2001	£281,973.60	N/A	10/96
Gib Property Developments Ltd	Extension of completion date until 31 March 1998	APPROVED	2/10/97	31/03/1998	20%	20/12/2001	£281,973.60	N/A	10/96
Gib Property Developments Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 April 1999	APPROVED	29/03/99	30/04/1999	20%	20/12/2001	£281,973.60	N/A	10/96
Mews Developments Ltd	Construction of 8 houses and 8 garages at 15 Withams Road	£1,000,000.00	2/2/1996	31/10/1997	20%	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	06/96
Mews Development Ltd	Amendment to description	£1,148,000.00	29/3/99	31/10/200	20%	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	6/96

APPLICANT	PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST	LICENCE ISSUED ON	Estimated Completion date	Percentage	Accounts submitted on	Relief Granted	Trade Licence Exemption	LICENCE NO
Mews Development Ltd	Request for higher relief percentage and extension of completion date	APPROVED & increased to 40%	21/7/00	31/10/2001	20% & 40% for the extended element of project	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	6/96
Tarik Carpark Ltd	Construction of 21 garages and 8 parking spaces at Moorish Castle estate	£500,000.00	2/2/1996	30/11/1995	1%	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	07/96
Bazle Investments Ltd	Construction of West View Park 108 apartments and 108 car park spaces at west side of westside reclamation	£5,500,000.00	2/2/1996	30/04/1997	55%	27/03/2001	£2,843,791	N/A	08/96
Bazle Investments Ltd	Extension of completion date to 31/12/97	APPROVED	02/10/1997	31/12/1997	55%	27/03/2001	£2,843,791	N/A	08/96
Gorts Housing Association	Construction of three 2 storey houses on the plot adjacent to 47 Europa Road	£390,000.00	2/2/1996	31/12/1996	20%	Non Submitted	N/A	N/A	09/96
Ocean View Investments Ltd	Construction of 33 Town Houses on Westside reclamation	£3,500,000.00	REJECTED	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Taylor Woodrow of Gibraltar Ltd (Cornwalls)	Request for transfer of license	REJECTED	2/10/97	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Haven Shipyard (Gibraltar) Ltd	Super Yachts Refit & Repair Yard	£3,000,000.00	Licence not issued	N/A	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Brightside Investments (Gibraltar) Ltd	Marina with Ancillary Activities	£3,000,000.00	Licence not issued	N/A	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd	Construction of Warehouse at Waterport	£580,000.00	9/5/1996	31/08/1996	1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	11/96
Silverlake Ltd	Construction of a 3 storey building at 227/229 Main Street	£534,000.00	2/10/97	31/01/1999	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/97
Silverlake Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 September 1999	APPROVED	15/07/1998	30/09/1999	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/97
Silverlake Ltd	Extension of completion date until 31 July 2001	APPROVED	16/11/99	31/01/2001	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/97
Gibraltar Land Developments Ltd	Construction of 5 houses with car parking at Engineer Battery	£700,000.00	2/10/97	30/04/1998	40%	12/08/2005	£338,560.40	N/A	2/97
Gibraltar Lands Developments Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 April 1999	APPROVED	15/7/98	30/04/1999	40%	12/08/2005	£338,560.40	N/A	2/97
Gibraltar Lands Developments Ltd	Extension of completion date until 31 August 2000	APPROVED	29/3/99	31/08/2000	40%	12/08/2005	£338,560.40	N/A	2/97

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Catalan Bay Investments Ltd	Construction of 13 Terraced Houses at White Rock Camp	£1,637,000.00	2/10/97	February 1999	40%	12/12/2000	£1,519,900	N/A	3/97
Crag Development Company Ltd	Construction of bottling plant at North Mole	5 million dollars	15/7/98	30/06/1998	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/98
Decon Contractors Ltd	6 town houses at south barrack road	£605,000.00	15/7/98	31/12/1998	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/98
Decon Contractors Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 June 1999	APPROVED	29/3/99	30/06/1999	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/98
Gibraltar Telecommunications International Ltd	Telecommunications equipment	£629,000.00	15/7/98	01/03/2000	100%	18/05/2001	£486,212	N/A	3/98
Bell Hotel Ltd	Refurbishment of Elliott Hotel	£4,078,443.00	15/7/98	31/12/1999	50%	01/02/2005	£609,015	N/A	4/98
Bell Hotel Ltd	Request for loan to be accepted as capital expenditure	APPROVED	16/11/99	31/12/1999	50%	01/02/2005	£609,015	N/A	4/98
Inverrigan Ltd	Refurbishment of premises for supermarket at Marina Bay and Main Street	REJECTED	15/07/98	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
A & B Block Association	Conversion and refurbishment of Blocks A&B at Europa Advanced Road	REJECTED	15/07/98	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eaton Holdings Ltd	Construction of industrial units, garages and car park spaces at Devils Tower Road	£1,000,000.00	15/7/98	31/12/1999	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/98
Eaton Holdings Ltd	Address amendment to 2/36 Horse Barrack Lane	APPROVED	29/3/99	31/12/1999	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/98
Eaton Holdings Ltd	Amendment to description	APPROVED	21/7/00	31/12/99	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/98
Universal Traders Ltd	Construction of 7 flats and 1 commercial units at 125/127 Main Street	£420,000.00	15/7/98	28/02/1999	40%	25/01/2007	£249,330.72	YES	06/98
Universal Traders Ltd	Extension of completion date until 29 February 2000	APPROVED	16/11/99	28/02/2000	40%	25/01/2007	£249,330.72	YES	06/98
Universal Traders Ltd	Extension of completion date until 31 December 2001	APPROVED	15/7/98	31/12/2001	40%	25/01/2007	£249,330.72	YES	6/98
Suntale Properties Ltd	Conversion of 6 commercial units into 6 duplex apartments at Rosia Plaza	£570,000.00	29/03/1999	31/03/2000	20%	20/06/2001	£86,729	N/A	1/99
Suntale Properties Ltd	Request to split relief	REJECTED	16/11/99	31/03/2000	20%	20/06/2001	£86,729	N/A	1/99
Suntale Properties Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 June 2000	APPROVED	21/7/00	31/03/2000	20%	20/06/2001	£86,729	N/A	1/99
G & J B Hotels Ltd	Development of conference room and upgrade of Caleta Hotel facility	£1,700,000.00	29/3/99	31/12/1999	50%	11/04/2000	£618,702.73	N/A	2/99
G & J B Hotels Ltd	Request for loan to be accepted as capital expenditure	APPROVED	16/11/99	31/12/1999	50%	11/04/2000	£618,702.73	N/A	2/99
McDonalds (Gibraltar) Ltd	Construction of McDonalds Restaurant at Europort	£605,000.00	29/3/99	30/11/1999	20%	26/05/2000	£653,348	YES	3/99
Varyl Begg Tenants Association	Request for rates relief for car spaces	APPROVED	16/11/99	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Souwest Developments Ltd	Construction of 19 town houses and 2 penthouses at ex-officers mess at Lathbury Barracks (Sunset Close)	£3,700,000.00	16/11/99	31/12/2001	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/99
Souwest Developments Ltd	Extension of completion date until 31 October 2003	APPROVED	1/7/03	31/10/2003	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/99

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B G Properties Holdings Ltd	Refurbishment and conversion of 83/89 Irish Town into 3 residential units and 3 commercial units	£500,000.00	16/11/99	30/04/2000	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/99
B G Properties Holdings Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 September 2000	APPROVED	21/7/00	30/09/2000	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/99
BG Property Holdings Ltd	Extension of completion date until 31 March 2002	APPROVED	17/03	31/03/2002	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/99
Gibfirst Realty Ltd	Construction of Peninsular Heights	£5,800,000.00	16/11/99	31/10/2002	40%	21/03/2005	£2,013,106	N/A	6/99
Casemates Project	No license but rates relief applied	APPROVED	21/7/00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Suntale Properties Ltd	Conversion of commercial units on the ground floor of Rosia Plaza Phase 2 into 7 duplex apartments	£510,000.00	21/7/00	30/11/2001	40%	19/11/2002	£185,458	N/A	1/00
Taylor Woodrow of Gibraltar Ltd	Conversion of first floor of shopping centre into 7 residential flats	REJECTED	21/07/2000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
17/25 Giros Passage Development Ltd	Construction of 6 storey office building	£1,750,000.00	17/03	31/12/2005	60%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/03
17/25 Giros Passage Development Ltd	Amendment to description and extension of completion date to 30th June 2006	APPROVED	17/03	30/06/2006	60%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/03
17/25 Giros Passage	Request to extend licence until 30 June 2007	APPROVED	01/07/03	30/06/2007	60%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/03
Sort Ltd	Construction of plant for polluted waste treatment	£1,200,000.00	17/03	31/12/2001	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/03
Queensway Quay Development Company Ltd	Construction of 4 blocks of apartments at Queensway	£10,000,000.00	17/03	N/A	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/03
Queensway Quay Development Company Ltd	Construction of 4 houses and 43 apartments at Gun Wharf and Ordnance Wharf	£9,000,000.00	17/03	N/A	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/03
Silverlake Ltd	Construction of 2 floors of commercial units and 3 floors of residential at 227/229 Main Street	£871,000.00	17/03	30/11/2003	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/03
Silverlake Ltd	Extension of completion date until 31 December 2004	APPROVED	17/03	31/12/2004	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/03
Silverlake Ltd	Extension of completion date until 31 March 2005	APPROVED	17/03	31/03/2005	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/03
Silverlake Ltd	Extension of completion date until 15 November 2005	APPROVED	01/07/03	15/11/2005	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	05/03
Pebble Properties Ltd	Construction of Europaia	£18,000,000.00	17/03	30/09/2005	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	6/03
Pebble Properties Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 September 2006	APPROVED	23/5/05	30/09/2006	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	6/03
Pebble Properties Ltd	Extension of completion date until 1st February 2007	APPROVED	01/07/03	01/02/2007	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	06/03
Queensway Quay Development Company Ltd	Construction of 10 houses and 13 apartments at Royal Naval Hospital Europa Road	CANCELLED	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sharrock Shand Development Ltd	Construction of 11 houses, offices and 17 car park spaces	£3,100,000.00	17/03	31/07/2006	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	8/03

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Gibraltair Telecommunications International Ltd	Upgrade of GSM Network	£1,930,627.00	17/03	31/12/2003	100%	30/11/2005	£1,988,666.31	N/A	9/03
Gibtelecom	Extension of completion date until 31 December 2005	APPROVED	23/5/05	31/12/2005	100%	30/11/2005	£1,988,666.31	N/A	9/03
Gibraltair Commercial Property Company Ltd	North Mole Industrial Park	REJECTED	06/07/2004	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Flander Properties Ltd	Conversion of Montagu Pavilion into offices	REJECTED	06/07/2004	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sand Key Properties Ltd	Construction of 12 residential flat above 39 Glacis Road	£1,700,000.00	6/7/04	12 months after commencement	40%	19/01/2007	£897,130.50	N/A	6/04
Sand Key Properties Ltd	Extension of completion date until 31st December 2006	APPROVED	10/01/05	31/12/2006	40%	19/01/2007	£897,130.50	N/A	6/04
Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltair) Ltd	Construction of 4 houses at Sandpits Vaults	£1,874,000.00	2/8/04	31/12/2004	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/04
Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltair) Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 June 2005	APPROVED	10/01/2005	30/06/2005	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/04
Hopefield Properties Ltd	Refurbishment of 36 residential units and construction of 5 new units at the Old Naval Hospital (Admiral's Place	£9,000,000.00	6/7/04	30/09/2004	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/04
Queensway Quay Development Company Ltd	19 Luxury houses constructed on reclaimed land	£18,500,000.00	02/08/2004	27/07/06	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/04
Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltair) Ltd	Construction of 20 Apartments at Rock Hotel Staff Quarters	£6,000,000.00	02/08/04	31/12/2006	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/04
International Casino Gibraltair, Gala Casino	Essential structural repairs and Internal alterations	£1,500,000.00	02/08/04	18/03/2005	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	04/04
International Casino Gibraltair	Extension of completion date until 31st March 2006	APPROVED	23/5/05	31/03/2006	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/04
Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltair) Ltd	Construction of 4 houses and 39 apartments (The Cliftons)	£13,413,000.00	10/1/05	31/12/2006	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/05
Warfare (Gibraltair) Ltd	Office accommodations plus 2 apartments at 85 Main Street	£1,400,000.00	10/1/05	15/01/2006	30%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/05
M C B (Gibraltair) Ltd	Eastside reclamation project	1 billion	28/2/05	31/12/2016	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/05
Souwest Developments Ltd	Construction of Genista House at ex-Mackley Yard Europa Road	£4,100,000.00	28/2/05	30/06/2006	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/05
Souwest (Genista House)	Extension of completion date until 31 August 2007	APPROVED	09/11/2006	31/08/2007	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	5/05
G & J B Hotels Ltd	Construction of 2 studio suites, 29 apartments, 3 penthouses and 62 car park spaces at the area adjacent to Caleta Hotel	£5,900,000.00	28/2/05	31/10/2007	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/05
G & J B Hotels Ltd	Extension of completion date until 30 April 2008	APPROVED	23/5/05	30/04/2008	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/05

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Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd	Construction of 81 apartments and 6 commercial units	£28,500,000.00	23/5/05	31/12/2008	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	6/05
Lord Napier Mews	Refurbishment and extension of 4 Rodgers Road into 12 town houses	£3,480,000.00	23/5/05	31/05/2005	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	8/05
Lord Napier Mews	Extension of completion date until 31 December 2005	APPROVED	23/05/05	31/12/2005	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	8/05
Lord Napier Mews	Extension of completion date until 28 February 2006	APPROVED	23/05/05	28/02/2006	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	08/05
Gibtelecom	Construction of building at 13/21 John Mackintosh Square	£3,600,000.00	23/5/05	30/06/2007	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	9/05
Gibtelecom	Extension of completion date until 30 June 2008	APPROVED	23/05/05	30/06/2008	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	9/05
Peninsular Rentals Ltd	Redevelopment of 4 storey freehold at 8 South Barrack Road	REJECTED	23/5/05	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Longhorn Properties Ltd	Office & commercial building to be constructed at ex-MOT Centre at 2 Europort Avenue North Mole Road	£13,000,000.00	07/03/2006	31/03/2006	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/06
Longhorn Properties Ltd	Request to extend licence until 31 March 2008	APPROVED	27/06/06	31/03/2008	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/06
Ocean Village Ltd	132 Residential apartments, promenades, marina board walk 7,000 sq m commercial space	£45,000,000.00	07/03/06	31/03/2007	50%	N/A	N/A	N/A	04/06
Bell Hotel Ltd	Refurbishment of interior and essential exterior works	£2,445,223.00	09/11/06	31/12/2005	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	09/06
Peak Developments Ltd	Construction of 22 apartments at Junior Ranks Club	£9,000,000.00	06/03/06	30/11/2008	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	02/06
Commercial Developments Inc. Ltd	Construction of 96 apartments and 6 town houses with 139 car parking spaces and amenities	£30,000,000.00	06/03/06	30/09/2008	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	05/06
Europort Five Ltd	Conversion of Europort building 5 130 apartments 97 car park spaces 3700 m2 of commercial area and amenities	£19,400,000.00	09/11/06	28/02/2007	35%	N/A	N/A	N/A	07/06
Europort Five Ltd	Request to extend licence until 1 June 2007	APPROVED	20/02/2007	01/06/2007	35%	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/06
Kings Wharf Ltd	Construction at Comorant Wharf of 383 residential units, 650 car park spaces, commercial units, gardens and ancillary amenities	£80,000,000.00	7/03/06	31/08/2013	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/06
Kings Wharf Ltd	cancelled 20 February 2007	£80,000,000.00	20/02/07	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1/06
Kings Wharf Ltd	Construction at Comorant Wharf of 383 residential units, 650 car park spaces, commercial units, gardens and ancillary amenities	£80,000,000.00	20/02/2007	31/08/2013	30%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/07
Vista Developments Ltd	Construction of 106 residential units, 22 car park spaces, commercial units, gardens, leisure complex and amenities	To resubmit when all permits have been obtained	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N

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Nuns Holding Ltd	Redevelopment of building to include 3 flats, office and restaurant	£1,000,000.00	09/11/06	30/11/2007	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	10/06
Nuns Holding Ltd	Request to extend licence until 30 June 2008	APPROVED	09/11/06		20%				10/06
Montank Developments Ltd	Redevelopment of building at 1/3a Bedlam Court (Montank) into 3 floors of offices and the construction of 1 floor	£2,450,000.00	27/06/06	30/11/2008	40%	N/A	N/A	N/A	6/06
E W M S Ltd (Crematorium)	Construction and running of crematorium at Governors Cottage	£1,800,000.00	09/11/06	31/12/2007	100%	N/A	N/A	N/A	8/06
Taylor Woodrow (Gibraltar) Ltd	Demolish existing house and build block of 44 apartments at site, of Filomena House Devils Tower Road	£8,600,000.00	20/02/07	31/12/2009	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	3/07
Slop Oil Treatment & Reception Ltd	Upgrade of Former MOD salvage plant, Western Arm North Mole	£600,000.00	20/02/07	31/12/2007	80%	N/A	N/A	N/A	2/07
Dolby Investments Ltd	Construction of 2 luxury town houses at 10/12 Rodgers Road	£925,000.00	20/02/07	31/01/2008	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	4/07
Marina Properties The Sails Ltd	Reclamation of sea area and construction of 42 residential units and pool and marina office at site of Cormorant Wharf	£19,000,000.00	20/02/07	30/09/2008	20%	N/A	N/A	N/A	05/07
OEM Tower Building Ltd	Construction of 72 apartments and 75 parking spaces	£10,218,682.00	20/02/07	31/03/2008	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	7/07
OEM Rosia Developments Ltd	Construction of 138 low cost apartments & 178 carpark spaces at Rosia	£17,403,579.00	20/02/07	31/01/2008	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	8/07
OEM Cumberland Developments Ltd	Construction 182 apartments & 197 parking spaces	£14,996,418.00	20/02/07	31/03/2008	55%	N/A	N/A	N/A	6/07

NO. 725 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID

Can Government say whether the benefit of development aid has been withdrawn from any developer in 2007 as a result of not having adhered to the conditions of the licence?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

In 2007 Government has not had to withdraw the benefit of development aid from any developer for not adhering to the conditions on the licence.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 725 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say whether there have been any extensions to completion dates in this period?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

There have been extensions but there are some kinds of extensions that are requested by the developers when they see that they are not meeting their deadlines which were originally set, maybe when the development was initiated. In fact, the House will recall that legislation was passed in the House, I think last year, in order to put a system in place where if they did not make relevant representations to the Committee within a specific time scale, they would lose out and not have a situation where they used to actually apply after the deadline. The Committee decided that was something they would not accept and legislation was passed in order to reinforce the system.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

We are assuming that nobody has applied for an extension since we passed that?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, I cannot confirm whether there has been an extension or not. I know that there is a meeting of the Committee later on this month and I think I have been given the agenda for that meeting and there is a request for an extension, but it is within the required time scale, I assume. I think the hon Member has to understand that the Development Aid Committee has got a secretariat where everything is handled by them. Then there is the Committee that meets and recommendations are made to the Minister, it is not I who actually sits. Okay, the final decision is taken by the Minister but always following the recommendations of the Committee. It is an advisory committee and not a situation where I actually personally take the decision without recommendations of the Committee itself.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Would the Minister recall when the last meeting of the Development Aid Committee was?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I could actually check my diary, it would mean going back. I think the last meeting must have been held before the Election. I assume it might have probably been in August or June, I was away for most of July. But I can confirm a date to the hon Member when that took place.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Up to that point nobody had asked for an extension?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, I am saying that I cannot confirm otherwise, I cannot recall the details of that but I am happy to write to the hon Member if he wishes, confirming whether that has been the case. I think I have seen on the agenda for the meeting to be held next week that there is a request for an extension. But, retrospectively, it is now a few months and I really cannot recall.

ORAL

NO. 726 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

THE NEW ALOES

Can Government say whether it was a condition of the sale of The New Aloes that the successful tenderer had to live there?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question No. 727 of 2007.

NO. 727 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

LIND HOUSE

Can Government say whether the tender conditions governing the sale of Lind House allowed for the building to be demolished completely and a new one constructed in its place, and whether the successful tenderer had to live in it rather than sell the property on?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answer to Question 726 of 2007

It was a condition of tender of The New Aloes that the successful tenderer had to occupy the property for the sole use of residential accommodation for the tenderer and family.

Answer to Question 727 of 2007

The tender conditions did not prevent the demolition and rebuilding of Lind House. This was an open market sale and there was no condition that obliged the successful tenderer to live in the property. The owner can sell the property after seeking the consent of the Government, as is the case in all other similar residential sales.

ORAL

NO. 728 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TENDER – BEACH CONCESSIONS

Can Government list the successful tenderers in respect of the tenders for “Beach Concessions – Kiosks” and “Beach Concession”, with a breakdown showing the beach in question, the nature of the concession, and the amount paid in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 728 OF 2007

EASTERN BEACH:

Sunrise Kiosk
Maurice Sene and Paul Parody
£325.00 for 13 weeks

Latino's on the Beach
Hire of sunbeds and beach umbrellas
Tony Ellul, Jimmy Ellul and Michael Pitaluga
£325.00 for 13 weeks

CAMP BAY:

Willy's Return Kiosk
William Parody
£325.00 for 13 weeks

LITTLE BAY:

Sunset Kiosk
Angel Debono
£325.00 for 13 weeks

WESTERN BEACH:

Matthew's Chiringuito
Clive Chichon
£325.00 for 13 weeks

ORAL

NO. 729 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR FEDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES – RENT

Can Government say what is the rent they are asking from the Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses in respect of its premises in Irish Town and what is the area of the premises in square metres?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question No. 730 of 2007.

NO. 730 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR FEDERATION OF SMALL BUSINESSES – RENT

Can Government say on what date they proposed to increase the rent of the premises of the Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses, and what was the rent paid before this increase?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answer to Question 729 of 2007

The rent being requested from the GFSB is £500 per month. The area of the premises is 150m² (1615 sq ft).

Answer to Question 730 of 2007

A notice terminating the tenancy on 31st July 2005 was sent on 11th January 2005 with a view to bringing the tenancy terms in line with the Chamber of Commerce, that is, an increase in rent with effect from 1st August 2005 and a new lease. The rent paid prior to this date was £100 per month.

NO. 731 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DTI – BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

Can Government say whether the post of Business Development Officer in the Department of Trade and Industry has now been filled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

No, Sir. The post has not been filled.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 731 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are people being interviewed for the vacancy?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

There were some interviews conducted at the time and no suitable candidates were identified. Then subsequently the decision was taken not to recruit this particular officer in the short term until the particular unit it was intended to work grew and the need arose for a person to be recruited. That has not happened up till now.

ORAL

NO. 732 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 November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 733 to 735 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 733 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – WORLD TRAVEL MARKET

What was the area in square metres of the Gibraltar stand at the World Travel Market in 2007, and what was the area of the stand in 2003?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 732, 734 and 735 of 2007.

NO. 734 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – WORLD TRAVEL MARKET

Can Government say what financial contribution to the cost of the stand was made by the members of Gibraltar's tourism industry who attended the World Travel Market in London in 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 732, 733 and 735 of 2007.

NO. 735 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – WORLD TRAVEL MARKET

Can Government say whether their decision to have a Gibraltar stand at the World Travel Market this year had the unanimous support of the UKGTA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The cost of attending the World Travel Market consisted of the following items:

	£
Space	19,022.52
Stand	45,711.58
Flights	1,885.00
Hotel	956.75
Subsistence	102.43
Expenses	87.80
Train	29.80
Courier	308.00
Invitation Letters	301.36
	<u>£68,405.24</u>

Answer to Question 733 of 2007

The area in square metres of the Gibraltar stand at the World Travel Market in 2007 was 54 square metres. In 2003 the area was 42 square metres.

Answer to Question 734 of 2007

The financial contribution to the cost of the stand made by members of Gibraltar's tourism industry was £5,500.

Answer to Question 735 of 2007

The issue of participating or not was not put to the vote. However, no objections were raised. On the contrary, all members thought it was wise to return to the World Travel Market.

ORAL

NO. 736 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – WORLD TRAVEL MARKET

How many persons from Gibraltar made up the official Gibraltar delegation to the World Travel Market in London in 2007 and what posts do they hold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 737 and 738 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 737 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – WORLD TRAVEL MARKET

How many persons from the Gibraltar office in London made up the official Gibraltar delegation to the World Travel Market in London in 2007 and what posts do they hold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 736 and 738 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 738 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – WORLD TRAVEL MARKET

How many persons attended the products training session which took place on the last day of the World Travel Market in London in 2007, what positions do they hold and who did they represent?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

Schedule to Question 738

Answer to Question 736

The following persons made up the official Gibraltar delegation to the World Travel Market in London in 2007:

Mr N Guerrero – Chief Executive, Gibraltar Tourist Board
Mr P Canessa – Principal Private Secretary, Ministry for Enterprise,
Development & Technology

Answer to Question 737

Six members of the Gibraltar Office in London made up the official Gibraltar delegation to the World Travel Market in London in 2007.

Mr Albert Poggio	Director
Mr Ian Leyde	Sales Manager
Ms Sara McFadyen	PA to Mr Albert Poggio
Miss Claire Lerner	Marketing Executive
Miss Kelly Bensadon	Marketing Executive
Mrs Beverley Black	Marketing Executive

Answer to Question 738

A total number of 14 people attended the Training Session which took place at the World Travel Market in London and company positions are as follows:

Sales Consultant	Thomas Cook
Sales Consultant	Thomas Cook
Product Manager	Goodacre Townsend
Managing Director	Expert Travel
Director	Expert Travel
Manager	Expert Travel
Managing Director	Stowaway Travel
Marketing Manager	Scotts Travel
Sales Consultant	Dalton Travel
Director	Banana Travel
Head of Tourism	City of London College
Senior Student	City of London College
Senior Student	City of London College
Senior Student	City of London College

NO. 739 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – INTUR

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's participation at Intur in Valladolid from 22-25 November, how many persons made up the official Gibraltar delegation and what posts do they hold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

I now hand the hon Member a schedule containing the information requested. However, I would just like to draw his attention to the fact that some of the totals that appear there may vary due to the fact that some of the invoices have not yet been received to pay, so the exchange rate may differ because, obviously, most of the invoices are in euros.

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 739 OF 2007

The total sum may vary later due to the fact that some of the invoices have not been received/paid yet, so the rate of exchange may be different at time of paying.

	£
Stand	788.92
Subsistence	840.49
Travel Expenses	210.97
Hired Car	170.34
Hotels	1,284.78
Courier	80.88
Bus Travel	72.79
Cocktail Party	551.00
Stand furniture	1,748.53
Total	<u>£5,748.70</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 739 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIAS:

The second half of the question has not been answered in the schedule that has been handed.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, indeed the hon Member is correct, but I can give him the information because as a result of the breakdown of expenses I can tell him that from Gibraltar we had the Chief Executive, the Sales and Marketing Manager and the Sales Marketing Assistant and one officer from the Madrid Office.

NO. 740 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – INTUR

Can Government say how the £99.06 in mileage from Gibraltar to Malaga and back in respect of the Intur 2006 Conference was calculated?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The mileage was calculated as follows:

Distance travelled Gibraltar to Malaga Airport and return – 254 kms

Rate per kilometre - £0.39p

Total (254 x 0.39) = £99.06

NO. 741 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – FITUR

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's participation in FITUR in January of this year, how many persons made up the Gibraltar delegation and what offices do they hold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

This question has already been asked and answered under Question No. 254 of 2007. I am handing the hon Member another copy if he so wishes but the question has already been dealt with when we met in February. In fact, the question actually said FITUR in May originally. FITUR is not in May it is in January.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 741 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

There was a press release issued by the Government dated 3rd May which says on the eve of FITUR the Hon Joe Holliday, Minister for Tourism hosted a reception in Madrid, that is dated the 3rd May.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Normally I do that on the 29th January every year which is the night before people start arriving. The hon Member should know that FITUR is in January every year.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Yes and the Minister should issue press releases with the right dates on them.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Sorry.

NO. 742 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – FITUR

How many Spanish travel journalists attended the eve of FITUR reception for journalists hosted by the Minister and what media did they represent?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The same applies actually to this question. This question was asked as Question No. 255 of 2007. So I am happy to give the hon Member the information that was given to him at the time because it still stands.

ORAL

NO. 743 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – COST OF ADVERT “CAPTIVATING”

Can Government say what was the cost of the advert entitled “Captivating” that appeared in the travel section of the Sunday Telegraph recently, whether this advert has appeared anywhere else and if so where and at what cost?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 743

Sunday Telegraph – 29.04.07	-	£2,044.04
Daily Telegraph -09.06.07	-	£2,044.04

“CAUTIVADOR”

- Air Classe - Apr/May '07	-	€2,300
- Viajeros del Mundo - May '07	-	€1,800
- Air Comet - May '07	-	€1,800

“CAPTIVATING”

- Olive Press – May '07	-	£307.60
- Portugal News – Xmas '07 Special	-	£799

NO. 744 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – SEATRADE, MIAMI

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's participation in the Seatrade Cruise Shipping Convention in Miami in March, how many persons made up the delegation from Gibraltar and what offices do they hold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The cost with a breakdown of Gibraltar's participation in the Seatrade Shipping Convention in Miami in March was as follows:

Stand space and construction	£17,187.97
Registration fee	363.28
Travel, accommodation	<u>10,698.35</u>
	<u>£28,249.60</u>

Three people made up the delegation from Gibraltar: The Director of the London Office who is also the Vice President of MedCruise, the Chief Executive of the Gibraltar Tourist Board and a Senior Information Officer from the London Office

ORAL

NO. 745 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – EIBTM

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's participation at the European Incentive and Business Travel Market (EIBTM) in Barcelona from 27-29 November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

This exhibition only finished on 29 November 2007 and consequently all the relevant invoices have not yet been received. I would suggest that the hon Member should ask this question at a future meeting of this House.

ORAL

NO. 746 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – CITY BREAK EXHIBITION, ATHENS

What was the cost of Gibraltar's participation, with a breakdown, in the City Break Exhibition in Athens, Greece from 11-13 June, who made up the Gibraltar delegation and what offices do they hold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

Schedule to Question 746 of 2007

Subsistence	724.48
Flights	1,505.20
Hotel	799.80
Freight	489.26
Courier	150.00
Transfers	121.00
Car Park	18.00
Expenses	65.49
Advert	<u>1,075.00</u>
Total	<u>£4,948.23</u>

The exhibition was attended by the Chief Executive and Marketing Manager of the Gibraltar Tourist Board, Messrs N Guerrero and D Ferrar.

NO. 747 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – VISIT BY SPANISH JOURNALISTS

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of the visit to Gibraltar of a group of Spanish journalists from 30 April – 2 May?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The cost with a breakdown of the visit to Gibraltar of a group of Spanish journalists from 30th April to 2nd May is as follows:

Iberia flight taxes	132.20
GB Airways flight taxes	270.10
Courier	60.00
Gibraltar Chronicle copies (x9)	<u>4.50</u>
Total	<u>£466.80</u>

Flights, accommodation, meals, transport and tours were all complimentary.

NO. 748 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – VISIT BY UK JOURNALISTS

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of the visit to Gibraltar of a group of UK journalists from 2 May – 4 May?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The cost with a breakdown of a visit to Gibraltar of a group of UK journalists from 2nd May to 4th May is as follows:

Hotel for 6 journalists	£1650
Flight taxes	<u>£ 339</u>
	<u>£1989</u>

Meals, tours, transfers and flights were complimentary.

ORAL

NO. 749 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – TOURISM MARKETING BUDGET

Can Government say how much of the Tourism Marketing budget of £900,000 estimated for 2007/2008 has been spent to date, showing a breakdown of the amount, who it was paid to, for what purpose and when?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

Schedule to Question 749

MARKETING, PROMOTIONS & ADVERTISING			AS AT 27.11.07	
		VOTE	EXP	BALANCE
		2007/2008	TO DATE	AVAILABLE
LITERATURE	TOTAL	£127,900.00	£37,995.20	£89,904.80
ACTIVITY (TRADE)	TOTAL	£56,300.00	£5,278.34	£51,021.66
ACTIVITY (MEDIA)	TOTAL	£19,300.00	£17,793.67	£1,506.33
PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL	TOTAL	£15,000.00	£1,259.06	£13,740.94
ADVERTISING	TOTAL	£326,710.00	£89,465.65	£237,244.35
TRADE/CONSUMER FAIRS	TOTAL	£159,190.00	£143,424.90	£15,765.10
EVENTS	TOTAL	£62,000.00	£67,208.76	-£5,208.76
OTHER	TOTAL	£15,000.00	£3,840.04	£11,159.96
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	TOTAL	£103,600.00	£68,232.10	£35,367.90
CONTIGENCIES	TOTAL	£15,000.00	£1,903.98	£13,096.02
GRAND TOTAL		£900,000.00	£436,401.70	£463,598.30

NO. 750 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – GIBRALTAR DAY

Can Government confirm that no tourism event took place during the Gibraltar Day celebrations in London this year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The Government can confirm that no tourism event took place during the Gibraltar Day celebrations in London this year.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 750 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Given that this event has been hailed as being so successful in the past can the Minister say why none took place this time round?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, the decision was taken that as a result of the fact that we were going back to the World Travel Market this year, which was only being held two weeks after the Gibraltar Day event, that attracting people to the Gibraltar Day tourism event and then expecting them to turn up at the World Travel Market, especially the press, was too much to be asking for so we decided that we would not have an event specifically for tourism this year and, obviously, go ahead with the World Travel Market instead.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

At what point did the Government decide not to hold the tourism events? Was it decided a month before or a day before?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

The decision to go back to the World Travel Market was taken many months ago. In respect of the Gibraltar Day, the decision was basically taken not to have it, I think it

was some time in early September. We took the decision that trying to create demand and attendance by people was going to be difficult.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

So, there were no instances of people being invited to a tourism event which then did not materialise, is that the case, nobody was invited?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, people were not invited to the tourism event in the Gibraltar Day, they were not invited, there was no invitation.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In terms of the sectors that would be invited to the Gibraltar Day tourism event and those who attend the World Travel Market, would the Minister say that those are the same sectors of people or are they completely different categories of people?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I would say that there is a big overlap and the majority would have probably been the people that would have been invited to both.

ORAL

NO. 751 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ILLEGAL BUILDINGS AND WORKS

Can Government say how many instances of illegal buildings and works have been brought to the attention of the relevant Government departments by the Gibraltar Heritage Trust during 2006 and 2007 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 752 and 753 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 752 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ILLEGAL BUILDINGS AND WORKS

Can Government say why no action has been taken with regard to the illegal buildings and works which are brought to their attention by the Gibraltar Heritage Trust?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 751 and 753 of 2007.

NO. 753 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE – LEGISLATION

Can Government list the specific measures through which legislation will be updated to provide for further safeguards and measures to ensure greater enforcement with reference to heritage and planning issues?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answer to Question 751 of 2007

Even though there is a record of unauthorised commencement of works, no record is kept of those that may be brought to the attention of the Town Planner by the Trust

Answer to Question 752 of 2007

However, the Government Town Planning Division has no record of any illegal buildings and works which have been brought to their attention by the Gibraltar Heritage Trust and no such action has been taken.

All works that are brought to the attention of the Town Planning Division are verified thereafter and stopped if necessary. Generally works may be regularised by the submission of an application and approved by the Commission otherwise they end up in court.

Answer to Question 753 of 2007

The Government is currently considering proposals to amend the Town Planning Act 1999, some of which are aimed at improving procedures in relation to enforcement.

Additionally the Government is in the process of recruiting an Enforcement Officer for this purpose.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 751 TO 753 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

At the Annual General Meeting of the Trust this year, the point was made that they complain to different Government departments and that nobody takes any action on the complaints that they make. Is it possible they could have complained to some other department and that is why the Planning Section would not have the details?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, if they are complaining to another department they are complaining to the wrong department. They should be complaining, if anything, to the Town Planning Division and there is no record there of them having complained about any particular case. There is no record kept but I spoke to both senior members of the Town Planning Division and they both reassured me that anything that has been reported has been acted upon.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Would these complaints be taken through the Heritage Action Committee?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I do not think that the function of the Heritage Action Committee is to actually complain about illegal works.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

No, I mean the Trust is represented on the Committee and so is the Government.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

There is a representative in the Development and Planning Commission by the Heritage and I have definitely not had any representations made to me by the members at any of the meetings about illegal works. We normally complain about works that are illegally done and acted upon but specific for the Trust to have made representations is definitely not the case.

NO. 754 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

FERRY SERVICES

Can Government say whether they have received any expressions of interest from private operators to establish a ferry service between:

- (a) Gibraltar and Morocco;
- (b) Gibraltar and Spain?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Yes there have been expressions of interest but no formal submission. Three entities have expressed an interest, two in both routes, and the third in the Gibraltar/Spain route only.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 754 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are there any negotiations taking place?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, there are no negotiations taking place.

ORAL

NO. 755 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

FLY GIBRALTAR

On what date did Fly Gibraltar hand back the use of the word “Gibraltar” in their commercial name to the Gibraltar Government and did they have to pay anything for using it in the first place?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Government withdrew its permission for the use of the word “Gibraltar” on 16th May 2007. No fee is payable for the use of “Gibraltar” or indeed any other term or word.

ORAL

NO. 756 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NEW FLAME

Can Government confirm whether the operation to salvage the New Flame commenced as planned on or around 25 October?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question No. 757 of 2007.

NO. 757 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

NEW FLAME

What is the present status of the salvage or recovery of the wreck of the New Flame?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The operation to salvage the New Flame has been on-going since 13th August 2007, the day after the collision. The current status of the salvage recovery of the wreck, New Flame, is that the attempt to salvage the aft part of the vessel has been abandoned by the underwriters as they no longer believe the operation to be commercially viable for them. The underwriters are now treating the situation as an entire wreck removal operation while maintaining the services of the on-site salvage company to sustain the vessel in its current position, as far as technically possible until the wreck removal operation commences. With regard to the wreck removal operation, underwriters went to tender some ten days ago and are expected to award the contract to the successful bidder shortly. Thereafter, it is anticipated that the works will commence for the removal of the wreck as soon as logistically possible to do so.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 756 AND 757 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

Is the Minister satisfied that given the season into which we are quickly sailing, that the wreck will not break up if the underwriters do not move quickly to salvage it or to remove it themselves, even if that involves breaking the hull themselves in a controlled manner?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government have made clear from the outset, in public statements and perhaps even in this House as I recall, that the danger of the wreck breaking of its own accord has been present since the day of the collision. Indeed, at the outset it was feared that that was a very possible eventuality. There was a time when everyone was hoping that it would save the cost of breaking it up. But when they went down and saw the structure and were able to assess the strength of the structure that was left, they concluded that it would not and therefore they set about the original operation to break it up, which was a particular type of operation

designed, not just to salvage, the word salvage has two meanings. The operation that they have abandoned is the operation to cut it neatly so that the back end pops up, is then towed away and rebuilt and salvaged as a reusable hull. What they have abandoned is the attempt to salvage it as a reusable hull. It is now all a wreck and it now will be removed in a way which will have no regard to the desire to save anything by way of a reusable hull. But it is perfectly possible for the hull to break at any given moment, which is why the Government has required these powerful tugs to remain on station attached to the ship. So should that happen, the bit that pops up will not be a danger to the coastline or a danger to other shipping in the area. If there was no danger of the hull breaking of its own accord, there would be no need for a tug to be standing by with the lines attached to it.

HON F R PICARDO:

In such a break up, are the Government satisfied that there is no risk of pollution to the coastal zone from what may be left inside the hull? I assume the answer to that is no risk because we were trying to break it up in a controlled manner.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, again, it depends on how one defines risk, how one defines pollution and what measure of risk one thinks is acceptable. All human endeavour pollutes the environment to some extent or other.

HON F R PICARDO:

In the ordinary English meaning of the word.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, in the ordinary English meaning of the word is what I am talking about. If the hull breaks of its own accord, the hull is likely to break and the naval architects have established where the hull would break if it were to break of its own accord, that is likely to spill some of the cargo in one of the holds onto the reef on which this is standing. So, yes, if the hull breaks of its own accord some iron, scrap iron, may be spilled from the hull but the order that the Government have issued to the owners and the insurers is that they must remove the whole of the wreck and the whole of the cargo. So if any did spill, it would still be the responsibility of the salvors to retrieve it, but of course, if in the first instance it spills. The point about risk is of course that it is better that there should be no iron lying on the seabed, it does not naturally belong there. But we are told that this is not a hugely polluting or of huge damage to the environment. The seabed as the hon Member knows is full of metal wrecks of sunken ships in wartime and in peace time. It is certainly better that it is not there, it does not do the aquatic environment any good, that is for sure, but nor is it regarded because of the nature of this metal. Other metals may be different but this particular metal is not regarded as being particularly damaging to the environment, and therefore whilst it is better if it is not there, if it is there it is not regarded as a huge challenge to the aquatic environment. In any event, regardless of what views are taken about that judgement, they have got to remove anything that spills.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is it not logistically possible for this cargo to be removed whilst the vessel, let us not call it a wreck or anything else at this stage, is still intact. It has been there since August, has it not been possible in calmer weather to remove this load?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, that possibility was looked into, it is not possible to do it safely, it is not possible. This ship is stuck nose down into the reef, the cargo has shifted forward, the cargo holds are now full of water, there is no safe way of approaching the ship with the lifting gear necessary to start. Under the original plans, the hon Member may have read in the press, was for this thing to be cut neatly just in front of hold No. 2 and then for the hull with three holds intact full of cargo to be towed to the western side of the Rock, and then that done, precisely that done, sufficient cargo taken out in the way that the hon Member is suggesting to allow it to come alongside. In other words, to remove some of its draft and then finish to be unloaded ashore. But there was never any sufficient feasibility to the proposal of actually de-cargoing it where it stands, in the position that it stands, in the condition that it stands.

HON F R PICARDO:

I try not to believe anything I read in the press because, of course, it is in the press that one would have read that the tourist lunch was planned and was cancelled at the last minute for Gibraltar Day, but never mind. By when do the Government expect that the New Flame will have been moved from where it is, barring a break up naturally as a result of the weather? Or by when have the Government required that it be gone?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

First of all, these are things that we did not know before this happened and I suppose there is no reason therefore why he should know it either. It is not unusual for wrecks of this type to lie in situ for a very, very long time before they are removed. It depends on their location, on their complexity, on the exposure. The management of this wreck in terms of the salvage of it, is by no means tardy or delayed compared to the length of time it normally takes to remove wrecks in this sort of situation. The position is that the underwriters, who in effect are underwriters, may not be technically the right word, the P&I Club, who are the people with the economic interest in this part of the operation, went for this option of salvaging the stern. They were very advanced, the equipment was in Gibraltar, the tugs were lined up, the cutting chains were around and they said publicly that it was going to happen, then they abandoned it literally as they were starting it. Having made that decision, they then had to start again with a procedure which is completely different, with a different set of expertise, for the wreck removal. The position where we now are is that they have gone out to a tender for a wreck removal amongst the wreck removal industry, and we are awaiting the conclusion of that tender, whereupon they will do it. It remains to be seen whether the tenderers submit tenders on the basis of proceeding now, in other words, in December, January, winter weather, or whether they opt, not opt because ultimately the decision is not just the tenderers, but whether the tenders are on the basis that they will wait for finer weather. The Government's position in that respect remains open until we are told what the bids are. We have had a

discussion with P&I salvage representatives, they are not expecting to wait until the spring or anything like that, they believe the salvage operation would proceed immediately. But I am not in a position to confirm definitively to the hon Member that that is what will happen until the tenders are received and the P&I Club, which is a Swedish club, provide us with a plan for approval, just as they did with the previous plan which Government approved, and that will include a timetable including the period of duration and then we will know when they will start, how long they will take, which will enable us to know by when the wreck will have been removed.

HON F R PICARDO:

If I read the answer correctly the Chief Minister is telling me that the Government may be persuaded that the New Flame should stay in situ until fairer weather prevails, if the tenderer or rather the P&I Club is satisfied that that is the best proposal from all the tenderers and the Government are so satisfied.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think the Government would have to be satisfied on the basis of a case based on safety, reduction of risk to the environment, reduction of spillage, the Government are not waiting to see whether the lowest tenderer wants to do it that way and then say okay, if the lowest tenderer wants to do it that way let it be so. This is not an economic issue, it is an assessment of the risks involved in doing it one way or the other. At the moment, we do not think that risks exist, the P&I salvage consultants have already assessed the weather patterns in Gibraltar, historically there are a certain number of days that are normally lost to severe storm. They would have to suspend the operation on those days, the issue is what delay would be caused, off days if we could call it that, due to bad weather and that is not a particularly unfavourable scenario. Although we see occasional bad storms, normally the weather even in that position is not so bad during the winter that a traditional salvage operation cannot take place. So, yes, the answer to the hon Member's question is, consistent with my use of the phrase "the Government's minds are open", that the Government may be persuaded that it is better to wait until April but the Government would have to be persuaded of that on the basis of real risk management considerations and not only on the basis of economic considerations.

ORAL

NO. 758 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

MID-HARBOUR RECLAMATION

Can Government say how many tenderers submitted bids for the mid-harbour reclamation, and whether the successful tenderer Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors b.v. were the lowest bid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 759 and 760 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 759 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

MID-HARBOUR RECLAMATION

Can Government say whether the selection of Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors b.v in respect of the Mid-Harbour reclamation was made by the Treasury Tender Board and were any consultants advising the Government in respect of the selection of the successful tenderer?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 758 and 760 of 2007.

NO. 760 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

MID-HARBOUR RECLAMATION

Can Government provide a copy of the Environmental Statement that they commissioned for an EIA certificate for 18,025m² of land at Mid-Harbour?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Two tenderers submitted a total of three bids for the Mid-Harbour reclamation and Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors b.v. were the lowest bid received. The selection of Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors b.v. in respect of the Mid-Harbour reclamation was not made by the Treasury Tender Board. It was made by Government through the Procurement Office with a Tender Board consisting of senior government officials. Gibraltar Land Reclamation Company was asked by the Procurement Office to advise due to the technical expertise required to assess the various submissions for this project. The EIA was published in February this year. It was available then for public inspection. It consisted of a non technical summary, the main report and various volumes that consist of the technical chapters. Copies of these documents are available from Environmental Gains Limited in the UK, the company who was commissioned by Government to do this work at a fee.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 758 TO 760 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

Was the Gibraltar Land Reclamation Company also a tenderer?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, Mr Speaker.

NO. 761 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CASEMATES – DISPLAY OF WARES BY TRADERS

What permits are required by traders in Casemates before being allowed to display their wares on the public highway?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

No permits exist that grant the traders in Casemates permission to display their wares on the public highway.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 761 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does that mean they are free to display whatever they may be selling on pavements et cetera and without asking permission of anyone?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, it is actually against the law to display and hang otherwise exposed items on the public highway.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

How are those who are doing it at present doing it then?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The law is not policed on a zero tolerance basis, apparently.

ORAL

NO. 762 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

LEISURE CENTRE – KING’S BASTION

Can Government state what has been the reason for the delay in completion of the King's Bastion Leisure Centre?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 763 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 763 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

LEISURE CENTRE – KING'S BASTION

Can Government state whether the post of General Manager for the King's Bastion Leisure Centre has now been filled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The post has not yet been filled. As far as the delay is concerned, the contractor has apparently been delayed by failure of his glazing supplier to deliver as contracted and anticipated. Some of the leisure facility operators are themselves delayed in their fitting out programmes of their individual bits of the Centre.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 762 AND 763 OF 2007

HON G H LICUDI:

When did the Government know that these delays were going to occur?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Assuming that the accusation that is coming is the same one as came this morning in relation to another matter, after polling day.

ORAL

NO. 764 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK – CALPE/WILLIS’S ROAD

Can Government state on what terms will parking spaces be sold or made available for rental at the new multi-storey car park at Calpe/Willis’s Road?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government is not yet in a position to make a statement of its position in this respect.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 764 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

The Chief Minister has already referred those listening to the fact that I am resident in the area, so I speak with the benefit of seeing that the car park appears to be now reaching the end of the period of construction. When will the Government expect to be aware of what terms it is going to make parking spaces available? The day that it gets handed the keys by the constructor?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government will make a statement when it is ready.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am sure the Government will make a statement when it is ready but what type of planning is this, that the Government are not able to tell the House or the Parliament on what terms parking spaces are going to be made available in a parking that has been developed with public money? At least we should be entitled to know that the Government have made determinations as to whether it is going to be sale or rental et cetera. He might want to keep the prices under his hat until then. But he should tell us a little bit more.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The bit more that I am willing to tell him is the bit more that I have already told him in the past. That is that there will be a mixture of public parking, if there is any parking removed from the highway as part of the improvement of the fluidity arrangements in Willis's Road, those would be re-provided free in the multi-storey car park. Then of the rest some will be for short-term rental and others will be for longer term rental and some may even be for outright purchase. I think we have had this exchange earlier, I am sure we have but anyway it does not matter. What we have not yet decided is the price, the length of the terms or how many are going to be allocated to each category, or indeed, the precise method for dealing with the demand should it exceed the supply. In other words, are we going to have a straightforward lottery amongst those people who are interested or are they going to try and assess on a needs basis, in terms of elderly, disabled that sort of thing. Those are the decisions that are now being finalised.

ORAL

NO. 765 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government state how much money has been obtained from the EU as part of the original project to refurbish the Theatre Royal?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 766 of 2007.

NO. 766 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

THEATRE ROYAL

On what date was the new report into the Theatre Royal listed on the agenda of the Council of Ministers and on what date was the subject discussed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

As the hon Member was informed in answer to Question No. 209 of 2006, the amount obtained from the EU was £481,855.94.

The Government is not accountable in this House for discussions in Council of Ministers, and it would be totally inappropriate to do so.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 765 AND 766 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

The question is because the Minister for Culture did state that it was on the agenda of the Council of Ministers, therefore, the question. If the Minister would not have said by giving secret information about him talking about the Council of Ministers in public, I might not have asked the question.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The reasons for the hon Member asking the question does not alter the answer.

NO. 767 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SCHOOL AT FLEET PAVILION SITE

Can Government state when will the works start for the construction of the new school at the Fleet Pavilion site?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There is not to be a school at the Fleet Pavilion site. As is clear from the public exhibition relating to the Development Plan, and indeed the Government's 2007 Election Manifesto, the school is now to be located elsewhere.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 767 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Can Government state when will the works start for the construction of the new school at whatever site the Government have decided?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I cannot give that information because I do not know it. It is not known.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Government then state which is the site?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, all of which persuades me beyond doubt that he has not bothered to visit the Development Plan exhibition nor indeed read our manifesto, which contains a lovely little photograph to show him. Roughly speaking, it is on the site now occupied by the No. 4 Dock, very roughly speaking. Across the road from the old generating station.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Chief Minister give us details as to what type of school we are to expect? Whether it is a middle school, first school, primary school, secondary school or a college?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Or a university?

HON S E LINARES:

Or a university, absolutely.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Or a NASA space training centre. No, this is a combined first and middle school that the Government intend to build there.

HON S E LINARES:

When he says combined does he mean that it will all be one school as primary, as we have it in UK? Where there are primary schools as opposed to what we have here which is first and a middle school.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, what I mean is that we propose to replicate the excellent precedent established by the Opposition Members when they were in Government, with the excellent St Joseph's combined first and middle school in South Barracks. He is aware that there are other examples in Gibraltar of combined first and middle schools. Combined in building on site, but not combined in the sense of school organisation. They are technically separate schools but a shared site, like St Joseph's.

ORAL

NO. 768 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – TRAINING OFFICER

Can Government state whether the post of training officer has been awarded?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 769 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 769 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – TRAINING OFFICER

Can Government state whether the training officer post will come under the Education or the Employment Ministries?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No, Sir. The post has not yet been filled or awarded as he calls it in his question. The post is presently provided for under the Ministry of Education and Training. Should Government decide to change this, a statement will be made, and those necessary consulted.

ORAL

NO. 770 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

BUILDING CONTRACTORS

Can Government state how much has been paid to building contractors, including road works, in the previous and current financial year giving a breakdown showing the amount paid to each contractor and in respect of which project?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, I hope the hon Member enjoys reading the 17 pages of entries that he has asked me for. They are now being handed to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 770 - FINANCIAL YEAR 07 08

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
08/08/2007	GJBS	£107,236.18	Airport Project	£706,579.65
08/08/2007	GJBS	£112,458.80	Airport Project	
08/08/2007	GJBS	£5,361.81	Airport Project	
09/08/2007	GJBS	£6,201.08	Airport Project	
06/09/2007	GJBS	£245,597.92	Airport Project	
12/09/2007	GJBS	£12,926.21	Airport Project	£24,624.01
05/09/2007	Volker Stevin	£214,632.65	Airport Project	
22/08/2007	Wilkie Ltd	£2,165.00	Airport Project	
17/05/2007	CIAP	£161.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
14/06/2007	CIAP	£37.20	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
28/06/2007	CIAP	£17.05	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
17/07/2007	CIAP	£58.05	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
17/07/2007	CIAP	£129.44	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
07/08/2007	CIAP	£30.02	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
30/08/2007	CIAP	£10.69	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
06/09/2007	CIAP	£74.85	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
20/09/2007	CIAP	£33.85	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
12/07/2007	GJBS	£85.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
17/07/2007	GJBS	£396.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
06/09/2007	GJBS	£212.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	£167,688.50
18/09/2007	GJBS	£376.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
27/09/2007	GJBS	£77.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
17/05/2007	MARR CO	£69.62	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
12/06/2007	MARR CO	£44.28	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
17/07/2007	MARR CO	£2,807.66	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
24/08/2007	MONTEVERDE & SONS	£5,260.90	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
13/08/2007	MONTEVERDE & SONS	£14,743.40	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
30/04/2007	GJBS	£25,867.00	Beaches Improvements and Maintenance	
30/08/2007	GJBS	£19,379.00	Brympton Estate Repairs	
30/08/2007	GJBS	£8,135.50	Brympton Estate Repairs	
24/09/2007	GJBS	£3,821.00	Brympton Estate Repairs	
27/09/2007	GJBS	£75,360.00	Brympton Estate Repairs	
27/09/2007	GJBS	£35,126.00	Brympton Estate Repairs	

ANSWER TO QUESTION 770 - FINANCIAL YEAR 07 08

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
30/04/2007	Sharrock Shands	£49,403.10	Car Park at New Harbours	
20/06/2007	Sharrock Shands	£42,666.37	Car Park at New Harbours	
11/07/2007	Sharrock Shands	£138,870.15	Car Park at New Harbours	
09/08/2007	Sharrock Shands	£124,516.77	Car Park at New Harbours	
31/08/2007	Sharrock Shands	£139,572.50	Car Park at New Harbours	£495,028.89
30/04/2007	Sharrock ShandLtd	£84,892.94	Car Park at Willis's Road	
19/06/2007	Sharrock ShandLtd	£91,395.18	Car Park at Willis's Road	
28/06/2007	Sharrock ShandLtd	£198,236.56	Car Park at Willis's Road	
09/08/2007	Sharrock ShandLtd	£185,045.84	Car Park at Willis's Road	
11/09/2007	Sharrock ShandLtd	£193,178.46	Car Park at Willis's Road	£753,348.98
14/06/2007	GJBS	£30,579.67	Cemetery Beautification	
26/04/2007	HAYMILLS	£84,188.76	Cemetery Beautification	
26/04/2007	HAYMILLS	£89,989.00	Cemetery Beautification	
26/04/2007	HAYMILLS	£92,981.94	Cemetery Beautification	
26/04/2007	HAYMILLS	£138,440.02	Cemetery Beautification	
24/05/2007	HAYMILLS	£13,507.32	Cemetery Beautification	
24/05/2007	HAYMILLS	£43,869.15	Cemetery Beautification	
24/05/2007	HAYMILLS	£49,566.62	Cemetery Beautification	
24/05/2007	HAYMILLS	£115,889.26	Cemetery Beautification	
26/06/2007	HAYMILLS	£29,640.49	Cemetery Beautification	
26/06/2007	HAYMILLS	£65,350.06	Cemetery Beautification	
26/06/2007	HAYMILLS	£80,151.29	Cemetery Beautification	
26/06/2007	HAYMILLS	£179,030.36	Cemetery Beautification	
24/04/2007	MARR CO	£23,988.20	Cemetery Beautification	
24/05/2007	MARR CO	£1,177.80	Cemetery Beautification	
01/06/2007	PROFIELD CONSTRUCTION LTD	£3,028.00	Cemetery Beautification	£1,041,377.94
03/08/2007	GJBS	£10,237.25	Eastside Reclamation	
31/08/2007	GJBS	£2,203.22	Eastside Reclamation	£12,440.47
01/06/2007	PROFIELD CONSTRUCTION LTD	£89,918.00	Engineer Lane/Bell Lane	
30/04/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£85,258.00	Engineer Lane/Bell Lane	
06/07/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£127,938.00	Engineer Lane/Bell Lane	£303,114.00
05/07/2007	HAYMILLS GIB LTD	£30,340.44	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	
17/08/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£106,322.00	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	

ANSWER TO QUESTION 770 - FINANCIAL YEAR 07 08

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
24/09/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS LTD	£95,023.00	Europa Road/Replacement Balustrades and Pavements	£231,685.44
14/06/2007	CIAP	£6.00	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
05/07/2007	CIAP	£28.75	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
31/07/2007	CIAP	£29.82	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
30/08/2007	CIAP	£66.00	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
19/04/2007	GJBS	£2,360.26	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
26/04/2007	GJBS	£1,365.77	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
03/05/2007	GJBS	£749.00	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
10/05/2007	GJBS	£1,314.08	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
15/05/2007	GJBS	£15,500.00	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
22/05/2007	GJBS	£3,821.00	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
31/05/2007	GJBS	£2,456.66	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
05/06/2007	GJBS	£169.00	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
14/06/2007	GJBS	£639.00	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
22/06/2007	GJBS	£30,420.36	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
28/06/2007	GJBS	£5,869.81	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
05/07/2007	GJBS	£8,442.58	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
17/07/2007	GJBS	£3,664.41	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
24/07/2007	GJBS	£2,872.26	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
24/07/2007	GJBS	£1,452.63	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
26/07/2007	GJBS	£35,526.11	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
07/08/2007	GJBS	£17,028.20	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
16/08/2007	GJBS	£24,487.28	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
29/08/2007	GJBS	£1,167.51	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
04/09/2007	GJBS	£317.00	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
13/09/2007	GJBS	£194.00	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
25/09/2007	GJBS	£3,429.95	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
15/05/2007	GJBS	£4,695.35	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
17/05/2007	GJBS	£27,267.64	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
22/05/2007	GJBS	£5,120.49	Government Buildings Works and Structures	
22/05/2007	GJBS	£89,211.70	Government Buildings Works and Structures	£163,506.44
07/06/2007	GJBS	£25,667.18	Government Buildings Works and Structures	

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28/06/2007	GJBS	£13,292.30	Government Office Relocations	
10/07/2007	GJBS	£6,062.44	Government Office Relocations	
10/07/2007	GJBS	£34,761.36	Government Office Relocations	
23/08/2007	GJBS	£44,293.19	Government Office Relocations	
23/08/2007	GJBS	£32,154.86	Government Office Relocations	
23/08/2007	GJBS	£5,068.00	Government Office Relocations	
06/09/2007	GJBS	£79,488.45	Government Office Relocations	
06/09/2007	GJBS	£74,226.09	Government Office Relocations	
03/05/2007	GJBS	£230.00	Government Office Relocations	
10/05/2007	GJBS	£45.00	GRPI Property Maintenance	
06/06/2007	GJBS	£12,982.23	GRPI Property Maintenance	
19/06/2007	GJBS	£11,837.71	GRPI Property Maintenance	
26/07/2007	GJBS	£107.00	GRPI Property Maintenance	
02/08/2007	GJBS	£7,223.55	GRPI Property Maintenance	
02/08/2007	GJBS	£743.39	GRPI Property Maintenance	
02/08/2007	GJBS	£1,546.50	GRPI Property Maintenance	
21/08/2007	GJBS	£747.50	GRPI Property Maintenance	
06/09/2007	GJBS	£7,512.12	GRPI Property Maintenance	
18/09/2007	GJBS	£3,574.40	GRPI Property Maintenance	
11/04/2007	GJBS	£78,557.19	GRPI Property Maintenance	£46,549.40
24/07/2007	GJBS	£3,727.00	GRPI Property Maintenance	£78,557.19
22/05/2007	AMCO	£220.00	Harbour Views Podium	£3,727.00
17/05/2007	GJBS	£5,665.92	Heritage Projects	
22/06/2007	GJBS	£1,018.00	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
10/07/2007	GJBS	£185.00	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
10/07/2007	GJBS	£550.00	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
24/07/2007	GJBS	£253.00	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
24/08/2007	GJBS	£238.00	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
18/09/2007	GJBS	£342.00	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
18/09/2007	GJBS	£649.00	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
18/09/2007	GJBS	£1,048.37	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
31/05/2007	HAYMILLS	£1,576.82	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
05/06/2007	HAYMILLS	£9,525.19	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	

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12/06/2007	HAYMILLS	£1,392.00	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
12/06/2007	HAYMILLS	£1,554.21	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
05/07/2007	HAYMILLS	£4,365.59	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	
18/09/2007	HAYMILLS	£2,650.00	Improvement to Sports and Leisure Facilities	£31,233.10
12/07/2007	GJBS	£6,450.00	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	
24/08/2007	GJBS	£3,096.46	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	
04/09/2007	GJBS	£680.00	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	
27/09/2007	GJBS	£155.43	Improvements to Cultural Facilities	£10,381.89
04/04/2007	Volker Stevin Ltd	£377,856.00	Kings Bastion Project	
30/04/2007	Volker Stevin Ltd	£767,056.49	Kings Bastion Project	£1,144,912.49
09/08/2007	Volker Stevin Ltd	£94,557.44	Line Wall Building Retrenchment	
27/09/2007	Volker Stevin Ltd	£117,459.78	Line Wall Building Retrenchment	£212,017.22
07/08/2007	AMCO	£58,538.63	Main Street South	
11/09/2007	AMCO	£42,197.09	Main Street South	£100,735.72
31/07/2007	AMCO	£352.59	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
25/09/2007	AMCO	£9,551.86	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
24/05/2007	GJBS	£207,682.62	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
20/09/2007	GJBS	£188,402.66	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
12/04/2007	HAYMILLS	£17,526.28	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
28/04/2007	HAYMILLS	£17,039.53	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
26/04/2007	HAYMILLS	£25,666.75	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
10/05/2007	HAYMILLS	£14,042.10	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
17/05/2007	HAYMILLS	£46,250.36	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
24/05/2007	HAYMILLS	£21,681.12	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
24/05/2007	HAYMILLS	£31,818.60	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
14/06/2007	HAYMILLS	£8,827.90	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
21/09/2007	HAYMILLS	£51,278.85	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
03/07/2007	HAYMILLS	£36,656.59	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
24/07/2007	HAYMILLS	£44,056.22	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
24/07/2007	HAYMILLS	£56,190.46	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
23/08/2007	HAYMILLS	£41,112.27	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
30/08/2007	HAYMILLS	£8,439.00	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
06/09/2007	HAYMILLS	£143,108.40	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	

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20/09/2007	HAYMILLS	£69,620.49	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
04/05/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS	£5,754.17	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
22/06/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS	£51,279.12	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
28/06/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS	£119.71	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
09/07/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS	£3,759.79	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
13/08/2007	PROFIELD CONTRACTORS	£26,699.33	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
30/04/2007	SHAROCK SHAND	£52,068.87	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
25/05/2007	SHAROCK SHAND	£32,037.73	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
06/07/2007	SHAROCK SHAND	£35,098.86	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
31/08/2007	SHAROCK SHAND	£102,878.99	Major Remedial Works and Repairs to Housing Stock	
26/07/2007	GJBS	£45.00	Mid Harbour Project	£1,349,601.22
30/04/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£53,058.24	Mid Harbour Project	
17/05/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£946,356.58	Mid Harbour Project	
18/05/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£47,003.12	Mid Harbour Project	
31/05/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£831,309.34	Mid Harbour Project	
26/06/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£52,026.90	Mid Harbour Project	
26/06/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£926,761.07	Mid Harbour Project	
24/07/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£768,259.72	Mid Harbour Project	
24/07/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£43,684.72	Mid Harbour Project	
09/08/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£187,537.02	Mid Harbour Project	
09/08/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£13,120.37	Mid Harbour Project	
20/09/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£510,286.69	Mid Harbour Project	
20/09/2007	Van Oord Dredging and Marine Contractors	£30,107.20	Mid Harbour Project	£4,409,555.97
20/04/2007	GJBS	£131,810.61	MOD	
04/05/2007	GJBS	£110,643.60	MOD	
22/06/2007	GJBS	£155,072.68	MOD	£397,526.89
01/05/2007	Rotary Ltd	£8,320.00	New Harbours M & E Works	
11/07/2007	Rotary Ltd	£209,237.46	New Harbours M & E Works	
09/08/2007	Rotary Ltd	£7,879.62	New Harbours M & E Works	£225,437.08
25/07/2007	SHAROCK SHAND LTD	£44,900.00	New Upper Town Relief Road	
17/08/2007	SHAROCK SHAND LTD	£134,755.11	New Upper Town Relief Road	
24/09/2007	SHAROCK SHAND LTD	£4,303.10	New Upper Town Relief Road	£183,958.21
20/04/2007	AMCO	£102,856.07	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couerguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	

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05/06/2007	AMCO	£26,076.15	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
17/07/2007	GJBS	£18,117.00	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
28/09/2007	GJBS	£45,425.43	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
19/07/2007	HAYMILLS	£14,993.34	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
19/07/2007	HAYMILLS	£49,263.08	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
19/07/2007	HAYMILLS	£36,708.36	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
19/07/2007	HAYMILLS	£40,336.28	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
30/08/2007	HAYMILLS	£6,173.05	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
30/08/2007	HAYMILLS	£43,754.23	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
30/08/2007	HAYMILLS	£79,553.86	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
30/08/2007	HAYMILLS	£13,996.52	Orange Bastion/Chatham Couleguard/Fish Market Road/Public Markets	
06/09/2007	GJBS	£2,800.00	Police Equipment	£477,253.37
27/07/2007	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£15,921.75	Port Infrastructure Facilities and Equipment	£2,800.00
04/09/2007	HAYMILLS (GIB) LTD	£53,625.00	Port Infrastructure Facilities and Equipment	£69,546.75
24/05/2007	GJBS	£22,725.80	Provision and Refurbishment of Vacant Premises for Clubs and Associations	£22,725.80
19/04/2007	GJBS	£1,007.61	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
03/05/2007	GJBS	£2,954.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
17/05/2007	GJBS	£1,527.30	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
17/05/2007	GJBS	£3,401.80	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
17/05/2007	GJBS	£68,000.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/05/2007	GJBS	£1,234.63	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/05/2007	GJBS	£6,144.72	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
07/06/2007	GJBS	£17,000.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/06/2007	GJBS	£26,403.27	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
21/06/2007	GJBS	£4,198.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
21/06/2007	GJBS	£16,312.72	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/06/2007	GJBS	£2,193.49	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
29/06/2007	GJBS	£529.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
03/07/2007	GJBS	£657.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
10/07/2007	GJBS	£1,962.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
10/07/2007	GJBS	£31,759.74	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
12/07/2007	GJBS	£11,879.52	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
12/07/2007	GJBS	£75,514.93	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	

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24/07/2007	GJBS	£2,506.33	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
31/07/2007	GJBS	£314.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
31/07/2007	GJBS	£14,622.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/08/2007	GJBS	£22,520.99	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/08/2007	GJBS	£4,675.65	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
04/09/2007	GJBS	£33,365.43	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
06/09/2007	GJBS	£43,889.18	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
06/09/2007	GJBS	£942.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
06/09/2007	GJBS	£2,990.55	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
13/09/2007	GJBS	£26,059.47	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
13/09/2007	GJBS	£14,477.50	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
25/09/2007	GJBS	£23,580.96	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
27/09/2007	GJBS	£9,156.38	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
27/09/2007	GJBS	£26,358.30	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
28/09/2007	GJBS	£9,870.78	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
28/09/2007	GJBS	£14,195.40	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/04/2007	MARR CO	£122.10	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
29/06/2007	TOPGEM LTD	£794.50	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	£523,123.25
24/08/2007	GJBS	£403.25	Refurbishment of Europa Point	
18/09/2007	GJBS	£1,790.52	Refurbishment of Europa Point	£2,193.77
07/08/2007	GJBS	£53,645.88	Refurbishment of Police Cells	£53,645.88
24/07/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£37,648.30	Roads Maintenance & Resurfacing	
04/09/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£54,415.97	Roads Maintenance & Resurfacing	
24/07/2007	MARR CO	£13,070.45	Roads Maintenance & Resurfacing	
27/09/2007	MARR CO	£11,318.24	Roads Maintenance & Resurfacing	
10/05/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£97,004.00	Rock Safety, Costal Protection and Retaining Walls	£116,452.96
29/05/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£15,000.00	Rock Safety, Costal Protection and Retaining Walls	
29/05/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£43,244.00	Rock Safety, Costal Protection and Retaining Walls	
03/07/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£46,776.00	Rock Safety, Costal Protection and Retaining Walls	
11/07/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£20,000.00	Rock Safety, Costal Protection and Retaining Walls	
23/07/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£13,000.00	Rock Safety, Costal Protection and Retaining Walls	
25/07/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£87,502.75	Rock Safety, Costal Protection and Retaining Walls	
27/09/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£10,000.00	Rock Safety, Costal Protection and Retaining Walls	£332,526.75

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03/05/2007	Procon Ltd	£2,200.00	Sandpits Car Park	
03/05/2007	Procon Ltd	£971.25	Sandpits Car Park	
31/05/2007	Procon Ltd	£2,200.00	Sandpits Car Park	
19/06/2007	Procon Ltd	£971.25	Sandpits Car Park	
26/06/2007	Procon Ltd	£2,200.00	Sandpits Car Park	
13/07/2007	Procon Ltd	£971.25	Sandpits Car Park	
24/07/2007	Procon Ltd	£2,200.00	Sandpits Car Park	
22/08/2007	Procon Ltd	£971.25	Sandpits Car Park	
11/09/2007	Procon Ltd	£971.25	Sandpits Car Park	
11/09/2007	Procon Ltd	£2,200.00	Sandpits Car Park	
11/09/2007	Procon Ltd	£500.00	Sandpits Car Park	
03/05/2007	Sharrock Shand	£258,380.39	Sandpits Car Park	
20/06/2007	Sharrock Shand	£288,305.92	Sandpits Car Park	
25/06/2007	Sharrock Shand	£190,234.25	Sandpits Car Park	
09/08/2007	Sharrock Shand	£134,345.59	Sandpits Car Park	
11/09/2007	Sharrock Shand	£130,508.27	Sandpits Car Park	
26/04/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£53,260.00	Sound Insulation of OESCO Station	£1,018,130.67
22/05/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£48,890.42	Sound Insulation of OESCO Station	
12/06/2007	SHARROCK SHAND	£17,420.00	Sound Insulation of OESCO Station	£119,570.42
01/05/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£59,178.78	Street Cleansing Plant and Equipment	
10/05/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£76,292.99	Street Cleansing Plant and Equipment	
17/05/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£935.36	Street Cleansing Plant and Equipment	
05/06/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£45,294.03	Street Cleansing Plant and Equipment	
28/06/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£82,722.33	Street Cleansing Plant and Equipment	
29/06/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£46,158.80	Street Cleansing Plant and Equipment	
07/06/2007	MARR CO	£11,063.21	Street Cleansing Plant and Equipment	£321,645.50
17/08/2007	GJBS	£3,683.06	Upper Rock Tourist Sites	
06/09/2007	GJBS	£723.00	Upper Rock Tourist Sites	
18/09/2007	GJBS	£404.00	Upper Rock Tourist Sites	£4,810.06
08/06/2007	GJBS	£103,962.00	Upper Town Refurbishments	
26/07/2007	GJBS	£367.90	Upper Town Refurbishments	
13/09/2007	GJBS	£80,000.00	Upper Town Refurbishments	
13/09/2007	GJBS	£754.00	Upper Town Refurbishments	

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23/07/2007	GJBS	£118,105.00	Upper Town Urban Renewal	
17/08/2005	Brues y Fernandez	£792,199.00	Waterport Terraces	£303,188.90
31/05/2007	Brues y Fernandez	£810,241.00	Waterport Terraces	
19/06/2007	Brues y Fernandez	£824,500.00	Waterport Terraces	
31/07/2007	Brues y Fernandez	£133,666.00	Waterport Terraces	
20/04/2007	Brues y Fernandez	£773,284.00	Waterport Terraces	
19/09/2007	Brues y Fernandez	£1,214,696.70	Waterport Terraces	£4,548,586.70
02/08/2007	GJBS	£436.50	Works to Bayview House	
17/08/2007	GJBS	£20,000.00	Works to Bayview House	
19/04/2007	GJBS	£1,208.00	Youth Club Refurbishments	£20,436.50
10/05/2007	GJBS	£720.69	Youth Club Refurbishments	
22/05/2007	GJBS	£228.20	Youth Club Refurbishments	
21/06/2007	GJBS	£1,128.00	Youth Club Refurbishments	
28/06/2007	GJBS	£209.00	Youth Club Refurbishments	
26/07/2007	GJBS	£95.00	Youth Club Refurbishments	
14/08/2007	GJBS	£155.00	Youth Club Refurbishments	
24/08/2007	GJBS	£491.90	Youth Club Refurbishments	
25/09/2007	GJBS	£1,398.25	Youth Club Refurbishments	
25/09/2007	GJBS	£45.00	Youth Club Refurbishments	
27/09/2007	GJBS	£184.00	Youth Club Refurbishments	£5,863.04

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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	
14/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£73,905.40	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£19,812.51	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
01/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,688.40	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
03/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£4,128.47	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
08/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£23,615.56	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
15/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£11,037.91	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£19,282.83	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,875.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
31/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£21,733.66	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
08/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£28,832.96	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,389.40	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£580.30	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£19,221.93	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
26/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£5,471.76	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
26/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£245.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
28/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£41,614.07	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
10/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£10,767.94	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
12/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£650.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
17/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£43,257.21	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
24/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£5,669.64	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£104,639.60	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
14/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£19,685.88	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
28/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£28,641.11	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
19/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£21,877.33	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£125,233.81	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
08/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£369.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£305.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£776.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£974.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
27/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£1,234.50	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
06/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£231.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	

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15/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£453.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£14,280.27	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
20/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£967.63	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
22/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£899.00	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
27/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£799.52	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
30/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£23,152.03	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
30/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£2,523.52	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
27/02/2007	MARR CO	£57.14	Refurbishment of Educational Facilities	
02/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£85,470.62	Refurbishment of Police Cells	£715,629.97
22/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£87,070.54	Refurbishment of Police Cells	
27/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£77,458.86	Refurbishment of ex Rock Services Depot	£250,000.02
31/05/2006	WILKIE LTD	£1,720.10	Repairs to Government owned flats	£1,720.10
04/05/2006	GJBS LTD	£228.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
04/05/2006	GJBS LTD	£8,380.26	Repairs to Government owned flats	
01/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£562.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
16/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£4,355.62	Repairs to Government owned flats	
22/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£643.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
04/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,467.40	Repairs to Government owned flats	
12/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£191.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
26/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,169.23	Repairs to Government owned flats	
16/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£392.84	Repairs to Government owned flats	
25/08/2006	GJBS LTD	£143.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
19/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£191.04	Repairs to Government owned flats	
26/09/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,206.10	Repairs to Government owned flats	
03/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,196.86	Repairs to Government owned flats	
03/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£2,080.54	Repairs to Government owned flats	
03/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£3,921.05	Repairs to Government owned flats	
12/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£590.24	Repairs to Government owned flats	
17/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£10,349.96	Repairs to Government owned flats	
03/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£224.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
03/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£498.80	Repairs to Government owned flats	
24/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£115.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
24/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£75.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
12/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£7,903.25	Repairs to Government owned flats	
12/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£142.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
12/12/2006	GJBS LTD	£145.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£95.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	

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06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£184.20	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£57.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£204.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£92.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£146.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£85.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£85.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£80.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£124.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£45.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£146.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£97.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
06/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£92.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£144.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£86.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£76.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£79.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£345.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£59.63	Repairs to Government owned flats	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£145.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
20/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£583.00	Repairs to Government owned flats	
26/04/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£35,740.00	Replacement Frontier Fence	
08/05/2006	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£63,460.31	Replacement Frontier Fence	
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	
20/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£36,824.69	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	
				£52,221.02

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13/06/2006	SELINA LTD	£1,850.00	Replacement Frontier Fence	£417,715.05
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	
23/02/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£23,130.97	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
19/03/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£80,353.94	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
19/03/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£75,564.82	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
30/03/2007	AMCO (GIB) LTD	£160.98	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
20/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£59,333.82	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
22/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£557.90	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
22/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£48,906.03	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	£721.60	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
26/09/2006	MARR CO LTD	£1,206.99	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
28/09/2006	MARR CO LTD	£350.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
17/10/2006	MARR CO LTD	£921.40	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
28/11/2006	MARR CO LTD	£715.78	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
05/12/2006	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	
23/01/2007	MARR CO LTD	£5,332.80	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
08/02/2007	MARR CO LTD	£2,558.43	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
15/03/2007	MARR CO LTD	£580.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
20/03/2007	MARR CO LTD	£8,438.57	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
11/07/2006	SELINA LTD	£440.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	

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18/07/2006	SELINA LTD	£365.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	£1,042,685.26
20/07/2006	SELINA LTD	£1,060.00	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	£1,060.00	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	
09/01/2007	GJBS LTD	£307.00	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	
15/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£5,489.90	Road Maintenance and Resurfacing	£257,632.79
20/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£1,975.35	Rock Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
02/03/2007	MONTEVERDE & SONS	£2,004.00	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	
18/12/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£13,925.00	Rock Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
23/03/2007	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£69,521.00	Rock Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
23/03/2007	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£15,000.00	Rock Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
26/03/2007	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£55,800.00	Rock Safety, Coastal Protection and Retaining Walls	
01/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£18,916.90	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	
18/07/2006	SELINA LTD	£350.00	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	£22,108.90
10/08/2006	SELINA LTD	£2,842.00	Storm Water Drains & Sewers Replacement	
21/08/2006	SHARROCK SHAND LTD	£16,025.00	Tourist Improvement and Beautification Projects	£80,447.01
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£12,235.29	Upper Rock Tourist sites	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£9,407.62	Upper Rock Tourist sites	
13/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£12,235.29	Upper Rock Tourist sites	
15/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£480.00	Upper Rock Tourist sites	
20/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£11,185.44	Upper Rock Tourist sites	
22/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£6,044.13	Upper Rock Tourist sites	
23/01/2007	MARR CO LTD	£9.24	Upper Rock Tourist sites	
28/03/2007	MONTEVERDE & SONS LTD	£6,765.00	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	£80,447.01
23/01/2007	SELINA LTD	£495.00	Upper Rock Tourist sites	
20/06/2006	BRUES Y FERNANDEZ	£931,006.00	Waterport Terraces	
31/07/2006	BRUES Y FERNANDEZ	£535,731.00	Waterport Terraces	

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31/08/2006	BRUES Y FERNANDEZ	£455,706.00	Waterport Terraces	
17/11/2006	BRUES Y FERNANDEZ	£603,146.00	Waterport Terraces	
19/12/2006	BRUES Y FERNANDEZ	£724,775.40	Waterport Terraces	
19/01/2007	BRUES Y FERNANDEZ	£367,048.00	Waterport Terraces	
21/02/2007	BRUES Y FERNANDEZ	£956,032.00	Waterport Terraces	£5,506,584.40
31/03/2007	BRUES Y FERNANDEZ	£933,140.00	Waterport Terraces	
10/05/2006	GJBS LTD	£13,306.16	Works at Casemates	
02/06/2006	METAL WORK LTD	£50.00	Works at Casemates	
22/09/2006	METAL WORK LTD	£200.00	Works at Casemates	
18/10/2006	METAL WORK LTD	£4,480.00	Works at Casemates	£18,036.16
21/06/2006	A & M SCAFFOLDING LTD	£2,400.00	Works at Casemates	
24/08/2006	HOME EMERGENCY REPAIR SERVICES	£260.00	Works at EBC	£2,660.00
16/05/2006	C M SERVICES LTD	£650.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
21/06/2006	C M SERVICES LTD	£100.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
22/06/2006	C M SERVICES LTD	£210.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
23/06/2006	C M SERVICES LTD	£1,440.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
10/07/2006	C M SERVICES LTD	£720.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
02/10/2006	C M SERVICES LTD	£2,410.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
18/10/2006	C M SERVICES LTD	£360.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
06/11/2006	C M SERVICES LTD	£720.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
08/12/2006	C M SERVICES LTD	£720.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
28/12/2006	C M SERVICES LTD	£810.00	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
21/06/2006	METAL WORK LTD	£78.75	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
28/12/2006	METAL WORK LTD	£22.50	Works at Governor's Cottage Camp	
22/11/2006	ROPE ACCESS WORKS LTD	£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	£14,225.18
11/05/2006	METAL WORK LTD	£2,412.50	Works At Lathbury Barracks Industrial Park	
13/10/2006	METAL WORK LTD	£7,237.50	Works At Lathbury Barracks Industrial Park	
18/10/2006	METAL WORK LTD	£671.75	Works At Lathbury Barracks Industrial Park	£10,321.75
20/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£52,346.09	Works at the Airport	
04/01/2007	MARR CO LTD	£3,521.86	Works at the Airport	
15/02/2007	MONTEVERDE & SONS LTD	£3,105.00	Works at the Airport	
30/03/2007	WILKIE LTD	£1,200.00	Works at the Airport	
30/03/2007	WILKIE LTD	£9,931.25	Works at the Airport	
30/03/2007	WILKIE LTD	£5,050.00	Works at the Airport	£75,154.20
10/05/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,576.50	Works to Asset Sales Unit offices	

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13/06/2006	GJBS LTD	£485.00	Works to Asset Sales Unit offices	
26/10/2006	GJBS LTD	£95.00	Works to Asset Sales Unit offices	
28/11/2006	GJBS LTD	£45.00	Works to Asset Sales Unit offices	£2,201.50
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 LTD	£415.00	Works to the Public Market	
18/10/2006	METAL WORK LTD	£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	
30/03/2007	CIAP LTD	£56.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
18/07/2006	GJBS LTD	£1,629.92	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
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	
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	
27/02/2007	GJBS LTD	£255.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
06/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£10,378.09	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
20/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£95.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
22/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£35,060.12	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	
27/03/2007	GJBS LTD	£5,395.00	Youth Clubs Refurbishment	£88,070.13

NO. 771 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

At what stage is the review of the Customs Department that the Government announced a few years ago?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The review is underway.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 771 OF 2007

HON S E LINARES:

Under which way?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The way towards a successful outcome.

HON S E LINARES:

For how long will it go underway?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Until the successful outcome is achieved.

HON S E LINARES:

Which is when?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not possess a crystal ball.

HON F R PICARDO:

In terms of accountability, clearly those answers are less than satisfactory although amusing. It is that time of the afternoon where we all need to keep awake. Grateful as I am for the Chief Minister's device in keeping us awake, can he give an indication of how advanced the work already undertaken in respect of the review is? Therefore, how much is still left to go?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the formal position of the Government is that it is not accountable to the Opposition Members for work in progress of this sort. The Government would not account to Opposition Members on progress on what is an intense and wide-ranging negotiation with staff, management and Government. Amusement is all he can have because he cannot have accountability because the Government are not accountable to the Opposition Members for the things they are trying to achieve whilst they are trying to achieve them. The hon Member must understand that Government would not be possible on that basis. There is a review going on, we are now engaged with the staff representatives on discussions and negotiations and that is the most that we will be willing to say until either we reach a successful outcome, in which case of course we are obliged to be accountable to Opposition Members for that outcome, or that the whole thing breaks down because it becomes clear to the parties that agreement is not possible. In which case we will be, I suppose, accountable for the fact that there has been no successful review despite my confidence today that that will not be so.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can the Chief Minister account to us for the reasons why the review has not yet been completed? Are there particularly difficult issues to deal with? Or is it that it has not been possible to allocate sufficient Government time?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, for a variety of reasons, including the fact that these reviews are not foremost in the Government's list of priorities. This is what the Government call public sector reform, these are matters of Government policy, the Government proceeds with them as and when the Government decide. The Government are not obliged to conduct a review of the Customs, we simply decide to engage, if the staff side is willing to engage with us in a jointly owned process, and we proceed and it gets that sort of priority. But the process is now underway and we would now expect it to proceed consistently, constantly and inexorably to completion. In other words, it has now moved beyond the stage where the Government could put it on the shelf to be brought down in three months time when there is more time available. It has been in that phase in the past, it has now moved beyond that phase. I am trying to resist telling the hon Member seeing he knows much about this, and there are now working groups set up and all of that, so it is now moving. But how long it will take, or indeed whether it will arrive at a consensus, is suck and see. If we can I think everybody will be the winner and if it cannot, then we are where we are today.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am grateful and I rise only to tell the Chief Minister that he should have resisted saying that I know much more about this than I give on, because in fact, I do not know much more about it and that is why I was pressing him to give the answers. He should not assume that everybody blurs their personal, professional and political boundaries as he appears to think that we do.

ORAL

NO. 772 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

FIRE SERVICE

Can Government state what is the current complement of the Fire Brigade giving a breakdown by rank/grade?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 773 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 773 OF 2007

THE HON S E LINARES

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT

Can Government state what is the current complement of the Customs Department giving a breakdown by rank/grade?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The current complement of the Fire Brigade and Customs Department broken down by rank or grade are set out in the Approved Estimates Book. There may of course, from time to time, be vacancies resulting from retirements, resignations, or other reasons.

NO. 774 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – HOME OWNERSHIP

What is the Government's policy in dealing with requests from persons, who had intended to purchase accommodation within one of the Government's home ownership schemes but have been unable to complete the purchase, to be re-instated in the housing waiting list for rental accommodation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There is no policy which is applicable to every case. Every case is considered on its merits. If the Government is satisfied that there is a genuine inability to complete due to a change in circumstances verifiably beyond the control of the purchaser, the Government will give favourable consideration to restoring the person in question to the waiting list.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 774 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it not the case that the provisions in respect of the right to apply for Government accommodation is limited to people who are not home owners, and is it that somebody that has got an interest in buying is treated as if he had already bought and was already living in the house?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it requires more than the expression of an interest to buy a house. It requires, I had understood and I think he had intended the question to apply, to people who were contracted purchasers. One does not get taken off the list until one enters into a contract to purchase the property. At that point one is an intended purchaser, one is not an intended purchaser because an interest is expressed in buying the house, or because one enquires about buying a house, one is an intended purchaser when one contracts to buy a house, pay a deposit and are waiting for it to be finished to be built. Now, I think the question is intended to refer to the period between that time and hand over, during which people separate for example or they lose their job and they no longer think they can afford to go ahead with the purchase and yet they have been taken off the list. I think that is what the question is intended to apply to. But it is not just expression of interest. These have got to be people who are on the

Government waiting list, contract to purchase a property therefore get taken off the Government waiting list, but for some reason or other do not go ahead with the purchase.

HON J J BOSSANO:

They do not get taken off unless and until they have actually entered into a legal contract to buy?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Correct.

ORAL

NO. 775 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:

- (a) How many flats are being sold with 100 per cent financing from the purchaser;
- (b) How many are being sold with the 50/50 ratio;
- (c) How many are being sold at any other ratio and specify what that ratio is?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 776 and 777 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 776 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:

- (a) How many flats are being sold with 100 per cent financing from the purchaser;
- (b) How many are being sold with the 50/50 ratio;
- (c) How many are being sold at any other ratio and specify what that ratio is?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 775 and 777 of 2007.

NO. 777 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:

- (a) How many flats are being sold with 100 per cent financing from the purchaser;
- (b) How many are being sold with the 50/50 ratio;
- (c) How many are being sold at any other ratio and specify what that ratio is?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Purchasers of properties at the three OEM developments have to date entered into arrangements with private entities and not with the Government nor any of its wholly-owned companies. However, since the Government conducted the allocation process for each of the three developments the information requested is available to the Government and therefore is contained in the schedule that I now hand to the hon Member. But I just wanted to make clear that, although that now is going to change because of the events of the last few days, but that these people are not in contract with the Government to buy these flats. They were in contract with the OEM company.

Answer to Question 777

Answer to Questions 775 to 777

Share ownership per purchaser in each of the OEM developments:

Purchaser: GoG ratio	Nelson's View purchasers	Bayview Terraces purchasers	Cumberland Terraces purchasers	Total purchasers
50:50	11	4	42	57
55:45	1	0	0	1
60:40	8	4	29	41
65:35	1	0	2	3
70:30	24	28	23	75
75:25	4	3	4	11
78:22	1	0	0	1
80:20	4	5	5	14
82:18	0	0	1	1
85:15	1	0	1	2
88:12	0	0	1	1
100:0	52	28	17	97
Total	107	72	125	304

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 775 TO 777 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

They are now.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, not yet but they will be.

HON C A BRUZON:

After the news that we heard on GBC and in the Chronicle the last day or two, I gather that the Government-owned company GRP Investments are taking over the responsibility of the overall sales and administration matters relating to these three housing schemes in the south district. Is that correct?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, what we have heard over the last two days relates to much more than that. It relates to taking over the construction and the role of developer. From the very outset Government have been responsible for allocation of the flats in terms of the tender process, sifting the criteria and things of that sort, so the answer is yes, we now take over all aspects of this development, lock, stock and barrel.

ORAL

NO. 778 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES

Can Government state what are the estimated dates for completion in connection with the various phases of Waterport Terraces?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 779 to 783 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 779 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ALBERT RISSO HOUSE

Can Government state if the estimated completion date for Alberto Risso House, for senior citizens, is still March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 778 and 780 to 783 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 780 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES

With reference to Bayview Terraces, can Government state if there has been any change in the estimated date of completion?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 778, 779 and 781 to 783 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 781 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES

With reference to Cumberland Terraces, can Government state if there has been any change in the estimated date of completion?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 778 to 780, 782 and 783 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 782 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – NELSON’S VIEW

With reference to Nelson’s View, can Government state if there has been any change to the estimated date of completion?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 778 to 781 and 783 of 2007.

NO. 783 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HOUSING – NELSON'S VIEW / CUMBERLAND TERRACES / BAYVIEW TERRACES / WATERPORT TERRACES

Can Government state the original dates by which the following projects were expected to be completed and the date of completion which is currently estimated in respect of each of the developments below:

- (a) OEM project at Nelson's View;
- (b) OEM project at Cumberland Terraces;
- (c) OEM project at Bayview;
- (d) Government project at Waterport Terraces?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Nelson's View is scheduled to complete in December 2008. Cumberland Terraces and Bayview Terraces in October 2008. Waterport Terraces is now scheduled to complete in phases between March and August 2008. In respect of OEM Developments, the original estimated completion dates by the developer, had been 18 months from the date of contracts. The contracts were January 2006 in two cases, October 2006 in another, which would by mathematical calculation have resulted in completion dates of July 2008 for Nelson's and Cumberland and April 2008 for Bayview Terraces. In terms of Waterport Terraces, the first of the phases was originally scheduled to have been ready in July this year, that is July 2007, before Polling Day. So, that is the order of things.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 778 TO 783 OF 2007

HON N F COSTA:

First of all I declare an interest in this because I am an owner, or prospective owner of one of the flats at Waterport Terraces. But the day before Polling Day, as the Chief Minister has now referred to, there was a newsletter that was issued saying that the Government or GRP were going to look into ways to be able to compensate those home owners who had been phased or rephased from Phase 1 to Phase 3, given that because there would now be a further delay by the time the houses would be complete, they would look into ways of compensating them for the extended amount of time they would have to pay for the bridging loans. My first question in that respect, therefore, is whether the Government have looked into that already?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, of course, even if as a result of the delay the hon Member does not wish to proceed with his purchase, we would be delighted to take it back off him. I am sure and am advised that if one is fortunate enough to buy this wonderful apartment when it is ready, he will be delighted notwithstanding the delay. Now, to answer his question.

HON N F COSTA:

I was going to say that the Chief Minister had not answered my question but I believe he was just about to.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the hon Member may still be in his honeymoon period which we are determined to grant him one, but he should bear in mind that he is not responsible for administering discipline to me in this House. Only Mr Speaker can do that. Now, the Government have agreed a very limited amount of potential compensation to people, not who have suffered delay as a result of the delay of completion, because the brochure clearly stated that the Government was not underwriting the contractor's completion date and that the Government would not be responsible for the originally announced completion dates. But as a result of some technical problems that had been experienced with the piling of one of the blocks, the long block that runs along the Waterport Road, the phasing was changed. Therefore some people who thought that they were buying in Phase 1, which was scheduled to be ready sooner than the other phases, suddenly found that their apartment had migrated to Phase 3. It is in respect of the delay between the completion of Phase 1 and Phase 3, in other words, if one is a Phase 1 buyer and are now in Phase 3 we have to wait and see when Phase 1 finishes. Any delay beyond that until Phase 3 finishes is the period that is being compensated for, because that is the period that is not covered by the statement in the brochure that the Government would not be responsible for delays. That is not an issue that arises from delays, it arises from the fact that due to technical problems in the works the phasings were reversed and people who thought that they were contracting to purchase in Phase 1 were suddenly told that they were contracting in Phase 3. So that scheme is indeed going ahead but we cannot calculate the amount of compensation due until we know when Phase 1 actually completes, when Phase 3 actually completes and that period between those two actually is the period that the person will have been prejudiced by, other than by delay in construction. So there is nothing to calculate yet, the amount of compensation will be the interest cost of carrying the bridging loan during that period of time. But we do not know what that period of time is, as I say, until we know when Phase 1 completes, when Phase 2 completes and when Phase 3 completes, so that then we will just be able to deduct one from the other and see the length of the period during which that compensation will be paid.

HON C A BRUZON:

In connection with the answer given to Question No. 779 regarding the Alberto Risso House for senior citizens, I am not sure what was the answer given?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is Phase 3.

HON C A BRUZON:

That is Phase 3. Is that likely to be ready on time as promised to the senior citizens?
This being March 2008?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I believe that there is slippage in that and it may now be August.

ORAL

NO. 784 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – NEW RENTAL ESTATE

Can Government confirm that the allocation of flats at their new proposed rental estate to persons on the Housing Waiting Lists was done by the Housing Allocation Committee in accordance with the provisions of the Housing Allocation Scheme (revised in 1994)?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 785 of 2007.

NO. 785 OF 2007

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – NEW RENTAL ESTATE

Can Government provide a breakdown of the letters issued to persons on the Housing Waiting Lists allocating them a home in the Government's proposed new rental estate, giving the total number of letters issued and the numbers for each size of accommodation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question 784 of 2007

The allocation was done by the Government, not the Housing Allocation Committee, albeit that it was done by reference to the waiting lists. A total of 490 letters were issued, broken down as follows:

1RKB -	43
2RKB -	33
3RKB -	261
4RKB -	139
5RKB -	14

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 784 AND 785 OF 2007

HON C A BRUZON:

So in fact the Chief Minister has informed the House that it was not the Housing Allocation Committee that was involved in this, it was in fact the Government. Is it not true that according to what is stated in the Housing Allocation Scheme, the actual allocation of housing is to be done, yes indeed when so required by Government, by the Housing Allocation Committee to make such recommendation on the most suitable and effective use of Government housing? Whether it was the Housing Allocation Committee or the Government, do the Government really believe that in allocating these homes they have made the most suitable and effective use of Government housing stock? There is no such stock available and by past experience it is not likely to be ready, the 700 or so flats for rental. I should imagine they would probably take two to three years. Does the Chief Minister not acknowledge that this will add substantial administrative costs, work for the people employed by Government, because surely the circumstances of people who have been allocated these homes are likely to change?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government do not acknowledge anything of the sort. I know that the hon Members resent that we did it when we did it, because they think that we did it to carry favour with the electorate xxxxx. Well, politics is politics. Xxxxx. Guilty of simply being a politician but not guilty of any offence. But I also notice, despite the views now expressed by the Hon Mr Bruzon, that his party in that Election campaign rushed to say to the then electorate about deciding how they would vote, that they would respect all the offers of housing that the Government had allocated. So I suppose they are politicians too. xxxxx. So we are all guilty of being politicians, that is all right then. Now, the Government do not actually share the views expressed by the hon Member for several reasons and it is not just politics, I was half in jest and half not. First of all it was awarded down the lists so it is everybody on the medical lists, A, B and C, everybody on the social lists and I think everybody on the three, four and five RKB, only the two RKB list is not eliminated by this. People are entitled, if they are going to have the possibility of a brand new house in the next couple of years, and they should not be deprived of that possibility because their term comes up too soon. See, imagine, if one is tenth on the Housing Waiting List and that means that one will get an offer of a house perhaps in Moorish Castle Estate or in one of the other housing estates between now, does the hon Member not think it fair that such a person should have the opportunity to say "no, I would rather not have the house in Laguna now, given that I am tenth in the list I think I ought to have the chance of getting it in one of the new, I have been on the list for many years, do you not think I should have an opportunity to get one of the new houses." Otherwise what would happen is that all the people who have been waiting for longest would get the old houses and the new houses in three years time would go to the people who had just got on to the waiting list. So I do not agree with the hon Member that any unfairness has been perpetrated. I think the opposite is true but the hon Member is presumably aware that people have been given a choice. In other words, they have been allocated a house in the new housing estate in a letter which says that if their turn for a house, in other words if they get to the top of the list before the new house is ready, they will be offered an old one. If they prefer to take the old one rather than wait for the new one, they can opt to take the old one and forfeit the allocation of a new one. I think it has been eminently fair, it has been a proper way of doing it and as to the difference between the Government and the Housing Allocation Committee doing it, the hon Member may not have noticed in the new Housing Act that he voted in favour of, they did not vote in favour, they abstained, as I recall, no they voted against, that there was a specific provision there for the Government to do allocations in new schemes in new housing estates. So I do not agree with the implicit criticisms contained in the hon Member's question.

HON C A BRUZON:

Leaving aside the question of whether this is fair or unfair, I do not think I used that phraseology, does this indicate that the Government now have a new policy on housing and that they will be writing letters to people, for example, vis a vis houses that are not quite ready for allocation and they will anticipate any frustration on their part by reassuring them that maybe in six months time when such and such a property is finished, this property will be allocated to somebody on the Housing Waiting List? In fact, yesterday the Hon Fabian Vinet told me that there were already 25 vacant or empty Government properties that have now been refurbished and I asked him would these 25 properties go to the Allocation Committee for immediate allocation. So are there Government departments now embarking on a new policy whereby they shall be writing letters on a regular basis to remind people that they

have not been forgotten and that they will be allocated homes that are not quite ready yet, as has happened clearly in the case of these 490 homes that do not even exist?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

A very good idea, I had not thought of that, but I think it is a jolly good idea which I shall be recommending to the Housing Minister. I do not know at what stage the Housing Allocation, I think to a certain extent jesting apart, I think what the hon Member is saying happens already. In other words, I do not believe that it is the practice of the Housing Department to wait until the Buildings and Works brings back a key and say here is the refurbished flat. I do not think they wait until then to allocate it. I think they allocate it and people know the flat that they are going to be allocated long before the Buildings and Works finish with it and they do wait there knowing that the flat is for them, but waiting for the Buildings and Works Department to..... Is this not correct? Sorry, I am being corrected by the ex Minister for Housing. What is the position?

HON C G BELTRAN:

The allocation process is as follows. I think, by the way, to correct something he said before with regard to my colleague the Hon Fabian Vinet. I think what he said was he asked how many flats were with Buildings and Works for refurbishment and he said 21, but they are not necessarily ready. Be that as it may, what happens when a flat comes in is that there is an assessment made by the Housing Inspectors as quickly as possible and if that house can be offered on a self repair basis, I think that is what the Chief Minister was referring to, that is offered immediately, as soon as possible and the applicant may or may not accept the house as it is. If the house requires a big refurbishment then it is sent to Buildings and Works because that takes longer and needs work that normally somebody who is on the waiting list is not able to carry out.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

But still his idea is a good one.

HON G H LICUDI:

Are the Government saying that, notwithstanding the allocation, people on the list will remain on the list for the time being?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, they have not been taken off the list for the reasons I explained earlier that they need to be given this option when their turn comes to accept an old house so to speak or wait for the new one.

HON G H LICUDI:

If that is the case, do the Government not recognise that the order in the list will change by the time that these flats are ready and there may be circumstances where people will rise on the list and people will be allocated these flats, having been pre-allocated, notwithstanding that there are people above them on the list that will not be allocated. Does that not show that this is simply an ill conceived, ill thought out electoral gimmick?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it shows nothing of the sort because there are plenty of other flats. When Waterport Terraces and Albert Risso House are allocated, a large number of flats are released by people occupying them and, therefore, there are flats both for the people to whom the letter has been allocated and to people who may interpose into the list between now and then. What will happen is that the people who will interpose into the list will not get preferential access to the new flat. The new flat will first be available to people who have been on the list for longer. So the Government accept nothing of the kind that the hon Member has said.

HON J J BOSSANO:

If the people are on the list and are staying on the list, then surely there was absolutely no need to send them letters, because it was equally easy for the Government to say to the applicant that is next due to be allocated an existing house, do you want to take the existing house or do you want to wait for the new scheme to produce houses three years down the road? Surely, that would have achieved the result that the Chief Minister is speaking of giving people the choice without all these letters being sent out, giving this mistaken impression that it was an electoral gimmick.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, except that as we know how concerned the Opposition Spokesman for Housing is about quashing anxiety at the earliest possible opportunity, we thought that it was unfair to leave them in a state of anxiety until then, to wait and see whether they would be offered a new house or not. In this way everybody that was going to be offered the possibility of a new house knew it immediately and could plan their lives, think about their needs in slow order. Rather than be faced with a sudden choice to make at a time when they had not had enough opportunity to think carefully about it. So the reality of it is, by the way, this is not the first time I understand that it has been done in this way with a new estate in Gibraltar.

HON J J BOSSANO:

To my knowledge it is.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, I think he perhaps ought to better research how Varyl Begg Estate was allocated. Anyway, be that as it may, we speak only for what we choose to do.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Does, in fact, looking forward to a new home that has been allocated mean that they should restrain from procreating in the intervening years so that they do not move from the two bedroom to the three bedroom list?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, that has been taken into account and will perhaps influence the choice that people make when the time comes. But I think there has been a calculation of how many people, clearly the longer it takes to complete the houses the more risk that that is in. But there is a serious point in this issue and that is that the Government want to try and break away from the historical basis of housing in Gibraltar. Which is to give a young couple in effect a one bedroom house, then nine months later or some other number of months later when they have their first baby, then they get entitled to a bigger house and they sit frustratingly on a different waiting list. Then as their families increase they get on another waiting list where they wait. As a result they are hardly ever adequately housed until they eventually stop having more children. This is why there are so many 3RKB flats, if one looks at the configuration of this property, this is why there are so many 3RKBs and so few 2RKBs, even though 2RKBs is the longest list, because there is an intention to move away from the historical system and to say, if one is a young married couple, they should be allocated a two bedroom house from the beginning so that it would at least accommodate the first chunk of procreation, to put it in the hon Member's words. There is a saving to the taxpayer, because every time somebody has to be rehoused there is a cost in refurbishment and in moving. So we would not get away with this exact counting of children to see at that precise moment in time what the eligibility is, and offer people housing from the outset which will serve them, at least for a period of time. If one is a young married couple and get a two bedroom house, which is not what one is entitled to now, one could be all right. Nowadays young married couples do not have that many children. There is a real possibility that one could be all right for ever and depending on the sexes of the children and their ages one could be all right for many years. Whereas the present system condemns one to under housing the very moment one has the first child, if all one got was a two bedroom flat in the first place. So this is a policy aspiration that the Government have more generally and started by building more three and four bedroom flats in these. There are 261 three bedroom flats and 139 four bedroom flats and only 43 one bedrooms and 33 two bedrooms. So it is hugely skewed in favour of the bigger flats.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Surely there is a contradiction in that the policy aspiration will have to wait for the next housing estate, because this one has already been allocated on the existing policy with the existing waiting list. So in fact, everybody that has been given this letter is now caught in that system where they will go on the waiting list the moment they have more children.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is impossible to change from the present system to the new system that quickly. But in the next generations, when we change the Housing Allocation Rules, as I indicated yesterday, there will be an elimination of this rule. So when houses become vacant in the future, young married couples may become entitled to houses that are bigger than the ones that they are entitled to.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is all very interesting that in some distant future that might happen or might not happen, but it does not explain the composition of this particular housing estate, which cannot be allocated because it is already allocated.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

These houses in due course will become vacant.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see, so when the newly married couple retire.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Or move on, because some of these will have to be rehoused because they are in houses under the present system. But when they release this house to move on to a bigger one, from a two to a three or a three to a four, we will then have this number of threes to use to implement the new policy.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But, in fact, the effect at the moment then is that the biggest impact in terms of reducing people on the waiting list has been in two bedroom houses, is that the case?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The combination of this and the houses that will be freed from the elderly people moving in to Bishop and buyers at Waterport and OEM that are surrendering Government properties et cetera, is that these lists are eliminated altogether. Except, I recall, the 2RKB. The 3RKB, 4RKB and 5RKB are removed. Not the pre-list, the list.

HON C A BRUZON:

Do Government now possibly not envisage that the end result will not be 700 flats for rental but maybe only the 490?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, we are trying to identify a site to build the other. It is just that we were advised that although it is possible to build 750 on this site, the result would have been tall blocks that would have screened off the perspective from the town. Particularly from the English Steps, they would have simply been too tall. So we reduced the number of apartments on this particular site but will build the balance on another site.

ORAL

NO. 786 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 as from February 2007 providing a breakdown by month and estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Mr Speaker,

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 786

		SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Brympton	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
Feb 07	Monies Received	£0.00	£46,182.12	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£46,182.12
Mar 07	Monies Received	£21,074.00	£19,286.12	£0.00	£37,963.60	£0.00	£78,323.72
April 07	Monies Received	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£38,428.31	£31,710.07	£70,138.38
May 07	Monies Received	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Jun 07	Monies Received	£73,096.86	£0.00	£0.00	£105,224.70	£4,530.01	£182,851.57
July 07	Monies Received	£68,356.00	£0.00	£50,688.00	£88,602.10	£0.00	£207,646.10
Aug 07	Monies Received	£0.00	£48,594.36	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£48,594.36
Sept 07	Monies Received	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Oct 07	Monies Received	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Totals		£162,526.86	£114,062.60	£50,688.00	£270,218.71	£36,240.08	£633,736.25

ORAL

NO. 787 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 2 STATUS

Can Government state how many individuals have taken up Category 2 status since February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 788 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 788 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 2 STATUS

Can Government state how many individuals have surrendered Category 2 status since February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 788/2007

Answer to Question 787 of 2007

A total of 60 individuals have taken up Category 2 Status since February 2007.
These are as follows:

February '07	7
March '07	14
April '07	8
May '07	6
June '07	3
July '07	7
August '07	2
September '07	4
October '07	5
November '07	4

Answer to Question 788 of 2007

A total of 16 individuals have surrendered their Category 2 status since February 2007. They are as follows:

February '07	0
March '07	2
April '07	0
May '07	2
June '07	7
July '07	1
August '07	0
September '07	1
October '07	2
November '07	1

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 787 AND 788 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

Has there been any change of policy in the way that applications for Category 2 status are dealt with since the introduction of the HEPSS status in this year's budgetary measures?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not think so, no.

NO. 789 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

HEPSS STATUS

Can Government state how many individuals have taken up HEPSS status since this was introduced?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No individuals have taken it up because the rules have not yet been promulgated.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 789 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

When do the Government expect that the rules will be in operation?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am told that they have been drafted, they have been submitted to the Income Tax Department for their comments and it is about to come to me for my approval. So I think it is imminent.

ORAL

NO. 790 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES

Can Government state how many exempt companies have returned their exemption certificates and no longer require exempt status since February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 790 of 2007

The number of tax exempt companies which terminated their tax exempt certificates in each of the months from the end of February 2007 are as follows:

February-07	75
March-07	69
April-07	32
May-07	43
June-07	21
July-07	28
August-07	43
September-07	13
October-07	17
Up to 29-Nov-07	15

“Terminated” their tax exempt certificates is interpreted by the Finance Centre Department as companies which have returned their certificates and no longer require exempt status.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 790 OF 2007**HON F R PICARDO:**

I am grateful for the answer. Can I just point out to the Chief Minister that this answer is headed as an answer to a question in relation to the number of tax exempt companies which terminated their tax exempt certificates and sets out that the termination or terminated is interpreted by the Finance Centre Department as companies which have returned their certificates and no longer require exempt status, an issue which was debated in the House. My question is now actually phrased, asking the Government to tell me how many exempt companies have returned their exemption certificates. I simply point that out because I know it has been an issue before and it is still being referred to as termination question in the answer.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, it is the same information. We now know that we are both talking about the same thing.

HON F R PICARDO:

That is right, there is therefore no need for whoever drafts this answer to.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

To continue to put that qualification. All right, thank you.

ORAL

NO. 791 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

COMPANIES REGISTER

Can Government list the companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months since February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 792 and 793 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 792 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

COMPANIES REGISTER

Can Government state how many companies have been removed from the companies register in each of the months since February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 791 and 793 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 793 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 February 2007 and how many of these asked for their registrations to be cancelled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 793 OF 2007

Answer to Question 791 of 2007

The list of companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months since February 2007 are as follows:

February '07	222
March '07	239
April '07	154
May '07	202
June '07	239
July '07	205
August '07	168
September '07	149
October '07	160

Answer to Question 792 of 2007

The list of companies removed from the companies Register in each of the months since February 2007 are as follows:

February '07	20
March '07	231
April '07	172
May '07	93
June '07	147
July '07	129
August '07	140
September '07	94
October '07	146

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 793 OF 2007

Answer to Question 793 of 2007

The number of companies re-domiciled out of Gibraltar in each of the months since February 2007 are as follows:

The registrar gives consent 30 days after the notice is issued and consent is given almost without exception.

February '07	7
March '07	12
April '07	13
May '07	6
June '07	10
July '07	17
August '07	5
September '07	14
October '07	15

It is impossible within the time frame given to give an accurate figure on how many companies have asked for their registration to be cancelled within the months of February 2007 to date.

ORAL

NO. 794 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 February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 795 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 795 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 February 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 795 of 2007

Answer to Question 794

Banking

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
February-07	15	764	490	161	42	1	63	7
March-07	15	764	493	162	41	1	61	6
April-07	15	778	498	169	41	1	64	5
May-07	15	777	495	169	39	1	68	5
June-07	15	781	498	172	40	1	66	4
July-07	15	788	501	176	40	1	66	4
August-07	15	790	502	175	40	1	69	3
September-07	15	780	496	170	40	1	69	4

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Answer to Question 795

Insurance

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-ECC
February-07	29	208	127	69	2	0	6	4
March-07	29	213	129	69	3	0	8	4
April-07	29	214	127	71	3	0	8	5
May-07	29	212	125	70	4	0	8	5
June-07	29	216	125	74	4	0	8	5
July-07	31	215	121	75	4	0	10	5
August-07	31	214	121	75	4	0	9	5
September-07	31	214	121	76	4	0	8	5

ETB statistics are prepared quarterly. In the time frame available it is not possible to generate information for October and November 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. 796 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 February 2007 to date, giving the name of the conference, the offices of those who might have attended as part of the Government delegation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information the hon Member has requested is on the attached sheet which I now hand to him. Could I just mention that we are not including the Gibraltar Day Finance Centre lunch as this is in a separate question on the Order Paper.

Answer to Question 796 of 2007

The Finance Centre Department attended the following conferences in the months of February 2007 to the 29th November 2007:

8th March 2007 – Breakfast financial services presentation in Madrid.

Attended by: Mr James Tipping – Finance Centre Director
Mrs Sabrina Ramagge – Executive Officer
Ms Mireille Alsina – Administrative Officer

Working breakfast	£635.85
Flights and Accommodation	£965.00
Subsistence	£497.20
Expenses	<u>£464.71</u>
Total:	£2,562.76

29th April – 3rd May 2007 – RIMS Conference and Exhibition 2007 - New Orleans, USA

Attended by: Mr Joseph Macano – Director Licensing Unit
Mr Francis Sanchez – Executive Officer
Mr Chris Collins – Head of Insurance Supervision, FSC

Flights and accommodation	£9,601.00
Subsistence	£ 587.42
Expenses	£ 323.42
Courier	£ 922.98
Exhibition Fees	£2,878.40
Conference facilities	<u>£ 908.35</u>
Total:	£15,221.57

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 796/2007

24th May 2007 - Breakfast financial services presentation in Madrid.

Attended by: Mr James Tipping – Finance Centre Director
Mrs Sabrina Ramagge – Executive Officer
Mrs Maite Mir-Parody – PA to FCD/DLU

Working breakfast	£ 839.30
Flights and Accommodation	£1,115.90
Subsistence	£ 331.46
Expenses	<u>£ 513.72</u>
Total:	£2,800.38

21st June 2007 – IIR Wealth Management and the Family Office Conference – London

Attended by: Mr James Tipping – Finance Centre Director
Mr Joseph Macano – Director Licensing Unit

Flights and Accommodation	£1,113.00
Subsistence	£ 102.43
Expenses	<u>£ 315.27</u>
Total:	£1,530.70

11th October 2007 – ‘Aon After the Event’ Insurance Workshop – London

Attended by: Mr James Tipping – Finance Centre Director

Flights and Accommodation	£275.00
Expenses	<u>£150.00</u>
Total:	£425.00

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CONT'D ANSWER TO QUESTION 796/2007

19th November 2007 – The Finance Centre Department held a half-day Funds Seminar at the Hotel Bayerischer Hof, Munich, Germany.

Attended by: Mr James Tipping – Finance Centre Director
Mr Joseph Macano – Director Licensing Unit
Mrs Sabrina Ramagge – Executive Officer
Ms Mireille Alsina – Administrative Officer

Flights and Accommodation	£ 2,532.30
Subsistence	£ 448.56
Expenses	£ 739.28
Conference facilities	<u>£10,031.52</u>
Total:	£13,751.66

However, the private sector from Gibraltar contributed towards the costs of the seminar in Munich with a total payment of £4,000; being a contribution of £200 per attendee from Gibraltar. Their guests attended free of charge. The actual cost to the Government, therefore, for holding the seminar was £9,751.66.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 796 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

In relation to the RIMS Conference I seem to recall that in other years the cost of attendance at that has actually been part financed by the private sector. Was that not the case this year?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I believe it is the case but most of these relate to the Government's delegation for which the Government pay.

HON F R PICARDO:

I see a reference to a March and a May financial services presentation in Madrid over breakfast. Can the Chief Minister tell us how many people attended those presentations?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No I cannot, because I was not there and I do not have the information here. But the Finance Centre Director tells me that they detected a surprising amount of interest at those sessions but I do not know how many people attended.

HON F R PICARDO:

Are there any such other conferences or financial services presentations of the same sort, breakfast financial services presentations envisaged? Are these to be regular?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I honestly do not know, the Finance Centre Director works up a programme of these things in consultation with the Finance Centre Council and other representative bodies in the Finance Centre, and they decide how best to split the marketing budget available to the Finance Centre Director. So I assume that there will be more of them if it is true that they thought they were quite successful.

ORAL

NO. 797 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

CM'S VISITS OVERSEAS

Can the Government give a breakdown of the cost of all travel by the Chief Minister on Government business since the last answer in this House in February 2007 to date stating:

- (a) what the purpose of travel was;
- (b) who travelled with the Chief Minister;
- (c) who the Chief Minister intended to meet on each of the journeys undertaken;
and
- (d) a breakdown of the travel expenses incurred?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 797

					Chief Minister's Travel Costs
Date	Purpose	Persons Travelling with CM	Met with	Air Fares	Travel
08.03.07	Serco MOD Meeting	CM, CS, FS, LM	MOD/SERCO representatives	£898.60	
13.03.07	Meeting in Luxembourg	CM, PSL	Court of First Instance	£1,359.20	
21.03.07	Serco MOD Meeting	CM, CS, FS, LM	MOD/SERCO representatives	£868.10	
11.04.07	Serco MOD Meeting	CM, CS, FS, LM	MOD/SERCO representatives	£828.24	£360.00
14.05.07	Gibraltar Regiment in Training in Edinburgh	CM, PSP	CO/Officer & Soldiers/RGP firearms unit	£1,109.40	
21.05.07	ISP Contract	CM, CS, FS, LM	MOD/SERCO representatives	£479.00	
04.06.07	UN Committee of 24	CM, CS, FC	N/A	£2,435.90	
16.07.07	FO Meeting/Governmental Conference to change EU Treaties	CM, ACS, ML	James Sharp	£1,109.40	£510.00
24.09.07	Gibraltar Labour Party Conference (Bournemouth)	CM, FC, PSP	N/A	£1,069.00	

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 797 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

Mr Speaker, can the Chief Minister help me decode the list of persons travelling with him. The list says CM, I assume that is him even though I do not think technically it should be in that column. CS is the Chief Secretary, FC is the.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

FS is the Financial Secretary.

HON F R PICARDO:

But who is FC?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Oh I see.

HON F R PICARDO:

That is the name of an individual rather than a.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, that is the name of the individual, that is the Media Director, correct.

HON F R PICARDO:

PSP?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Private Secretary (Projects).

HON F R PICARDO:

PSL?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Private Secretary (Legal).

HON F R PICARDO:

LM? Ah, individual's name.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the now Minister for Employment.

HON F R PICARDO:

But not then.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Then the District Officer, the Trade Union representative.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am not questioning the issue I am just trying to understand. The breakdown is the breakdown of costs in respect.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

.....Of the Chief Minister.

HON F R PICARDO:

It is your cost?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Apparently.

HON F R PICARDO:

Not the total cost of the endeavour? Obligated.

ORAL

NO. 798 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 February 2007, giving a breakdown by month and newspaper?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

Answer to Question 798

	Feb-07	Mar-07	Apr-07	May-07	Jun-07	Jul-07	Aug-07	Sep-07	Oct-07
7 Days	£2,548.00	£1,860.00	£0.00	£4,809.60	£2,972.20	£3,076.50	£1,990.00	£4,915.20	£4,244.00
Gibraltar Chronicle	£0.00	£11,898.37	£0.00	£3,658.35	£3,954.20	£0.00	£10,822.50	£3,303.00	£0.00
Gibsport	£85.00	£240.00	£0.00	£0.00	£390.00	£130.00	£0.00	£60.00	£170.00
Panorama	£12,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,800.00	£7,045.00	£0.00	£5,583.00	£8,848.00	£0.00
Zenith Promotions	£0.00	£352.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	£15,133.00	£14,350.37	£0.00	£12,267.95	£14,361.40	£3,206.50	£18,395.50	£17,126.20	£4,414.00

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION 798 OF 2007

HON F R PICARDO:

How is it that a newspaper like 7-Days is in receipt in some months of greater amounts of advertising from the Government than a newspaper like the Chronicle, given that the 7-Days is a weekly publication and the Chronicle a daily?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, I do not believe that is the case I think he is misreading the information. The fact, for example, that in February the Chronicle has zero and in March £11,898 does not mean that no advertisements were placed in February and that many were placed in March. Simply that that is how the payments were made. He has asked for a breakdown of the payments not of the placing of advertisements. The same answer for the Panorama that has zero against several months and quite large sums against others, because there is some arrangement by which I think they are paid quarterly.

HON F R PICARDO:

Looking at the period, the whole of the period not any individual month which might create a distortion of the sort the Chief Minister has pointed out a moment ago, is the Chief Minister not concerned to see that over the period of 36 weeks represented by this answer, 7-Days has obtained £733.72 on average a week, and that newspaper is only published once a week, and the Chronicle has obtained £934 a week on average for the period when that newspaper is published six times a week. Is that not a cause of concern to the Chief Minister?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Even assuming that his mathematics is correct the answer is no.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is that because the 7-Days toes the editorial line that the Chief Minister enjoys reading?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I would not know, I never read it.

HON F R PICARDO:

What, as far as the Chief Minister, given his previous answers in this House, given that he obviously reads other newspapers that do not enjoy the benefit of Government advertising but he does not read this one, which obviously does, does

the Chief Minister have any information as to the circulation of 7-Days which he might care to share with this House?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

My answer in respect of all of these questions is the same as on the last four occasions in which he has generated the same debate at Question Time. For his information I read only two newspapers, regularly, I may occasionally pick another one up. That is the Gibraltar Chronicle and the Panorama, I do not read the Vox, I do not read the other one the one that has nothing to do with the GSLP, the New People and I do not read the 7-Days, the one that does not send birthday cards to the GSLP members. Those are the newspapers that I read and for the rest of it he can draw whatever unjustified inferences he likes.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am drawing no inferences whatsoever except of course to note that the Chief Minister allows his Government to advertise only in one of the newspapers that he tells us he does not read. He does not allow to advertise in the New People, he does not allow to advertise in the Vox but he allows it to advertise in the 7-Days. So be it, my question was does the Chief Minister have any information as to the circulation of 7-Days that he cares to share with this House, given the answers he has previously given?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I do not have any information on circulation.

HON F R PICARDO:

In that case how can he justify his answers previously that the question of Government advertising was based on the circulation that different newspapers have and that the Government was going to advertise in the newspapers with the greatest amount of circulation?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, because the Government's advertising policy is not based exclusively on circulation. If it were the Panorama would not get as much in comparison with the Gibraltar Chronicle.

HON F R PICARDO:

Yes and whoever cares to look at these figures will see that, in fact, the Panorama does not get as much as the Gibraltar Chronicle does. Perhaps for just that reason, but the Chief Minister should then perhaps consider telling us exactly what it is that the criteria is for Government advertising. In his previous answer he certainly left the Opposition with the impression that the overriding issue was circulation and not, of course, perish the thought, editorial policy.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I have already told the hon Member that I am not willing to have this debate with him again.

HON F R PICARDO:

This is not a debate that we are having again. If what he told us in the House last time was that the issue of Government advertising was to be determined on the basis of the circulation of the newspaper and he now tells us that this is not the only reason that determines what the advertising is, would the Chief Minister care to share with us what the criteria is?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The answer remains the same.

HON F R PICARDO:

What I am pointing out to the Chief Minister is that his answer is not in any way designed to elucidate, it is designed perhaps to hide the issues that he does not want to see the light of day. Like perhaps the fact that editorial policy is more determinative of whether a newspaper gets advertising or not.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The facts before the hon Member clearly disprove that. Look, the Government have no reluctance to declare that they have a policy of not advertising in the New People and a policy of not advertising in the Vox regardless of circulation for other criteria. But the hon Member cannot with honesty say that the evidence suggests that we only advertise in newspapers whose editorial line we share, because we advertise, the second biggest beneficiary of Government advertisement is the Panorama, that not only is systemically opposed to the Government but never has any support for the Government's position in its editorial line, and appears to be another paper where the editorial line supports, on the whole, the Opposition. So the hon Member may want to regret, in whatever terms he chooses, that the Government choose not to advertise in the Vox and in the New People. But he cannot say to this House that the Chief Minister's answer is to hide the fact that we only advertise in newspapers whose editorial line we support because that is self-evidently not true. Were that true we would not advertise in Panorama.

HON F R PICARDO:

What the Chief Minister has told the House is self-evidently not true because, of course, the front page of Panorama was featured in one of their pre-Election leaflets, indicating why exactly it was that people should choose his party at Election and not ours. Putting that aside, would the Chief Minister care to remind the House of what is then the criteria for choosing which newspapers for Government to advertise in. Just trying to narrow in on the debate. Perhaps he might care to remind us why it is that

his Government does not advertise in the New People? I am not asking for that much.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

We have explained all this numerous times ad nauseum in the past and I am not willing to repeat it again.

HON F R PICARDO:

What the Chief Minister has said in the past is that circulation was the determinative factor. Can he tell us what are the other factors, or is it that that is too much of a strain? We would have resolved this issue and not have had to have this cat and mouse game, if he had told us what the criteria was.

MR SPEAKER:

Well, I think the hon Member has had the Chief Minister's answer to the same question in several ways, we have got to move on.

HON F R PICARDO:

In that case I move on to the other part of my Supplementary which is this. Can he remind us why it is that he does not advertise in the New People?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

My answer remains as explained in the past and I am not willing to give any more answers to these questions. We do not advertise in the New People, as he well knows, for the same reason as I have given him this explanation a dozen times already, for the same reason that the GSLP when they were in Government did not advertise in the New People. We have not changed, I have given him this explanation a dozen times, we have not changed the Government's advertising policy in relation to the New People, we have simply kept the GSLP Government's policy in place. They did not advertise in the New People either because they recognised, what everybody else recognises and know, that the New People is a GSLP leaflet.

HON F R PICARDO:

It happens to be registered as a newspaper under the Newspapers Act. Despite that, is he aware that he now sits alongside an individual who sat alongside me when the New People commenced its legal action against the Gibraltar Government for its failure to advertise in that publication?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The GSD Government is very proud to have all real socialists in Gibraltar in its ranks and not them.

ORAL

NO. 799 OF 2007

THE HON F R PICARDO

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Has Government had any indication of when it can expect a ruling in the legal proceedings (Court of First Instance register number 240836 and allocated case number T-211/04) against the EU Commission?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No, Sir.

ORAL

NO. 800 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 last financial year and the amount received in respect of this by the I&D Fund?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

Answer to Question 800 of 2007

Breakdown Of Cash Collected In Respect Of Land Sales During The Period April 2006 To March 2007	
Property	Cash Received
4E Rulander House (Part payment iro profit of GOG's share)	£720.00
51 Line Wall Road	£9,820.00
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 Devils 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	£1,905,070.00
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	£8,000.00
12 Europa Road (Beaulieu House)	£725,000.00
41 Rosia Dale	£5,000.00
3 Rosia Dale	£5,000.00
64 Rosia Dale	£5,200.00
Picadilly Gardens	£170,000.00
Development Rights Ground Floor Europort	£117,000.00
Marina Bay Additional Area	£1,400,000.00
6 Bayside Road	£500,000.00
7 Europa Road	£1,600,000.00
34 Devils Tower Road	£100,000.00
2 Buenavista Road	£210,000.00
9/7 Naval Hospital Hill	£15,200.00
33 Devils Tower Road	£170,000.00
37 Trafalgar House	£5,818.60
21 Trafalgar House	£4,371.00
3 Johnstones Passage	£18,700.00
2 Old Queens Road (Inces Farm)	£52,600.00
	£12,396,292.68

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 800 OF 2007

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Can I just check what has been given to him? Does he have just one page?

HON J J BOSSANO:

One page, yes. It coincides with the figure in the forecast outturn so I assume it is right.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the total but not the build up I fear. Yes, it may be, it is just that I have got two. Yes, I think it is okay.

NO. 801 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

YACHTS

Is it Government policy that persons on a yacht who fill up with petrol at the yacht petrol stations near the ferry terminal can then proceed to enter Gibraltar from that access point without passing immigration controls?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No, Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 801 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are the Government aware that this is what is happening?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I personally am not aware because I work at No. 6 Convent Place and not at the petrol filling station down by the ferry terminal. But if the hon Member thinks that that is what is happening, I will certainly tell the Commissioner of Police who is responsible for policing Gibraltar's entry points in that respect. But the answer is no, I am not aware that that is what is going on.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I would be grateful if the Chief Minister could look into it. Certainly our information is that they are regular customers along the shops in Watergardens while they are filling up the yachts, then they simply go back to the yachts and leave.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am grateful to the hon Member for pointing it out, it is most inappropriate.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

There is a security dimension to it.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There is primarily a security and immigration dimension. It is completely unacceptable if it is happening.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Government state whether they are aware of any measures or controls that are taken to actually prevent this happening?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There are not, I have just conceded that I do not know that it is happening.

ORAL

NO. 802 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DTI – PTO (ENFORCEMENT OFFICER) / PTO (TOWN PLANNING ASSISTANT)

In respect of the vacant positions of PTO (Enforcement Officer) and PTO (Town Planning Assistant) in the Department of Trade and industry which were advertised in May, can Government say in each case:

- (a) how many persons applied for the position;
- (b) whether the position has now been filled;
- (c) the nationality of the successful applicant?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

One application was received for the post of PTO (Enforcement Officer). No applications were received for the post of PTO (Town Planning Assistant) and neither of the positions have been filled. The two posts, he may be interested in knowing, were re-advertised on 28th November.

ORAL

NO. 803 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 1,803 persons were employed by 19 companies as at 31st October 2007. The breakdown requested by him is set out in the schedule which is now being handed to him.

REMOTE GAMBLING COMPANIES - EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2007

	<u>Gibraltarian</u>	<u>Other British</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Ladbrokes (Gibraltar) Limited	21	70	4	9	104
Victor Chandler (International) Limited	68	176	17	46	307
Stan James (Gibraltar) Limited	9	120	15	50	194
bwin International Limited	20	34	14	82	150
Eurobet (Gibraltar) Limited	7	12	1	1	21
Carmen Media Group Limited	10	4	1	10	25
32 Red Plc	55	58	0	4	117
St Minver Limited	29	18	13	41	101
Digibet Limited	0	1	0	10	11
888 Holdings Plc	52	103	14	72	241
Globet.com Group Limited	0	6	0	7	13
International Betting Association Limited	0	0	0	5	5
PartyGaming Plc	73	141	15	106	335
Mansion (Gibraltar) Limited	14	102	4	29	149
Futuresbetting.com Limited	2	9	0	0	11
Partouche Interactive (Gibraltar) Limited	0	0	0	5	5
William Hill (Gibraltar) Limited	0	9	0	0	9
Hillside (Gibraltar) Limited	0	3	0	0	3
Petfre (Gibraltar) Limited	0	2	0	0	2
Overall Total	360	868	98	477	1803

Source : Ministry of Finance, Gambling Division

ORAL

NO. 804 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Can Government say whether the post of Gambling Supervisor in the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority which was advertised in May has now been filled?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, the post was filled on 1st October.

ORAL

NO. 805 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Can Government say whether they, or the Gibraltar Regulatory Authority, have received any correspondence from British Ministers to demand a more stringent regime for the gaming industry following questions in Parliament by Lord Faulkner?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No, Sir, no such correspondence has been received, nor is it expected.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 805 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can he say whether it has been discussed verbally in meetings with British Ministers, is this an issue that they have raised?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No it has not, not by me.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Or by them I take it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Correct.

ORAL

NO. 806 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TREASURY TENDER BOARD

Can Government give the composition of the Treasury Tender board in 2006 and in 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 807 and 808 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 807 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TREASURY TENDER BOARD

Can Government say how consultants to the Treasury Tender Board are chosen and what criteria is applied in their selection?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 806 and 808 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 808 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TREASURY TENDER BOARD

Can Government say whether the Treasury Tender Board takes advice from any consultants in the award of any type of tender, and if so can they list the consultants that have been involved showing the tender awarded, to whom it was awarded and the date of the award?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The composition of the Treasury Tender Board in 2006 and 2007 was as follows:

In 2006 the Financial and Development Secretary, the Accountant General and the Secretary of the Board who is the Senior Officer (Finance).

In 2007 it was the Financial Secretary, the Accountant General and the same Secretary.

It is not the current practice for the Treasury Tender Board to seek advice from consultants in the award of tenders.

NO. 809 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

RATES

Can Government list the entities that have been exempted from rates in the period 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I will now hand the hon Member a list of the entities that have been exempted from assessment of rates, so far in respect of the rates year ending June 2008 under subsection 279K of the Public Health Act. Applications for exemptions from the payment of rates under section 282 of the Public Health Act, are invited after the end of each rates year. No rates exemptions have therefore been authorised, as yet, in respect of the year ending 30 June 2008.

Answer to question 809

RATES SECTION 279(K) - Public Health Act

Clubs, Associations & Societies

Name	Address
Gib Bushido Ju Jitsu Academy	No 3 North Jumpers Bastion
Gibraltar Photographic Society	26R Line Wall Road - Vault 28 Wellington Front
Laguna Estate Social Club	38B (34B) Laguna Estate
EFSA	26T Line Wall Road - Vault 30 Wellington Front
Gibraltar Squash Association	South Pavilion Road
St Joseph's F.R. & A.C.	13/78 Witham's Road
The Arts Centre	76 & 74/2 Prince Edwards Road
College Cosmos Social Club	18F South Barrack Road
Calpe Rowing Club	6 Europort Road
Provincial Grand Lodge of Gibraltar	Jumpers Bastion
Gibraltar Sandpits Lawn Tennis Club	Sandpits
Mediterranean Rowing Club	4 Europort Road
Rumores Dance Group	18H(4) South Barrack Road
Eagles Youth Club	41C Europa Road
Royal Gibraltar Yacht Club	Queensway
Glacis Amenities & Sports Association	Goole House - Glacis Estate
Casino Calpe	51 Line Wall Road
The Integral Yoga Centre	33 Town Range
Gibraltar Senior Citizens Social Club	41 Town Range
FC Barcelona Supporters Club	3 Victualling Office Lane
Gib Football Association	32A Rosia Road
Gib Women's Association	35C Town Range
Gibraltar Petanque Association	Giralda Gardens - Line Wall Road
The Royal Gibraltar Regiment Association	122/1 Irish Town
Alameda Estate Tenants Soc Club	9/63 Red Sands House
Scout Association	4A Line Wall Road; 26C&D Wellington Front; 26D/1 Wellington Front
Gibraltar Motorcycle Club	2 East Side Road
Lions F.C.	43A Queensway

ORAL

NO. 810 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU SECRETARIAT – FUNDS ADVISOR

Can Government say how many persons applied for the vacant post of Funds Advisor at the EU Secretariat which was advertised in May, whether the post has been filled, and, if so, the nationality of the successful applicant?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There were ten applications for the post of Funds Advisor. The successful candidate is a British national.

ORAL

NO. 811 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU DIRECTIVES

Can Government say how many EU Directives are pending transposition in Gibraltar as on 30 November 2007, with a list showing which ones they are and the date by which they should be in force?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 812 and 813 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 812 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU DIRECTIVES

Can Government list the EU Directives whose transposition in Gibraltar is currently overdue, showing whether any action has been taken by the Commission in each case and, showing where applicable, the stage in the infraction process?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 811 and 813 of 2007.

NO. 813 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU DIRECTIVES

In terms of the Directives whose transposition in Gibraltar are currently overdue, can Government give the reason for the delay in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the information that he requests. I should point out that in respect of untransposed Directives, the schedule sets out the information of which we are aware. In making huge inroads into the backlog over the last ten years, one of the problems that we have faced is precisely the fact that the United Kingdom has been and remains unable to provide us with a complete list of our transposition obligations, through which we could work systematically. On the whole, Gibraltar's standing in respect of transposition now compares favourably with many Member States, almost all of which have some degree of backlog.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 812 OF 2007

Current Infractions (as at 30th November 2007)

The following is a list of EU Directives whose transposition is overdue and that are under infraction proceedings, showing the stage in the infraction process.

ECJ cases

2004/38 The right of citizens of the Union and their family to move and reside freely within the EU.

2003/108 on waste electrical and electronic equipment.

Reasoned Opinions

2002/91 Energy performance of buildings.

2005/33 Sulphur content of marine fuels.

2004/83 Minimum standards for the qualification and status of third country nationals or stateless persons as refugees or as persons who otherwise need international protection and the content of the protection granted.

2000/43 Implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of race or ethnic origin.

2006/22 Concerning social legislation relating to road transport activities.

Art 226 Letters

2004/23 Human tissues and cells.

79/409 Conservation of wild birds.

2006/98 Adapting certain directives in the field of taxation by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania.

2005/19 Amending the European mergers tax directive.

2000/78 Equal treatment in employment and occupation.

2002/73 Equal treatment for men and women.

2003/59 on the initial qualification periodic training for professional drivers of road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers.

2006/105 amending directives in the field of environment by reason of the accession of Bulgaria and Romania.

2005/35 On ship source pollution and on the introduction of penalties for infringements.

2003/20 on the compulsory use of safety belts in vehicles of less than 3,5 tonnes.

2004/35 on environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage.

2005/65 on enhancing port security.

NO. 814 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU DIRECTIVES

What is the composition of the Whitehall/Gibraltar Tracking Group for EU compliance, what was the date of its last meeting, and where did the meeting take place?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Whitehall/Gibraltar Tracking Group is a joint HMG/GoG working group to exchange information on transposition in Gibraltar of EU Directives and related matters. The United Kingdom provides information of legislation in the pipeline and we provide the UK with information about our transposition programme, so that they can be aware of our situation and answer the Commission's queries as they arise. It last met on 27th November 2007 at the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London. The Gibraltar Delegation comprises the Assistant Chief Secretary, the Head of the Legislation Support Unit and a Law Draftsman. The UK Delegation comprises representatives of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform, Department of Communities and Local Government, Department of Transport, Home Office and Ministry of Justice and Health and Safety Executive.

NO. 815 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CONVENTIONS EXTENDED TO GIBRALTAR

Can Government list the 12 conventions, seven of which relate to anti-terrorism matters, that have not been extended to Gibraltar, showing the date the convention was agreed, the date on which the United Kingdom ratified the convention, and why it has not been extended in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government is not accountable in this House, or at all, for the statements attributed to officials of a foreign Government. We have no knowledge of any such matters.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 815 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Do I take the answer to mean that there are no conventions, that none of the conventions exist or none of them outstanding, or what?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, we have only been able to make head or tail of the question because I recognise the question as being a statement attributed to a Spanish foreign office official in a local newspaper. The Government do not respond to that and are not accountable for those statements in this House, but we do not know anything about that. We do not know if there are any such matters, or if there are not any such matters, we are not aware of them. No one has told us, we just do not know if they are true, not true, we have no knowledge whatsoever.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The Chief Minister is right to say that they should not answer a statement attributed to a Spanish official, which is why the question makes no reference to the Spanish official. All I want to know is whether the conventions have been extended or not. Xxxxx where there are 12 conventions, seven of which deal with anti-terrorism matters, that have not been extended to Gibraltar and if so why not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

But we cannot possibly know unless we know what conventions they are, and indeed whether they exist. We cannot know the negative, the conventions would have to be identified for us to know whether they exist, whether they have or have not been extended to Gibraltar. The question is not capable of answering, we just do not have enough information to identify what the maker of the statement was alluding to. Therefore, what the hon Member is alluding to in this question. I am not aware of any number of anti-terrorism international conventions that have not been extended to Gibraltar. Which does not mean that there are not any, but I am not aware. We are not going to trawl through every international convention in Halsbury's Laws of England to see whether there are 12, seven, six or none.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

But is it not the normal practice for the UK to consult the Government of Gibraltar before extending a convention?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes it is, but that is not forensic about this.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Which is to say that if there had been one which has not been extended, the Government would have been consulted about this beforehand, is that right?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

We are consulted about extensions not about non extensions. Sometimes the UK ask.....

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Could the Government choose not to have it extended to Gibraltar?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, although there are some issues on which the UK tries to persuade us that we should seek not to be extended. There are some areas of international conventions where the UK likes to have all its overseas territories lined up in a neat row like ducks. Terrorism is normally one of them, which is why I am quite surprised that anyone should think there is seven of them. It is quite interesting really, it would show quite a lapse of care on the part of many people.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

May I suggest that the next time the Chief Minister meets the Spanish Foreign Ministry official in question, the Foreign Office official in question, he clarifies exactly what he meant.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not think he really wants me to do that.

ORAL

NO. 816 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON

How many persons attended the finance centre lunch that took place during the Gibraltar Day celebrations in London, and how many were from Gibraltar?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 817 and 818 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 817 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON

How many of the 1,200 persons who were invited to the Guildhall to celebrate Gibraltar Day in London were from Gibraltar and who were they?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 816 and 818 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 818 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR DAY IN LONDON

What was the cost, with breakdown, of the Gibraltar Day events in London in October this year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question 816 of 2007

Finance Centre Lunch

Flights and accommodation	1,931.00
Other expenses	929.89
Finance Centre Lunch	15,849.90
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	18,710.79

Evening Reception at the Guildhall

Hire of Guildhall	10,605.00
Catering	30,981.31
Printing, postage, St John Ambulance, Royal Marine Cadets, transportation, lighting and anciliary expenses	17,870.79
Re-Enactment Society travel and accommodation	4,480.00
Press travel/expenses	4,140.00
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	68,077.10

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 818

Answer to Question 817 of 2007

The number of persons invited to the Guildhall from Gibraltar for the reception was 193.

Answer to Question 818 of 2007

A total of 193 persons attended the Finance Centre lunch of which 77 were from Gibraltar. We are not providing him with a list of the 1,200 names.

ORAL

NO. 819 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

MINISTERS' OFFICIAL TRAVEL COSTS

Can Government list the cost of air travel incurred by each individual Minister and the Chief Minister on official business in 2006 and in 2007 up to 11 October, with a breakdown showing the date of travel, the destination, the airline, the category of seat paid for and the travel agent that was used to make the booking?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 819**CHIEF MINISTER'S AIR TRAVEL**

Destination	Dates	Amount	Travel Agent
London	10-12/01/06	£818.40	Blands
London	18-22/02/06	£818.40	Blands
Madrid	20/04/06	£526.00	Blands
London	21-23/05/06	£884.00	Blands
New York	05-07/06/06	£2,439.10	Blands
Geneva	14-16/06/06	£1,392.50	Blands
London	05-08 & 12/07/06	£1,731.30	Blands
London	07-08/09/06	£878.60	Blands
Manchester	24-26/09/06	£937.40	Blands
New York	28/09/06-04/10/06	£2,428.40	Blands
London	13-17/10/06	£878.60	Blands
London	30/10/06-01/11/06	£878.60	Blands
London	08-09/03/07	£898.60	Blands
Luxembourg	13-15/03/07	£1,359.20	Blands
London	21-22/03/07	£868.00	Blands
London	11-13/04/07	£828.24	Blands
London	21-22/05/07	£479.00	GB Airways
New York	04-05/06/07	£2,435.90	Blands
London	16-18/07/07	£1,069.00	Blands
London	24-25/09/07	£1,069.00	Blands

Note 3

Notes:

1. The Chief Minister travels Club Class.
2. The airline was British Airways on all of these occasions except as per Note 3 below.
3. The return flight Heathrow/Malaga on this occasion was a Monarch flight.

MINISTER'S AIR TRAVEL

Minister	Destination	Dates	Amount	Travel Agent
Minister Holliday	New York	01-07/06/06	£3,476.10	Blands
	Barbados/Grenada	21-23/05/07	£3,450.70	Blands
Minister Linares	London/Gatwick	14-17/03/06	£878.40	Blands
	London/Gatwick	24-25/01/07	£628.60	MH Bland & Co
Minister Netto	Gatwick/Manchester	15-18/07/07	£1,041.20	Blands
Minister Vinet	London/Warwick	28/09/06-01/10/06	£878.60	Blands

Notes:

1. The Ministers travelled Club Class on each of the above occasions.
2. All of these flights were British Airways flights.

NO. 820 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – NEW AIR TERMINAL

Can Government say how many entities submitted a tender for the construction of a new air terminal which was submitted for publication in the Official Journal of the EU in March, showing the name of each entity and the country where it has its headquarters?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There were four tender submissions received for the construction of the new air terminal:

- (1) Dragados SA
- (2) FCC Construction SA/INECO JV
- (3) Ferrovial – Agroman SA
- (4) Obrascon Huarte Lain SA

All submissions had Spanish return addresses.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 820 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can I ask the Chief Minister whether there was a successful tenderer in relation to this particular issue?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No.

NO. 821 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – ACCESS ROAD AND TUNNEL

Can Government say how many entities submitted a request to participate in the tender for the design and construction of a new access road and tunnel for Gibraltar airport and frontier which was advertised in May, and how many were from Gibraltar?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There were eight submissions for a request to participate in the tender for the design of construction of a new access road and tunnel and none were from Gibraltar. Hardly surprising, there are no tunnel builders here.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 821 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Chief Minister say whether the tender has been awarded?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No it has not.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to this question, are the tenderers all based in Spain as well?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is it possible for the Chief Minister to say who the tenderers are and the countries in which they have their headquarters?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, I should perhaps explain that this is a particular type of EU tender involving a pre-qualification process. Therefore, they are not full tender submissions in the normal sense that he might normally understand. Indeed, the same is true of the previous question where, in effect, there is a pre-qualification procedure and the list is then reduced et cetera in phases. There are eight companies, Obrascon Huarte Lain, Brues y Fernandez, Van Oord, FCC Construction, Isolux Corsin Rotary, Ferrovial Agroman, Sandoacciona and Volker Stevin.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The Volker Stevin tender was that under the local Volker Stevin Gibraltar or their headquarters in the Netherlands? Given that they are already based here.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know.

ORAL

NO. 822 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – BUS TO / FROM LA LINEA

Can Government say what was the cost of purchasing the bus which operates from Gibraltar Airport to La Linea?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 823 to 826 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 823 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – BUS TO / FROM LA LINEA

Can Government say what the running costs are, with a breakdown, of the bus that operates from Gibraltar Airport to La Linea on a monthly basis since the service commenced?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 822 and 824 to 826 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 824 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – BUS TO / FROM LA LINEA

Can Government confirm whether the running costs of the operation of the bus service from Gibraltar Airport to La Linea are met by the Government or by the operator?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 822, 823, 825 and 826 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 825 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – BUS TO / FROM LA LINEA

Can Government say whether they have now entered into an agreement with Bland Ltd to cover its cost of providing the bus service, and if so on what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 822 to 824 and 826 of 2007.

NO. 826 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – TERMINAL BUSES

Can Government say what the cost was of purchasing the smaller buses which ferry passengers between terminals at Gibraltar Airport in respect of the flights to and from Madrid, and what the running costs of this operation are with a breakdown, on a monthly basis, since the service commenced?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question 822 of 2007

The bus operating the service between Gibraltar Airport and La Linea is not the property of the Gibraltar Government.

Answer to Question 823 of 2007

The information requested by the hon Member is of a statistical nature and is set out in the schedule I now hand him.

Answer to Question 824 of 2007

The running costs for the operation of the Gibraltar Airport to La Linea shuttle bus service are met by Government.

Answer to Question 825 of 2007

Government has not entered into an agreement with Bland Ltd to cover its cost of providing the shuttle bus service between Gibraltar Airport and La Linea.

Answer to Question 826 of 2007

The Cobus 3000 airport apron buses, which ferry passengers between terminals at Gibraltar Airport in respect of flights to Madrid, are the property of the Gibraltar Government. Three Cobus 3000 buses were purchased, not exclusively for that use but that is what they are being used for at the moment, by Government in April 2007 at a cost of £74,615.21 per unit. The running costs for these buses is included in the

running costs for the Gibraltar Airport to La Linea shuttle bus service and are set out in the Schedule for Question 823.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 826 OF 2007

Answer to Question 823

Running cost for Gibraltar Airport Shuttle Bus

Route: La Linea to Gibraltar Airport

	Cost £
16 th to 31 st December 2006	3,893.64
January 2007	7,787.29
February 2007	7,787.29
March 2007	7,787.29
April 2007	7,787.29
May 2007	9,166.69
June 2007	9,166.69
July 2007	9,166.69
August 2007	9,166.69
September 2007	9,166.69
October 2007	7,787.29
November 2007	1,100.00
Total to date:	89,763.60

Breakdown of Running cost for Gibraltar Airport Shuttle Bus

Route: La Linea to Gibraltar Airport

	Cost £
Staff Costs per annum	51,563.27
Depreciation on Buses (average per year for 2 years)	11,290.00
Insurance	5,000.00
Maintenance	10,000.00
Fuel	3,500.00
Licences	250.00
Blands 10% Management Fee	8,160.33
Total cost to Government per annum:	89,763.60

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 822 TO 826 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The Chief Minister said there was no agreement with Blands.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No formal agreement.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can he say what kind of agreement there is?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government officials administering this matter correspond with Blands on a monthly basis in order to assess the requirement for the service and, based on that, agree a monthly fee. Given the reduction in the number of weekly flights on the Gibraltar/Madrid route operated by Iberia, from November 2007 and then the withdrawal of the GB Airways flight, these things have reduced significantly of late but the fee is agreed on a monthly basis on the basis of the amount that the service is being required.

ORAL

NO. 827 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

THE MOUNT

Can Government say whether a study has been carried out of the repairs that are needed at The Mount, and give an indication of the cost involved?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No such study has been carried out.

ORAL

NO. 828 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ROSIA COTTAGES

Is Government now in a position to provide the total legal costs in relation to the settlement that was arrived at with the owners of the Rosia Cottages, showing its own legal costs and the costs of the owners of the Cottages?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The total legal costs for the settlement cannot yet be provided as the costs of the owners of the cottages have not yet been agreed or taxed. I cannot remember if I have given him the Government side of it before. I will just repeat it. GoG costs were £47,692 plus £76,812 in respect of Stamp Duty and I think the DPC's costs were £14,280.

NO. 829 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – LANDING CHARGES

Can the Government say when it will be in a position to announce a new, reduced airport charges tariff structure in respect of landing charges at Gibraltar Airport?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No, Sir. I cannot tell him when it will be announced. We are aiming for some time in December but that might slip into January.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 829 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is there any particular issue which is holding up the announcement or the calculation?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government are simply contemplating several different models and several different options.

ORAL

NO. 830 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – MADRID FLIGHT

On what date was Government informed by GB Airways that the airline would discontinue their flights to Madrid once the summer schedule was over?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I have not been able to pinpoint the exact date, but, from memory, it was either the day before or the day of their public statement to that effect.

ORAL

NO. 831 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GB AIRWAYS / EASYJET

Can Government say exactly when they became aware of the sale of GB Airways to Easyjet?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 832 of 2007.

NO. 832 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GB AIRWAYS / EASYJET

Has there been any contact between the Government and Easyjet after the announcement of their purchase of GB Airways and if so on what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government became aware of the sale the evening before it was announced publicly. Easyjet is currently contractually precluded from engaging in discussions with Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 831 AND 832 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is that a condition of the purchase of Gibraltar Airways that prevents them?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is normal, remember that that contract has not closed yet. It is not unusual, the Government are not surprised. Until they become the owners of GB Airways the contract says that they cannot engage the Government with this or places in all the other destinations, I do not think it is exclusive to Gibraltar.

ORAL

NO. 833 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – EU EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM

Can Government say whether flights to and from Gibraltar Airport will be covered by the plans to bring aviation into the EU'S Emissions Trading System?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, Sir.

ORAL

NO. 834 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CP39A (ENGINEER LANE / ARP SHELTER)

What is Government policy in relation to the use of Crown Property CP39A and the adjacent ARP shelter?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 835 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 835 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CP39A (ENGINEER LANE / ARP SHELTER)

What plans do Government have for CP39A in Engineer Lane and the adjoining ARP shelter?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

In accordance with policy OTK6 of the consultation draft Development Plan - Engineer House, Government is currently preparing concept design proposals for enhanced parking facilities in the area. Proposals will also address pedestrian access in order to provide for a better link between the upper town and the central part of town.

ORAL

NO. 836 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 February 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 837 to 840 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 837 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 February 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 836 and 838 to 840 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 838 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORTS – PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLES

What the value and number of private motor vehicles imported by:

- (a) individuals;
- (b) licensed dealers,

on a monthly basis since January 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 836, 837, 839 and 840 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 839 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 January 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 836 to 838 and 840 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 840 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORTS – COMPUTERS

What was the value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar, on a monthly basis, since January 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 840

Answer to Question 836 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 February 2007 is as follows:

FEBRUARY 2007	£12738.28
MARCH 2007	£15344.30
APRIL 2007	£15527.98
MAY 2007	£17080.95
JUNE 2007	£14290.23
JULY 2007	£14640.64
AUGUST 2007	£11964.92
SEPTEMBER 2007	£12921.66
OCTOBER 2007	£16140.28

Answer to Question 837 of 2007

The amount of import duty collected on building materials on a monthly basis since February 2007 is as follows:

FEBRUARY 2007	£110,184.13
MARCH 2007	£146,073.67
APRIL 2007	£135,912.53
MAY 2007	£147,805.70
JUNE 2007	£130,645.22
JULY 2007	£122,196.36
AUGUST 2007	£106,436.72
SEPTEMBER 2007	£190,281.20
OCTOBER 2007	£110,180.82

Answer to Question 838 of 2007

The number and value of private motor vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since January 2007 was as follows:

	<u>Private Motor Vehicles Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Private Motor Vehicles Imported by Licensed Dealers</u>	
	Number	Value (£ thousands)	Number	Value (£ millions)
JANUARY 2007	13	32	596	8.0
FEBRUARY 2007	15	41	597	6.3
MARCH 2007	25	59	599	7.7
APRIL 2007	22	94	544	7.1
MAY 2007	25	105	620	7.9
JUNE 2007	20	47	630	7.4
JULY 2007	17	36	439	5.6
AUGUST 2007	19	93	732	9.9

CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 840**Answer to Question 839**

	<u>Goods Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Individuals</u>		<u>Goods Vehicles</u> <u>Imported by Licensed</u> <u>Dealers</u>	
	Number	Value (£ thousands)	Number	Value (£ millions)
JANUARY 2007	1	1	5	156
FEBRUARY 2007	1	0	6	18
MARCH 2007	3	5	5	35
APRIL 2007	3	5	1	58
MAY 2007	1	1	10	68
JUNE 2007	1	1	28	344
JULY 2007	2	2	24	326
AUGUST 2007	1	1	22	249

Answer to Question 840

The value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since January 2007 was as follows:

	Value of Computers (£ thousands)
JANUARY 2007	1,206
FEBRUARY 2007	922
MARCH 2007	722
APRIL 2007	1,155
MAY 2007	1,659
JUNE 2007	655
JULY 2007	1,272
AUGUST 2007	1,313

ORAL

NO. 841 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

Answered together with Question Nos. 842 and 843 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 842 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

LAND AND PROPERTY SALES

Can Government give a breakdown of the revenue collected from land and property cash sales during the period January 2007 to date, giving the date the revenue was received, the name of the land/property and the cash received in each case and from whom?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 841 and 843 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 843 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TENDERS – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

Can Government list the residential tenders that they have awarded in 2007 to date, showing the name and the amount paid by the successful tenderer, the name of the property in question and the date on which payment was made?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I now hand the hon Members schedules containing the information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 843

Answer to Question 841/2007

Breakdown Of Cash Collected In Respect Of Land Sales During The Period April 2007 to September 2007 and Received by the I & D Fund	
<u>Property</u>	<u>Cash Received</u>
4E Rulander House (Part payment iro profit of GOG's share)	£330.00
51 Line Wall Road	£5,892.00
2 Old Queens Road	£473,400.00
41 Rosia Dale	£45,000.00
3 Rosia Dale	£45,000.00
64 Rosia Dale	£46,800.00
1 South Barrack Mews	£17,400.00
5A Elliots Battery	£43,500.00
91 Queensway	£106,000.00
18, 18A and 19 Devils Tower Road	£125,000.00
15 Catalan Bay	£178,000.00
Upper Elms, 1 Centre Pavilion Road	£72,500.00
8 North Pavilion Road	£516,000.90
29 Flat Bastion Road	£100.00
20 Trafalgar House	£3,500.09
	£1,678,422.99

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 843

Answer to Question 842

Residential Property Sales From January 2007 To Date (Improvement And Development Fund)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Feb-07	D & J Feetham	10% Deposit Iro Sale Of 2 Old Queen's Road, Inces Farm	£52,600.00
Feb-07	R Azzopardi	10% Deposit Iro Sale Of 12 Europa Road, Beaulieu House	£72,500.00
Feb-07	O M Gonzalez	10% Deposit Iro Sale Of 41 Rosia Dale	£5,000.00
Feb-07	M Napoli	10% Deposit Iro Sale Of 64 Rosia Dale	£5,200.00
Feb-07	S Martinez	10% Deposit Iro Sale Of 3 Rosia Dale	£5,000.00
Mar-07	G & G Pearce	Sale Of Plot Of Land At 9/7 Naval Hospital Hill	£15,200.00
Mar-07	Mena Holdings	Surrender & Grant Of New 122 Year Lease Iro 33 Devil's Tower Road	£170,000.00
Mar-07	Koala Holdings Ltd	90% Balance Iro Sale Of Mount Barbary	£1,714,563.00
Mar-07	Angam Shivdasani	50% Premium Iro 37 Trafalgar House	£5,818.60
Mar-07	Chi Hung Liu	50% Premium Iro 21 Trafalgar House	£4,371.00
Mar-07	R Azzopardi	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 12 Europa Road, Beaulieu House	£652,500.00
Mar-07	L & M Liambias	10% Deposit Iro Sale Of 3 Johnstone's Passage	£18,700.00
Apr-07	M & J Estella	Sale Of Plot Of Land At 1 South Barrack Mews	£17,400.00
Apr-07	O M Gonzalez	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 41 Rosia Dale	£45,000.00
Apr-07	C & R Anes	Sale Of 5a Elliott's Battery	£43,500.00
Apr-07	M Napoli	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 64 Rosia Dale	£46,800.00
Jun-07	Stephen A Martinez	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 3 Rosia Dale	£45,000.00
Jun-07	N & K Ramagge	10% Deposit Iro Sale Of Upper Elms, 1 Centre Pavilion Road	£72,500.00
Jul-07	D & J Feetham	90% Balance Iro Sale Of Ince's Farm, 2 Old Queen's Road	£473,400.00
Jul-07	P Pilcher	10% Deposit Iro Sale Of Rose Tree Cottage, 8 North Pavilion Road	£51,600.00
Sep-07	Messrs J Golt	50% Premium Iro 20 Trafalgar House	£3,500.09
Sep-07	P & P Pilcher	90% Balance Iro Sale Of Rose Tree Cottage, 8 North Pavilion Road	£464,400.90
			£3,984,553.59

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 843

Contd Answer to Question 842/2007

Commercial Property Sales From January 2007 To Date (Improvement And Development Fund)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jan-07	Casino Calpe	Part Payment Of 51 Line Wall Road	£1,964.00
Feb-07	C Perales	10% Deposit Iro Premium For Lease For Kiosk, 18a Queensway	£800.00
Feb-07	C Perales	90% Balance Iro Premium For Lease For Kiosk, 18a Queensway	£7,200.00
Feb-07	Casino Calpe	Part Payment Of 51 Line Wall Road	£982.00
Mar-07	Manley Properties Ltd	Surrender & Grant Of New Lease For 2 Buena Vista Road	£210,000.00
Mar-07	Anglo Hispano Co Ltd	Premium Iro New 99 Year Lease For Piccadilly Bar Rosia Road	£170,000.00
Mar-07	Europart (Int) Holdings Ltd	Prem Iro Additional Dev Rights At Ground Floor Of Europort	£117,000.00
Mar-07	Ocean Village Investments	Premium Iro Additional Leased Area At Marina Bay	£1,400,000.00
Mar-07	Ocean Village Investments	Premium Iro Additional Development Rights At 6 Bayside Road	£500,000.00
Mar-07	Gardens Of Beauty	Premium Iro 150 Year Lease For 7 Europa Road (Casino)	£1,600,000.00
Mar-07	S G Holdings	Part Pmt Of Premium Iro 150 Year Lease For 34 Devil's Tower Road	£100,000.00
Apr-07	Casino Calpe	Part Payment Of 51 Line Wall Road	£1,964.00
May-07	Casino Calpe	Part Payment Of 51 Line Wall Road	£982.00
May-07	Sharrock Shand	10% Deposit Iro Tender For 91 Queensway	£10,600.00
May-07	Charles Anes Ltd	Premium Iro Sale Of 18, 18a & 19 Devil's Tower Road	£125,000.00
Jun-07	Stoneflint Ltd	Premium Iro Sale Of 15 Catalan Bay Road (La Mamela)	£178,000.00
Jul-07	Casino Calpe	Part Payment Of 51 Line Wall Road	£982.00
Aug-07	Sharrock Shand(Nhow Ltd)	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 91 Queensway	£95,400.00
Sep-07	Casino Calpe	Part Payment Of 51 Line Wall Road	£1,964.00
Sep-07	S Mcstay	Premium Iro Tender For 29 Flat Bastion Road	£100.00
			£4,522,938.00

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 843

Contd Answer to Question 842

Residential Sales From January 2007 To Date (Government-Owned Companies)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jan-07	Bitton / Ouaknin / Hall	Sale Of 35% Government Share Of 14 Belgravia Close	£37,307.06
Jan-07	A Pisarello	Sale Of Previous Option C Flat 8.1.1 Acacia Court Swig	£30,172.43
Jan-07	E Hermida	10% Of Premium Iro Sale Of 2 South Pavilion	£33,500.10
Jan-07	R Benaim	10% Of Premium Iro Sale Of 3 South Pavilion	£34,525.00
Jan-07	J Gill	10% Of Premium Iro Sale Of 4 South Pavilion	£35,100.00
Jan-07	M & B Ostheider	10% Of Premium Iro Sale Of 5 South Pavilion	£35,000.00
Jan-07	A Palao	10% Of Premium Iro Sale Of 6 South Pavilion	£40,500.00
Jan-07	L Massetti	10% Of Premium Iro Sale Of 7 South Pavilion	£36,600.00
Jan-07	J Pau	10% Of Premium Iro Sale Of 8 South Pavilion	£34,100.00
Jan-07	A Oton	10% Of Premium Iro Sale Of 9 South Pavilion	£41,000.00
Feb-07	T Moreno	10% Deposit On Tender For 31 Southampton Court	£10,000.00
Feb-07	King	Sale Of 33% Government Share Of 20 Redwood Lodge	£46,182.12
Feb-07	Mr S Khamoura	10% Deposit On Tender For 7.2.5 Hibiscus Court Swig	£8,625.00
Feb-07	Cano	10% Deposit On Tender For 2.2.14 Rosemary Court Swig	£11,500.00
Feb-07	Figueroa / Pons	10% Deposit On Tender For 2.0.6 Rosemary Court Swig	£8,000.00
Feb-07	Ms M Ramagge	10% Deposit On Tender For 4.0.5 Rose Court Swig	£8,150.00
Feb-07	M & G Alman	10% Of Premium Iro Sale Of 1 South Pavilion	£33,500.00
Feb-07	A Palao	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 6 South Pavilion	£364,500.00
Feb-07	A Oton	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 9 South Pavilion	£369,000.00
Feb-07	J A Pou	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 8 South Pavilion	£306,900.00
Feb-07	R H Benaim	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 3 South Pavilion	£310,725.00
Feb-07	M & B Ostheider	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 5 South Pavilion	£315,000.00
Mar-07	Cannon	Sale Of 50% Government Share Of 26 Halifax Court	£37,963.60
Mar-07	Codali	Sale Of 23% Government Share Of 1 Ashtree Lodge	£19,286.12
		Balance Carried Forward	£2,207,136.43

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 843

Contd Answer to Question 842

<u>Residential Sales From January 2007 To Date (Government-Owned Companies)</u>			<u>Amount Paid</u>
<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	
Mar-07	Caballero	Balance Brought Forward	£2,207,136.43
Mar-07	Ms M Ramagge	Sale Of Previous Option C Flat 5.5.5 Apricot Court Swig	£21,074.00
Mar-07	S Khamoura	Balance Iro Tender Sale Of 4.0.5 Rose Court Swig	£72,680.00
Mar-07	L Massetti	Tender Sale Of 7.2.5 Hibiscus Court Swig	£76,220.82
Mar-07	J Gill	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 7 South Pavilion	£329,400.00
Mar-07	M & G Alman	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 4 South Pavilion	£315,900.00
Mar-07	E Hernida	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 1 South Pavilion	£301,500.90
Apr-07	T Moreno	90% Balance Iro Sale Of 2 South Pavilion	£301,500.00
Apr-07	Figueredo	90% Balance Iro Tender Sale Of 31 Southampton Court	£89,026.16
Apr-07	Stewart	Sale Of 50% Government Share Of 8 Durban Court	£38,428.31
Apr-07	Figueredo / Pons	Sale Of 35% Government Share Of 11 Richmond Close	£31,710.07
Jun-07	Mather	Balance Iro Tender Sale Of 2.0.6 Rosemary Court Swig	£71,116.60
Jun-07	Brittenden	Sale Of 50% Government Share Of 19 Portsmouth Court	£34,552.98
Jun-07	Segui	Sale Of 40% Government Share Of 31 Durban Court	£30,059.58
Jun-07	Linares	Sale Of 50% Government Share Of 13 Montreal Court	£40,612.14
Jun-07	Lavagna / Flores	Sale Of 5% Government Share Of 9 Knightsbridge Close	£4,530.01
Jun-07	Chipolina	Sale Of Previous Option C Flat 8.7.1 Acacia Court Swig	£41,543.06
Jul-07	Ballantine	Sale Of Previous Option C Flat 3.4.4 Lavender Court Swig	£30,413.80
Jul-07	Pitaluga	Sale Of 50% Government Share Of 14 Cornwallis Tower	£50,688.00
Jul-07	Cortes	Sale Of 50% Government Share Of 21 Tilbury Court	£44,940.06
Jul-07	Slade	Sale Of 50% Government Share Of 17 Melbourne Court	£43,662.04
Jul-07	Smith	Sale Of 50% Government Share Of 1.6.1 Oleander Court Swig	£68,356.00
Aug-07	Picardo / Alecio	Tender Sale Of 9 & 11 New Passage	£23,000.00
Aug-07	Cardona	Sale Of 10% Government Share Of 3 Poplar Lodge	£10,240.56
		Sale Of 40% Government Share Of 5 Laburnum Lodge	£38,353.80
			£4,316,645.32

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESITON 843

Answer to Question 843

Residential Tender from Jan 2007 to Date (Improvement and Development Fund)

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Total paid for period</u>
D & J Feetham	2 Old Queen's Road, Ince F	£52,600.00	05/02/2007	£473,400.00	09/07/2007	£526,000.00
R Azzopardi	12 Europa Road, Beaulieu House	£72,500.00	06/02/2007	£652,500.00	23/03/2007	£725,000.00
O M Gonzalez	41 Rosia Dale	£5,000.00	14/02/2007	£45,000.00	17/04/2007	£50,000.00
M Napoli	64 Rosia Dale	£5,200.00	14/02/2007	£46,800.00	27/04/2007	£52,000.00
S Martinez	3 Rosia Dale	£5,000.00	14/02/2007	£45,000.00	13/06/2007	£50,000.00
I & M Llambias	3 Johnstones's Passage	£18,700.00	30/03/2007			£18,700.00
N & K Ramagge	Upper Elms, 1 Centre Pavilion Road	£72,500.00	25/06/2007			£72,500.00
P Pilcher	Rose Tree Cottage, 8 North Pavilion Road	£51,600.10	10/07/2007	£464,400.90	14/09/2007	£516,001.00
		£283,100.10		£1,727,100.90		£2,010,201.00

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 843

Contd Answer to Question 843

Residential Tenders January 2007 to Date (Government Owned Companies)

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Total paid for period</u>
M & G Alman	1 South Pavillion Court	£33,500.00	19/02/2007	£301,500.90	22/03/2007	£335,000.90
E Hermida	2 South Pavillion Court	£33,500.10	26/01/2007	£301,500.00	22/03/2007	£335,000.10
R Benaim	3 South Pavillion Court	£34,525.00	26/01/2007	£310,725.00	19/02/2007	£345,250.00
J Gill	4 South Pavillion Court	£35,100.00	26/01/2007	£315,900.00	22/03/2007	£351,000.00
M & B Ostheider	5 South Pavillion Court	£35,000.00	26/01/2007	£315,000.00	19/02/2007	£350,000.00
A Palao	6 South Pavillion Court	£40,500.00	26/01/2007	£364,500.00	19/02/2007	£405,000.00
L Massetti	7 South Pavillion Court	£36,600.00	26/01/2007	£329,400.00	22/03/2007	£366,000.00
J Pau		£34,100.00	26/01/2007	£306,900.00	19/02/2007	£341,000.00
A Oton	8 South Pavillion Court					
T Moreno	9 South Pavillion Court	£41,000.00	26/01/2007	£369,000.00	19/02/2007	£410,000.00
	31 Southampton Court,	£10,000.00	17/02/2007	£89,026.16	03/04/2007	£99,026.16
	Harbour Views					
Khamoura	07:02:05 Hibiscus Court, Sir	£8,625.00	16/02/2007	£76,220.82	23/03/2007	£84,845.82
	William Jackson Grove					
Cano	02:02:14 Rosemary Court,	£11,500.00	16/02/2007			£11,500.00
	Sir William Jackson Grove					
Figueredo & Pons	02:00:06 Rosemary Court,	£8,000.00	21/02/2007	£71,116.60	03/04/2007	£79,116.60
	sir William Jackson Grove					
Ramagge	04:00:05 Rose Court, Sir	£8,150.00	26/02/2007	£72,680.00	21/03/2007	£80,830.00
	William Jackson Grove					
Smith	9/11 New Passage			£23,000.00	31/07/2007	£23,000.00
		£370,100.10		£3,246,469.48		£3,616,569.58

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 841 TO 843 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

In respect of Question No. 841, the amount that has been received from the sales in the first six months of the financial year is just under £1.7 million, and the estimate in the budget of what the Government hoped to obtain from the sale of Government properties was £23 million. Is it likely that they are going to collect £21 million in the second six months?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No it is not, it depends on certain things. For example, whether we make that amount of progress in respect of the sale of the post-war houses and that sort of thing and whether certain transactions complete. I think the answer is no, that we will not come anywhere near that figure that was estimated.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think last year, when in fact the forecast outturn which we have now had confirmed is the figure we have been given today, was £12.4 million compared to an estimate of £31 million. I believe I was told that part of this was sort of slippage in the sales which were expected to be reflected in the figure for this year. This does not seem to have happened in the first few months.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it is true that with it being an election year and the elections approximating I think the eye is taken off the ball of pushing through sales and focusing on that sort of thing. The momentum tends to die down, I do not know whether it tends to but that I think is what has happened. There has been a slight loss of momentum in the asset realisation machinery which will now pick up, but I do not think we will certainly recover the lost ground or anything near like it.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to Question No. 842, can the Chief Minister say, there is a payment here of £1.4 million by Ocean Village Investments, leased area at Marina Bay, can he say what exactly that entails or where that is?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I cannot tell him more than it says there which is premium in respect of additional leased area at Marina Bay. Is this not one of the figures that were bandied about yesterday when my hon Colleague Mr Holliday was answering questions about Ocean Village? I am not aware right now what additional leased areas there have been, whether that is an additional area or an additional lease term, extension of lease, I could not tell him. I cannot think of any land that has been additionally leased as opposed to the lease extended on land already leased to them.

ORAL

NO. 844 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

‘F’ BLOCK, 14 NAVAL HOSPITAL ROAD – TENDER

Can Government say whether ‘F’ Block, 14 Naval Hospital Road has now been allocated by tender, giving the name of the successful tenderers, the amounts bid in each case and the date on which the tenders were awarded?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 845 to 847 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 845 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

‘F’ BLOCK, 14 NAVAL HOSPITAL ROAD – TENDER

Can Government say whether the tenders for ‘F’ Block, 14 Naval Hospital Road were awarded to the highest bidder in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 844, 846 and 847 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 846 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

‘F’ BLOCK, 14 NAVAL HOSPITAL ROAD – TENDER

Can Government say how many tenders were received for ‘F’ Block, 14 Naval Hospital Road?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 844, 845 and 847 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 847 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

‘F’ BLOCK, 14 NAVAL HOSPITAL ROAD – TENDER

In respect of the tender for ‘F’ Block, 14 Naval Hospital Road, can Government say whether resale restrictions apply to these properties and whether it is a condition that the successful tenderer has to live there?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The four units at ‘F’ Block offered to tender have not yet been adjudicated. I think this is a good example of what I said earlier to the Leader of the Opposition, that there was a loss of focus on asset sales. The conditions of tender do not include resale restrictions nor any requirements for the successful tenderer to use the property as his/her own residence.

ORAL

NO. 848 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**THE LOWER ELMS, THE UPPER ELMS, ROSE TREE COTTAGE, ST STEPHEN'S
- TENDERS**

Can Government say, in respect of the tenders for The Lower Elms, The Upper Elms, Rose Tree Cottage and St Stephen's which were advertised in January:

- (a) have the tenders been awarded and if so to whom and on what date;
- (b) what amount was paid by each tenderer in respect of each property;
- (c) do any resale restrictions apply and if so what are they;
- (d) is it a condition of each tender that the successful tenderer has to live in the property;
- (e) are there any restrictions on the demolition of any of these properties;
- (f) did each tender go to the highest bidder?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 849 to 851 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 849 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

12 CASTLE STEPS – TENDER

Can Government say who was awarded the four residential units at 12 Castle Steps and in what amount in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 848, 850 and 851 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 850 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CALPE MARRIED QUARTERS – TENDER

Can Government say who was awarded the ten residential units at Calpe Married Quarters and for what amount in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 848, 849 and 851 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 851 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

14 FLAT BASTION ROAD – TENDER

Can Government say who was awarded the ten residential units at 14 Flat Bastion Road and in what amount in each case?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answer to Question 848 of 2007

I will read out the answers but I will pass him the schedule, which I am not relying on, only to avoid having to read the names of the individual purchasers so that he can see them.

Answer to Questions 849, 850 and 851 of 2007

Each tender did not go to the highest bidder. Or rather, of the two that went through, they were not necessarily the highest bidder.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 851 OF 2007

Answer to Question 848

- (a) The tenders were awarded as follows:

Lower Elms	Mr & Mrs Leroy	6 Mar 2007
Upper Elms	Mr & Mrs Ramagge	6 Mar 2007
St Stephens	Mr & Mrs Cassaglia	6 Mar 2007
Rose Tree Cottage	Mr & Mrs Pilcher	6 Mar 2007

- (b) In respect of Rose Tree Cottage Mr & Mrs Pilcher paid £516,001
In respect of Upper Elms Mr & Mrs Ramagge paid £725,000

The other two tenderers did not complete the purchase.

- (c) No resale restrictions apply.
- (d) The properties were tendered for owner occupation.
- (e) No requests for demolition are subject to planning.
- (f) No.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 848 TO 851 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The two that are not completed, the Lower Elms and St Stephen's, are those being put out to tender again?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I think so, I think the usual practice is then to offer it to the next highest bidder et cetera. But I think that process has been exhausted, I cannot tell him whether they are still going to the next bidder or whether they are going to rebid, I do not know. It is one or the other of those two courses.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to the two that were not awarded to the highest bidder, were there any other considerations in the award of those two tenders? If so, what was the consideration?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I have not got it. Usually it is because it is coupled with a development or an extension proposal or something like that, which is outside the offer as tendered. That is the usual reason, perhaps if it was from somebody that was coming completely from abroad there might be consideration given that for a small sum of extra money the property is best sold to somebody who is a local resident. Those are the usual reasons. I suppose if somebody put in a bid, the highest bid of which information were known as to there being any doubt as to the provenance of the monies and its legality, that might be a reason but I cannot tell him in this particular case what they were. Perhaps if he gives me notice of that question or would write to me I will certainly provide him with the reasons, specifically in these two cases. There is just one aspect of his questions that I have not answered, the units offered to tender at Castle Steps, Calpe Married Quarters and Flat Bastion Road, under the Upper Town Redevelopment Scheme, have not yet been adjudicated.

NO. 852 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

1-9 SOUTH PAVILION

Can Government say whether any resale restrictions apply on the sale of 1-9 South Pavilion, and whether they were intended for the successful tenderer to live in?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There were no resale restrictions but they were intended for owner occupation.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 852 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

If they were intended for owner occupation does that mean that the tenderer can then put it on sale and the new owner occupies it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. Broadly the Government's policy is on resale restrictions but if properties are put out on the market and the full market price realised, then there is no justification for imposing any form of restriction on the owner who has paid a full market price. But if there is any element of subsidy, as there was for example in Rosia Court where the properties were not put out for the highest bidder, but rather the Government fixed the price and did not test the market in order to give an opportunity, because those were houses suitable for it, for affordable home buyers, then the Government does impose a resale restriction to reflect the fact that there is an element of non market value aspect dimension to the transaction. But if the highest bidder in the market says that the value of his property is £700,000 or £800,000, in those circumstances there are no restrictions imposed.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But is the condition of owner occupation intended to mean that the person is buying it to live in the place or are they permitted, because there are no restrictions, to knock it down and put up a block of flats?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is precisely the point, it is owner occupation it is not for running a business, it is not for running a hostel, it is not for knocking down. A lot of these tenders, people despite the fact that the tender notice makes it clear that that is a reason, they still put in applications including demolition, exactly the scenario. That has happened in several of these things over the last year or two. When the Government want the property to be used as a residence for whoever buys it, they impose these conditions to make sure the buyer understands that this is not an opportunity for anything else.

NO. 853 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GARRISON LIBRARY

Can Government say on what date they last discussed the transfer of the Garrison Library with the Ministry of Defence?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Garrison Library does not belong to the MOD, however the Government is in contact with the Trust who holds the lease for the Library in order to procure the transfer of the Library from the Trust to the Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 853 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The Chief Minister says in contact, I mean, are there formal negotiations going on or is there an informal process?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Intermittently. The problem is that every time we engage, either we are then distracted away to some other issues or the Deputy Fortress Commander finishes his tour of duty, who is I understand the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. So there are intermittent informal discussions but I think it would be overstating it to say that we are engaged in a process of formal negotiation. Although we intend that there should be and will be.

ORAL

NO. 854 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government list the recurrent IT expenses for which £150,000 were paid by the GHA (forecast outturn) in 2006/2007, indicating to whom the payments were made to and for what purpose?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 855 to 865 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 855 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HEAD 8-A NO. 6 CONVENT PLACE – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government give a breakdown of the following amounts in respect of 2006/2007, showing the amount, the entity the money was paid to, the work or service that was performed in exchange and the date the money was paid:

- (a) Head 8-A Sub-head 11(a) forecast outturn £440,000 London Office – Med Management Consultants Ltd;
- (b) Head 8-A Sub-Head 11(b) forecast outturn £102,000 Washington Office;
- (c) Head 8-A Sub-Head 11(c) forecast outturn £270,000 Brussels Office;
- (d) Head 8-A Sub-Head 11(d) forecast outturn £175,000 Madrid Office?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 856 to 865 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 856 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HEAD 8-A NO. 6 CONVENT PLACE – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government give a breakdown of the following in respect of 2006/2007, giving the amount, the name of the entity the money was paid to, for what work or service, and the date the money was paid:

- (a) Head 8-A Sub-head 7(f) forecast outturn £12,000 Publications;
- (b) Head 8-A Sub-head 9(c) forecast outturn £250,000 Telecommunication Services;
- (c) Head 8-A Sub-head 4(e) forecast outturn £54,000 Visiting Delegations and Government Receptions;
- (d) Head 8-A Sub-Head 4(f) forecast outturn £26,000 Mayoral Expenses;
- (e) Head 8-A Sub-Head 9(e) forecast outturn £9,000 Computer Expenses;
- (f) Head 8-A Sub-Head 20 forecast outturn £63,800 Research Development Studies and Professional Fees?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 854, 855 and 857 to 865 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 857 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HEAD 8-A NO. 6 CONVENT PLACE – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government give a breakdown of the following in respect of 2006/2007, giving the name of the legal firm in question, the nature of the work done, the amount paid and the date the money was paid:

- (a) Head 8-A Sub-head 7(e) forecast outturn £119,000 Private Sector Fees for Legal Drafting;
- (b) Head 8-A Sub-head 14 forecast outturn £233,000 Private Sector Fees for Legal Advice?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 854 to 856 and 858 to 865 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 858 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HEAD 8-A NO. 6 CONVENT PLACE – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government provide a breakdown of the additional £230,000 expenditure which was higher than budgeted in respect of National Day shown in Statement of Reallocations 19 of 2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 854 to 857 and 859 to 865 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 859 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HEAD 8-A NO. 6 CONVENT PLACE – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government give a breakdown of the 2006/2007 forecast outturn of £330,000 shown in Head 8-A Sub-Head 21 National Day, showing the amount, the name of the entity the money was paid to, for what work or service, and the date the money was paid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 854 to 858 and 860 to 865 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 860 OF 2007

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HEAD 6-C PORT – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government give a breakdown of the £10,000 forecast outturn for 2006/2007 in respect of Head 6-C Port Sub-Head 4(e) Computer Maintenance, showing who the money was paid to, for what purpose and when it was paid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 854 to 859 and 861 to 865 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 861 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

HEAD 2-B YOUTH – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government give a breakdown of the following forecast outturns for 2006/2007 at Head 2-B Youth in respect of the following:

- (a) Sub-head 4(a) Youth activities £23,000;
- (b) Sub-head 4(b) Youth grants £19,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 854 to 860 and 862 to 865 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 862 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – EXPENDITURE

Can Government give a breakdown of the following forecast outturn expenditure for 2006/2007 by the Sports and Leisure Authority:

- (a) Hockey pitches £5,000;
- (b) Europa Gymnasium £12,000;
- (c) Other facilities and equipment £20,000;
- (d) Upkeep of facilities £120,000;
- (e) New swimming pool expenses £155,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 854 to 861 and 863 to 865 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 863 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – EXPENDITURE

Can Government give a breakdown of the following forecast outturn expenditure for 2006/2007 by the Sports and Leisure Authority:

- (a) Sports Development Unit £10,000;
- (b) Running Expenses £14,000;
- (c) Vehicles and Plant £8,000;
- (d) Training Courses £2,000;
- (e) Computer and Office Equipment £2000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 854 to 862, 864 and 865 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 864 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

HEAD 6-G TRANSPORT/TRAFFIC – EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

Can Government provide a breakdown of the following forecast outturn for 2006/2007 at Head 6 – G Transport-Traffic, Sub-Head 4 Operational Expenses, in respect of the following, showing who the money was paid to and on what date:

- (a) Transport Commission Expenses £1,000;
- (b) Repairs and Maintenance £9,000;
- (c) Traffic Signs – Maintenance £500;
- (d) Uniforms £6,000;
- (e) Professional Fees £1,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 854 to 863 and 865 of 2007.

NO. 865 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – PAYMENTS

Can Government give a breakdown of the following forecast outturns of the Social Services Agency in respect of the financial year 2006/2007 showing to whom the money was paid and in respect of the service provided:

- (a) Training and Official Travel - £29,000;
- (b) Maintenance Works - £10,000;
- (c) Motor Vehicle expenses - £7,000;
- (d) Dr Giraldi Home - £90,000;
- (e) Children in Care - £120,000;
- (f) Workers Hostels - £526,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

These questions call for a massive amount of detailed bookkeeping information which, in effect, requires production of the Government's nominal ledger in respect of each of these items. They amount to hundreds, indeed thousands of items. The Government does not consider it appropriate to do this, nor reasonable to be expected to.

Furthermore, the occasion for discussion and analysis of forecast outturn figures is the Committee stage of the debate on the Appropriation Bill (better known as the Budget Debate).

However, if any hon Member had a specific question relating to expenditure in any of these areas, the Government would, of course, be happy to answer.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 854 TO 865 OF 2007

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to Question No. 857 and No. 858, that is information which the Government have provided in the past.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes and I think because there is a specific public interest in that, I am sorry that should not have been included in that list and I will get the Minister for Justice to write to the hon Member providing that information. The hon Member is right, it has just been categorised because of the formulation of the question. But he is right. I would have provided that particular information which normally does not break down into that many entries.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am saying that Question No. 858 is about additional expenditure higher than that budgeted for National Day. It has been shown in a reallocation statement so it is not something that could have been discussed in the budget, because the reallocations statement was not in the budget.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I agree with that too. I will have both those provided to the hon Members.

ORAL

NO. 866 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. 867 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 867 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. 866 and 868 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 868 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

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 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866, 867 and 869 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 869 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – EXPENDITURE

Can Government now state what have been the recurrent expenditure of the Sports and Leisure Authority for the current financial year to 30 September 2007 giving a breakdown of personal emoluments and other recurrent expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 868 and 870 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 870 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 2007, giving a breakdown of personal emoluments, employment costs and other recurrent expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 869 and 871 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 871 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 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 870 and 872 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 872 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. 866 to 871 and 873 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 873 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 a breakdown by personal emoluments, industrial wages, other personnel and other recurrent expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 872 and 874 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 874 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 2007 giving a breakdown as between Employment and Training and other divisions?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 873 and 875 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 875 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. 866 to 874 and 876 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 876 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. 866 to 875 and 877 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 877 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 2007, giving a breakdown by Head of Revenue?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 876 and 878 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 878 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 2007, giving a breakdown by Head of Expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 877 and 879 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 879 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 2007 giving a breakdown by Head of Revenue?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 878 and 880 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 880 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 2007 giving a breakdown by Head of Expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 879 and 881 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 881 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 2007 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. 866 to 880 and 882 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 882 OF 2007

THE HON G H LICUDI

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – EXPENDITURE

Can Government say how much of the following estimated expenditure by the Sports and Leisure Authority for 2007/2008 has been spent as on 31st October 2007, with a breakdown in each case showing who the money was paid to and for what purpose:

- (a) Grant to sporting societies £130,000;
- (b) International Competitions £150,000;
- (c) Sports Development Projects £86,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 881 and 883 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 883 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – EXPENDITURE

Can Government state the amount of GHA expenditure on the maintenance of the KGV hospital on a monthly basis from the months of February 2007 to November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 882 and 884 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 884 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – EXPENDITURE

Can Government say how much of the estimated GHA expenditure of £2.1 million for 2007/2008 in respect of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals has been spent as at 30 November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 883 and 885 to 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 885 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – EXPENDITURE

Can Government say how much of the estimated GHA expenditure of £7.5 million for 2007/2008 in respect of GPMS Prescriptions has been spent as at 30 November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 884, 886 and 887 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 886 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – EXPENDITURE

Can Government say how much of the £800,000 estimated GHA expenditure for 2007/2008 on medical and surgical appliances has been spent as at 30 November 2007, giving a breakdown of the sum?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 866 to 885 and 887 of 2007.

NO. 887 OF 2007

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – EXPENDITURE

Can Government say how much of the following estimated GHA expenditure for 2007/2008 has been spent as at 30 November 2007, with a breakdown of the sum involved:

- (a) Hardware, uniforms and linens - £300,000;
- (b) Patients appliances - £90,000;
- (c) Dressing, medical gases and tests - £900,000;
- (d) Provisions: - £330,000?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

All these questions call for accounting information relating to the current financial year which ends on 31 March 2008. The information, in effect, requires the Government to account to this House for revenue and expenditure to a date during the year. Under the Constitution and laws of Gibraltar, the Government is responsible to account for these matters as at the year end. The Government does not consider it appropriate to do otherwise. That is the formal position, however, I will indicate to the hon Member that as soon as I have had sight of management accounts to the 30 September, I will happily copy it to him so that he has the same information as me. I have not seen them yet, when I get them I will write to him and copy them to him.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 866 TO 887 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Let me say that I have been provided on the same basis with that information in other years and that I do not think it is unreasonable to say when we have gone past the half year, we are sort of nine months into the year, to get a feel for how the projections that were made at Budget time have been performing half way through. It gives us an idea of how things are going.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

He is right. I mean I understand the use that the hon Member wants to put it to but the effect of it is that not all of them are up to September. Some of the questions that we have not read were to a month other than September.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, all my questions were up to September.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

All his questions but there were other questions that are not. For example, Question No. 887 which would have been read out by the Hon Mr Costa, asks for a figure as at 30 November and there are others in October. What the Government has been made to do is, in effect, to account for the current financial year on a month by month basis, and this is just unreasonable. We do not mind sharing with the Opposition, for whatever reason they want, information as and when we get it on a six monthly basis and when I see September, for the whole of the period, even if they have not asked a specific question, I will copy them to him so long as he understands that they are unaudited, tentative, all the usual qualifications.

ORAL

NO. 888 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

LEISURE CENTRE – KING’S BASTION

Can Government state by what date the payments totalling £5.75 million being 50 per cent of the cost of the Leisure Centre was paid and who the payments were made to?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 889 of 2007.

NO. 889 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

LEISURE CENTRE – KING’S BASTION

Can Government provide a breakdown of the £11.5 million cost of the Leisure Centre showing the relevant contractors and the nature of the work, service or materials supplied, with the pertinent costs?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

As the House knows, the contract for the construction of the Leisure Centre is not a contract to which the Government is a party, that is the construction contract. Its delivery is part of the premium payable for the development of the MidTown project by the developer. The Government paid its part in monthly, unequal payments against certificates between September 2005 and May 2007. Although the payments were technically due to the developer, they were in fact paid directly to the contractor, Volker Stevin, on account of the developer. Those payments totalled £5,465,426, the balance up to £5,750,000, that is to say, around £300,000 was paid directly to the developer in monthly unequal payments during the same period. The Government do not have details of the payments made by the contractor and the developer, nor were those payments made by the Government. The Government's payments are to the developer, being our share of the cost of his contract.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 888 AND 889 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Who is the developer?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The developer is Commercial Developments (Investments) Limited who are the developers of the MidTown project.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but these are not payments for the MidTown project, these are payments for the Leisure Centre.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, but the Leisure Centre, the developers have to deliver a Leisure Centre to the Government as part of the premium for that project. It is their contract, they have contracted the contractor of the Leisure Centre. It is just that we wanted a Leisure Centre which was worth more than what they were committed to provide for us as the part premium for the Centre. Therefore, we paid them the balance. But it was not our construction contract with Volker Stevin who are the contractors.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, I know, but at one stage we were told in the House that the Government did not need any permission because they were the developer of the Leisure Centre. So it now turns out that they were not the developer of the Leisure Centre after all then.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

We are the developer of the Leisure Centre in the sense that the Leisure Centre was a project for the Government. But we did not directly contract, we were not the employer perhaps a better word than developer, we were not the employer of the contractor that built the Leisure Centre.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but the Chief Minister in previous answers has told me that because they were the developer that they did not need to go through any of the requirements for seeking permission, because they would be seeking it for themselves, and that in fact what they had was an agent managing their development for them. He cannot tell the House now, I think, that because the agent contracted people for them, the agent has now become the developer and therefore we cannot get a breakdown of what he was contracting for the Government to do. Look, surely, if the justification for the expenditure of £5.75 million is that this is 50 per cent of something, then I think the House is entitled to say, well look, what is it you are paying 50 per cent of?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I will say what we are paying 50 per cent of, I do not mind telling him that. We are paying 50 per cent of the cost of Commercial Development (Investment) Limited's contract with Volker Stevin for the construction of the project. There is a small element of project management fees by Commercial Development (Investments) Limited as well but Commercial Developments (Investments) Limited were not making multifarious payments of that money, they were certificated payments to the contractor, Volker Stevin. Now, there is £11.5 million worth of Leisure Centre there, the usual payments that a contractor would make for his own labour costs, his own material costs.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is not very usual for the relationship to be as incestuous as this one appears to be. The guy that is the customer of the Government is also the manager of the project for

the Government and possibly also one of the shareholders in Volker Stevin (Gibraltar) Limited. So I mean, because all these payments have got a level of internality to these transactions, then surely, if somebody is acting for the Government as the Government's agent to pay somebody but also is involved in the entity that is charging the Government, then we would like to be sure that the Government have got value for money in what is something that is much more expensive than it was originally intended to be, no?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it is not much more expensive than it was originally intended to be. It is just that we upgraded the extent of the Leisure Centre. As part of their premium, I cannot remember the exact figures, but they had to provide a Leisure Centre up to a maximum value of £5.5 million, whatever the figure was.

HON J J BOSSANO:

£5 million out of the £10 million.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

We decided that that was not the sort of Leisure Centre that we wanted, and they said that was all right but if we wanted a better Leisure Centre than £5 million would purchase then we would have to pay the difference, and that is what happened.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I see, so presumably then we will be able to get what it was that was requested at that point by the Government which cost another £6 million on top of what was originally going to cost £5 million.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, because this happened before the design phase. The Government had the Leisure Centre designed and we were giving instructions to the design team, and then when we had designed the Leisure Centre that we wanted built we had to pay anything above 50 per cent of that, whatever it was, to the contractor. The hon Member's other point about value for money is difficult to satisfy him just by providing him with the information that he has had. They would have to do, as we have done I think, get all the bills of quantity and all the construction costs and have it assessed to see whether it is genuinely a contract which should cost money of that order. He cannot work it out from the information that he has requested. Obviously the Government think that there is no.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is obvious the Government think that they are making the right decisions otherwise they would not make them. That does not need to be said, it is self evident. The point that I am making is that if the House is originally told, look, we have not gone to

tender on this because we have got a deal where it will cost us more if we do things ourselves than by getting somebody who is going to provide it for us, and this person is going to provide us with a Leisure Centre for £5 million which would cost us more to do if we did it. Then we find that instead of costing £5 million it costs £11.5 million and we find that, in fact, the person who was supposed to build it and hand it over done is the agent for the Government and the Government are paying all the bills. Remember that the process started with the Government actually paying for the demolition because the paperwork was not there or there was a cash flow problem. So we see the Government in many respects doing all the things in terms of dishing out money and doing the design and then getting somebody to get contractors, where before it was almost as if the big advantage in the process was that they were going to get somebody that was, simply at the end of the day, going to deliver a spanking new Leisure Centre, in which they would have had all the work done by somebody else and the fact that it was a £5 million thing, from the perspective of the explanation given to the House at that time, was that the House was getting, the people of Gibraltar were getting something that would have cost them more than £5 million but was costing them £5 million, not because it was a second rate product but because of the efficiency of the private sector in doing these things. Now, I would have thought that a difference between £5 million and £11 million, if one were to say that the original one did not have a bowling alley and the bowling alley went in later and that cost £500,000, that kind of thing, is that information available or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know whether there was an original, I do not know whether they had ever got round to designing the sort of Leisure Centre that they could deliver for around £5 million, if they did I have not seen it. Certainly, the Government have been adding, have been designing up the Leisure Centre, as we have gone along. This has been until we finished an agreed design and it was costed, the hon Member is right in saying that cost has not been market tested but we are satisfied that it is a fair and proper cost. Part of the advantage was supposed to be that we would be insulated from any cost over-runs. So in respect of their half, this was a fixed price contract had it over-run the costs on their half of it we would have been insulated from any costs on half of the over-runs. I think I remember saying that to the House at the time, that part of the advantage was that to the extent that it was £5.5 million or whatever, they had to deliver that and if it ended up costing more than £5.5 million then that was for their accounts and that is true. In respect of their 50 per cent, 50 per cent of the cost over-runs would have been for their account. But if the hon Member is simply saying that Volker Stevin's construction contract for the Leisure Centre for Commercial Developments (Investments) Limited on behalf of the Government, for which the Government has paid 50 per cent of the cost, has not been market tested, that is absolutely correct. He is right in saying that.

ORAL

NO. 890 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – CONTRIBUTION TO RUNNING EXPENSES

Can Government state how much has been paid to date in the current financial year as the Government's contribution to the aerodrome running expenses and has the estimated cost been affected by the reduction in flights to Madrid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 891 of 2007.

NO. 891 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – CONTRIBUTION TO RUNNING EXPENSES

Can Government confirm that the payment for the running of the airport under Head 6E Sub-Head 3A is paid to the MoD and how much was actually paid in 2006/2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

A total of £1,848,000 has been paid to date and the estimate for the year remains unchanged at £2.772 million. The payment for the running of the airport is paid to the MoD and the total paid for 2006/2007 was £462,000 because it was not a full year. Insofar as the tail end of Question No. 890 is concerned, as to whether it is affected by the reduction in the flights to Madrid, in principle no because this is not per flight, this is a sharing of costs of airport operations. There could be some positive impact from a reduction of flights, although of course it is more than made worse by the reduction in revenue which we suffer, but in terms of pure reduction in costs, there may be some overtime that has been saved because the airfield no longer has to stay open to wait for an aircraft to arrive from Madrid at 11 o'clock, or 10 o'clock, or whatever the time it was the plane came in. So there may be a very small saving there, but of course, the loss of revenue which is all for us, the revenue was all for us, is substantial. So in terms of the net cost of this arrangement to the Consolidated Fund, the loss of the Madrid flight means that the Consolidated Fund has to put up more money over and above the revenue that it receives.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 890 AND 891 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

But was it not part of the original argument that led the Government into this that the MoD were saying that if there were more commercial flights there were more costs for them?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the rationale for the Government taking over this was really that the Government felt that it was no longer appropriate in a modern commercial age, for Gibraltar's commercial interests and commercial face, in terms of civilian air traffic, should be in the hands of the MoD who were negotiating with airlines and then making decisions driven by budgetary imperatives imposed on them by their Ministry of Defence

budgetary controllers. As happened with Monarch and as happened when the Minister in the UK suddenly announced the 25 per cent increase in landing charges backdated. This causes huge loss of face to Gibraltar in terms of Gibraltar's image in the commercial airline world, and the Government simply just wanted to be in the driving seat. We wanted to take control of all of that so that the destiny and the management, the decisions and the policy and the financial modelling of the airfield, in terms of did we want to suffer losses in order to generate business and attract airlines and suffer the subsidy in the meantime, that that should be entirely a matter in the Gibraltar Government's decision making process and in implementation. That was the rationale for it, but of course, as more airlines come to Gibraltar, the Government's revenue from landing fees increases and, therefore, the cost of our contribution to the MoD deal decreases. Not decreases but it is offset by revenue. At the moment there is an imbalance. That is to say, our contribution to the MoD deal is greater than the revenue that we are enjoying from landing charges. Therefore, at the moment this is a loss making business, if I can call it that, for the Government. We hope quickly, over a number of years, to reverse that to a position where it might even become a profit centre for the Government. But we are not there yet. But we are now in a position to bring it about if we can for the benefit of the Government of Gibraltar and not for the benefit of the MoD.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Perhaps I misunderstood the explanation he gave the House then when he explained, I think it was at the Budget, about the nature of the arrangement. But I thought he had said that there was a cost which was related to the number of commercial flights and a percentage of the military flights. Therefore, the impression that I got was the more flights the more we paid the MoD, even though the increase in revenue might be greater per flight than the increase in expenditure. So what we are saying is that the cost of the MoD is fixed and does not go up or down depending on the use then?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No. It is true that when deciding on the percentage we did an analysis of aircraft movements, and indeed, I think the answer was that more than 50 per cent of the movements were civilian in a year but the share out of expenditure does not fluctuate by reference to what proportion of future usage is military and civilian. I cannot imagine what I might have said that the hon Member may have misinterpreted.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think it was the Budget but I may be wrong. It was when the Chief Minister gave an explanation to me in the House as to some of the aspects of this. I remember that he mentioned that the cost of the commercial flights were for the Gibraltar Government and also a share of the military flights. I interpreted that to mean that, of course, the level of utilisation produced both additional revenue and additional costs.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I remember saying to him that beyond the 50/50 split if commercial traffic generated additional expenditure, for example after hours opening and things like that, those were all for the account of the Government. I remember saying that.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That must have been it then.

NO. 892 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HOUSING – WATERPORT TERRACES

Can Government state since the 31st January 2007 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

The sum of £5,124,627 has been received from purchasers from the 31st January to date. In this period, a total of £6,541,520 has been paid to contractors and other parties. The other parties being mainly the design team, architects.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 892 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is the £6 million in line with the payments that were originally envisaged by the Government when the contract was agreed with the developers/contractors?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

In terms of time line, no, because the project is delayed. But of course, as against progress on site, yes, because these are certificated payments by the architects against progress made on site. So, we are behind schedule, in terms of cash flow if the hon Member were to look at our original cash flow projections, we are behind because the project is delayed. Therefore, the contractor should have had more by now than he has had. Had the progress on the site been what it should have been by now.

ORAL

NO. 893 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 2006/2007 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 No. 894 of 2007.

NO. 894 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 2006/2007, and if so, how much and how many companies were involved?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Income Tax amounting to £323,791.05 in respect of 60 self-employed individuals has been written-off in the financial year 2006/2007. Corporation Tax amounting to £124,606.96 in respect of 19 companies has been written-off in the same financial year.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 893 AND 894 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Are these companies that were not trading any longer, that have been put into liquidation?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Of the 19, 15 were in respect of companies that had been wound up and four are in respect of companies that were simply abandoned by their owners.

NO. 895 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

What was the amount of Company Tax collected in each month since January 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Corporation Tax collected (net of refunds) in the months of February 2007 to October 2007 is:

	£M
February 2007	15.87
March 2007	2.53
April 2007	0.51
May 2007	0.22
June 2007	0.52
July 2007	1.42
August 2007	0.64
September 2007	0.22
October 2007	0.38

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 895 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

The figure for February, the £15.87 million, which of course fell in the last financial year, is this the result of the change that was brought into the legislation seeking that the money should come in within.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. So it has now been advanced to February. Payments are now due by February, yes.

ORAL

NO. 896 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – PAYE

How much was collected in PAYE each month since January 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 897 and 898 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 897 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

As at the end of October 2007, how many companies, in each tax year 1995/1996 to 2006/2007 had been assessed for Company Tax and what were the amounts of tax payable and paid in respect of each tax year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 896 and 898 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 898 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – PAYE

Can Government state, as at the end of October 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

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

Answer to Question 896

The PAYE tax (net of refunds) collected in the months of February 2007 to October 2007 is detailed hereunder:

	£M
February 2007	6.48
March 2007	7.59
April 2007	7.22
May 2007	7.34
June 2007	6.89
July 2007	8.37
August 2007	6.55
September 2007	6.46
October 2007	7.42

Answer to Question 897

	1995/96 £M	1996/97 £M	1997/98 £M	1998/99 £M	1999/00 £M	2000/01 £M
Assessed	15.8	15.7	20.0	26.0	90.4	29.1
Discharged	5.8	5.2	9.4	11.5	76.6	15.9
	10.0	10.5	10.6	14.5	13.8	13.2
Paid	9.5	10.3	10.4	14.4	13.6	13.2
Outstanding	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
No. of Companies	1446	1419	1468	1463	1549	1591
	2001/02 £M	2002/03 £M	2003/04 £M	2004/05 £M	2005/06 £M	2006/07 £M
Assessed	31.7	36.7	41.4	35.3	44.0	47.9
Discharged	16.9	20.1	18.4	12.5	19.1	23.1
	14.8	16.6	23.0	22.8	24.9	24.8
Paid	14.2	15.5	22.0	20.1	21.5	21.1
Outstanding	0.6	1.1	1.0	2.7	3.4	3.7
No. of Companies	1553	1543	1604	1602	1497	1327

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Contd Answer to Question 898 of 2007

Answer to Question 898

As at 31 October 2007, 117 employers had not yet returned their 2004/05 Employer's Declaration and PAYE Certificates.

ORAL

NO. 899 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

As at the end of October 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 2006/2007, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each category and year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 900 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 900 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – CORPORATION TAX

As at the end of October 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 2006/2007, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each case for each category and each year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

Answer to Question 900 of 2007

Answer to Question 899

COMPANIES ASSESSED HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS

Year of Assessment	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
	£	£	£	£	£

Under £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	231	316	382	440	435
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	0.5M	0.6M	0.9M	1.1M	1.0M
Total Paid	0.5M	0.6M	0.8M	1.0M	1.0M

Over £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	77	101	135	151	155
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	6.3M	9.7M	12.0M	13.5M	15.2M
Total Paid	6.3M	9.7M	11.9M	13.3M	15.2M

Year of Assessment	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
	£	£	£	£

Under £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	446	406	425	336
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	1.0M	1.0M	1.0M	0.7M
Total Paid	1.0M	1.0M	1.0M	0.7M

Over £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	167	159	134	106
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	21.9M	21.9M	21.7M	18.9M
Total Paid	21.9M	20.8M	20.6M	18.9M

The difference of £0.3M in the answer provided to Question 309 of 2007, in respect of the total tax paid by companies assessed on taxable profits over £35,000 for the tax year 2005/2006, is primarily due to refunds made and transfer of amounts from one year of assessment to another.

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Contd. Answer to Question 900 of 2007**Answer to Question 900****COMPANIES ASSESSED WITHOUT HAVING MADE A RETURN OF
TAXABLE PROFITS**

Year of Assessment	1998/99 £	1999/00 £	2000/01 £	2001/02 £	2002/03 £
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Under £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	728	532	241	257	289
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	1.4M	0.9M	0.4M	0.5M	0.7M
Total Paid	1.3M	0.7M	0.2M	0.2M	0.5M

Over £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	42	34	8	11	27
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	2.7M	2.5M	0.2M	0.3M	0.9M
Total Paid	2.7M	2.5M	0.1M	0.1M	0.5M

Year of Assessment	2003/04 £	2004/05 £	2005/06 £	2006/07 £
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Under £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	327	428	514	612
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	0.7M	1.1M	1.3M	1.7M
Total Paid	0.6M	1.1M	1.2M	1.7M

Over £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	23	27	62	102
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	0.7M	0.9M	1.4M	3.3M
Total Paid	0.6M	0.8M	1.4M	3.3M

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 899 AND 900 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it in fact that in answer to Question No. 900 the figures for companies that have been assessed without making a return for 2005/2006 and 2006/2007, which is higher than in previous years of 62 and 102, is simply a question of taking its time for the returns to be made, because it would not be an indication that there are less returns being made, no?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

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ORAL

NO. 901 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GBC

Can Government provide the breakdown of the GBC Administration and Selling expenses for the financial year 2003/2004?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 902 and 903 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 902 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GBC

Can Government provide the breakdown of the GBC Programme and Operating expenses for the financial year 2003/2004?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 901 and 903 of 2007.

NO. 903 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GBC

Can Government state when it is expected that the GBC Audited Accounts for the financial year 2004/2005 will be available? They have, of course, been Tabled already so they are available.

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

GBC is not a Government owned or controlled body. The Government are not responsible for its expenditure nor accountable for it in this House. We do not have information beyond what is presented in the Profit and Loss Account and in the accounts. This is not information which we would normally have or seek access. They are public funds and therefore the Principal Auditor can theoretically ask for the information and trace them. But the Government have never sought to interfere in the minutia of GBC business to the extent of asking them for this.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 901 TO 903 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am not asking them to interfere in terms of telling them how much they should spend on this. But in fact, I asked this question in January and there was no explanation as to why it had appeared some years and not others, and as I understood it, it was left on the basis that the fact that we were seeking the information would be transmitted back to GBC. I suppose I can write to the GBC Board and say can they provide me with the information, because at the end of the day if we are voting the money and now it is all voted by the House, then if information has been there before I do not see why it should not be there subsequently.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government have no objection to him writing to the GBC Board, nor indeed to the GBC Board giving him the information if that is what they want to do. But we are reluctant to stand as the accounter for GBC. This does not even fall within the definition of the Hon Mr Licudi yesterday, when we were debating about the DPC. Here the Minister is not even the Chairman, the Government have no representation on the Board, Government try to keep a distance, so I would prefer it if he did write

directly. Of course if the GBC Board for any reason were to ask the Government whether we had any objection to him being provided with the information, we would say that we do not have any objection.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I would like to make the point that this is not a question of interfering. At the end of the day when we come to vote this year's money, it is the Government that will be asking Parliament to vote a sum of money. Presumably, if I ask for a breakdown of that sum of money when we come to vote for it, then it is not enough for the Government to say they cannot give me the breakdown because GBC is an independent body. We are required to vote public funds in Parliament and I think the normal thing is that if the people who are voting the money want some information about it, then even if it is not a Government department that information is available. The fact that the information was contained in some years and not in others, well look, the selling expenses and the programme and operating expenses which I think may be back this year, in the one that has been Tabled today, are not an irrelevant bit of the outfit. It is an important indication of the kind of expenses that are front line expenses to the job that they do.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not necessarily disagree with what the Leader of the Opposition is saying, but this is information that belongs to GBC. How much information this House demands before agreeing to the subvention to GBC, in the past we have provided a subvention to make up a shortfall, now given the abolition of television licences we are in effect the paymasters of GBC from public funds minus whatever little amount they raise from commercial advertising, which is a small amount. It is for discussion between this House as to how much information this House is going to demand. I entirely accept that position. Let me say that there are many bodies that this House provides subventions to. For example, when we were providing subventions to the Financial Services Commission, we did not attempt to micro-manage or get information and indeed, they would have felt that we were interfering with their independence through financial control, which is an argument they use increasingly. The judiciary uses it, anybody who thinks they should be independent of the Government, uses any attempt by the Government to control its finances or to demand accountability for its finances, they immediately say that this is interference with their independence. I think many organisations abuse that argument. I happen to agree with the Leader of the Opposition's basic sentiment, but if this Parliament is voting public funds and if there is an organisation that relies on public funds voted by this House, that this House should be entitled to as much information as it wants as to what those public funds are going to be used for.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Especially if it has been available for other financial years and there is no particular reason for not having it.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I agree.

ORAL

NO. 904 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 2005/2006?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 905 and 906 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 905 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

Answered together with Question Nos. 904 and 906 of 2007.

NO. 906 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INPUT/OUTPUT MODEL

Can Government confirm that it will be providing the information updating the existing Input/Output model on the same basis as the original information was provided?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Let me tell the hon Member that this is the second year in a row that he frustrates with the timing of his questions my intention to put out a statement boasting about the growth in GDP. Once I have notice of the question I take the view that the Government should not then put out a statement but rather wait for the House and give the information in an answer. But the papers were on my desk to issue a statement when the questions came in. Anyway, the GDP estimate for 2005/2006 have been finalised. GDP (factor cost) stood at £655.88 million, a rise in money terms of 9.5 per cent and in real terms of 6.7 per cent over the previous year.

The final results of the update to the Input/Output model were received on the 25th November 2007 and as on the previous occasions, the Leader of the Opposition is invited to write to me to request a copy of the report on a confidential basis. It may be that he gets his replies in the past, I think in the past he has had it from the Chief Secretary.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 904 TO 906 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Will the Government be issuing a breakdown of the GDP figure or providing it? He has just given the sort of bottom line.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I have a breakdown of this year's GDP figure, it is just that I have not got a copy to give him.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I actually read the breakdown.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I have no doubt.

ORAL

NO. 907 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

WESTERN BEACH RECLAMATION

Can Government state in respect of the £150,000 paid by Bassadone Project Vehicles towards the cost of the design phase of the Western Beach Reclamation project in 2004/2005 how much had been spent on the design phase by the time this payment was received and how much has been spent since, showing the amounts in different financial years?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 908 of 2007.

NO. 908 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

WESTERN BEACH RECLAMATION

Can Government state who is contracted to carry out the design phase of the Western Beach Reclamation project, when work on the design phase started, how long it is expected to take and how much will it cost?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Western Beach Reclamation project is a Government project. Government have contracted DHV B.V as Consulting Engineers for the project. Works on the design phase started on 17 December 2004 and was completed on the 6 October 2006. The cost of the design phase was £432,000.

Toyota (Gibraltar) Stockholding Limited is negotiating to take some of the reclaimed land to relocate its vehicles stockholding and conversion activities. It has made certain advance payments of premium in that respect. The first advance instalment of premium was £150,000 and was paid on 21st December 2004, by which time £55,000 had been spent on the project by the Government. A second instalment of £250,000 of advanced premium was paid on 10th August 2005. The total project expenditure to date is £457,000 of which £114,000 was paid in 2004/2005, £107,000 in 2005/2006 and £236,000 in 2006/2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 907 AND 908 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Government confirm that these revenue and expenditure items have been through the Improvement and Development Fund?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, at the moment it is all being done through a suspense account, through a deposit account in the name of Gibraltar Land Holdings Limited, because of course, the premium is an advance premium, the Government have not actually earned it yet. That is the money that we are using for this, there is not attempt to hide that, but the answer is carefully worded to make it clear to the hon Member that there is an income of premium, advance premium, and an outgoing of expenses on the design phase but the design phase costs are being paid by the Government, we are

receiving a premium which of course we are using for that purpose, but I did not want the hon Member to think that Bassadone Project Vehicles was directly paying the design cost fees. I wanted to make it clear that the income was advance premium and the outgoings were by the Government.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But the advance premium is being paid to Gibraltar Land Holdings Limited, which implies that the land will be held by Gibraltar Land Holdings Limited.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. Sorry, when I said Government I meant Government acting through its company. I did not intend to mean the I&DF.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The design is what, the design of what is required to carry out the reclamation in that area, is that correct?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There are a number of things, it is the design, development of concepts, it is the design development phase, there are many aspects of it. It is not just the actual creation of the reclamation, it is things related to aviation safety and the impact in terms of aviation safety, that sort of thing. But it relates to the design of the reclamation and not to the design of whatever is going to be built on there afterwards.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I accept that. But is the design phase of that Western Beach Reclamation to determine whether the reclamation should take place? Or to tell the Government how to bring it about?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Exactly, it is the design of a reclamation that will be able to accommodate the intended users, which are a light industrial use, a small boat marina, that sort of thing. So it is not a feasibility study, it is a design of the reclamation itself. The next phase would be procurement, would be going out to tender and things of that sort.

HON J J BOSSANO:

What is the land mass that would be created if it proceeds and goes to tender and gets done?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

A total of 120,000 square metres. Hon Members will recall that this is the project that I said yesterday was one that the Government had said that they should do, because the land that was created was worth more than the cost of creating it. Remember when we were discussing the Island, the Heart Island thing?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, presumably then the Chief Minister has some idea of what it costs, because if designing it has come to £500,000 and they have not yet put a drop of fill in the place.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is not unusual.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Do the Government have some notion of the magnitude of the possible cost of such a reclamation? I do not want figures that might encourage somebody to put in a high price, but I mean, presumably if the Government think that the land can be obtained at a cost lower than it is worth in the market, then they must have some notion of the kind or price they can get it done for?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes there is a notion, I do not have the information in my head but there is of course precisely that calculation. Just to give an indication, I think that the reclamation for the Government rental scheme in mid harbour, I think was from memory £4 million or £5 million. So that is the sort of order. I just want to give the hon Member a ballpark of the sort.

ORAL

NO. 909 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 January 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 910 and 911 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 910 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

NATWEST LOAN FACILITY

Can Government state whether any use has been made of the £20 million additional borrowing facility agreed with Natwest and the date on which the facility became available?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 909 and 911 of 2007.

NO. 911 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

NATWEST LOAN FACILITY

Can Government state whether it has to make any payment to Natwest in respect of the £20 million additional borrowing facility in addition to the front end fee of £75,000 and the legal and other costs of £8,150 even if no funds are drawn down from the facility?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

At each of those months it was five for Barclays and five for NatWest, total ten, which I think is the position he has had in the past.

The Natwest Revolving Loan facility was increased from £30 million to £50 million with effect from 31 July 2006 in order to provide the Treasury with flexibility in its management of the public debt. No drawdowns from this additional revolving facility have been made.

A non-utilisation fee of 0.1 per cent is payable on any undrawn balance.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 909 TO 911 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is difficult to understand why it was needed if there has been no use made of it since July 2006. Where did the flexibility come in?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well I will explain it. Let me just illustrate it anecdotally. The Government is not Northern Rock but if Northern Rock had contracted credit lines before the credit crunch, it would not then have been exposed to the vagaries of the wholesale money market when the credit crunch came. In other words, there is a value in having credit lines contractually negotiated because the banks are then committed, in whatever circumstances occur, to make the facilities available. The sort of flexibility is a longer term source of borrowing, flexibility of borrowing and repayment which comes from revolving facilities, provision of a possible increase in the public debt ceiling beyond £100 million I think is almost inevitable that we will seek to increase the borrowing limits at some stage during the next four years. It is nice to know that one has got

some source to draw from, if one does, and an alternative source of finance should Government Debentures be repaid at any time. This is the sort of flexibility. Mainly the fact that one knows that one has it. The Government will not be in a position of raising the borrowing limits and then finding that there is not anybody willing to lend. So there is some value to that and it comes at a cost, albeit a small one but there is a cost.

ORAL

NO. 912 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state what has been the amount collected in each month since January 2007 from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 913 to 915 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 913 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 January 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 912, 914 and 915 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 914 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 January 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 912, 913 and 915 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 915 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state how much has been collected as Stamp Duty in each month since January 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

For reasons that I cannot explain this has been put down for full answer but I think the hon Member has got little chance of getting the information down. So would he accept from me a photocopy of the answer that I have and instead of reading it out we will deal with it as a schedule.

Answer to Question 912

The amount collected from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues is as follows:

January 2007	£3,600.00
February 2007	£2,320.00
March 2007	£2,650.00
April 2007	£1,800.00
May 2007	£1,700.00
June 2007	£3,495.00
July 2007	£2,295.55
August 2007	£1,580.00
September 2007	£1,685.00

Answer to Question 913

The revenue yield in respect of the 1.6 per cent Stamp Duty that was paid is as follows:

January 2007	£37,832.00
February 2007	£47,381.09
March 2007	£151,387.20
April 2007	£117,418.80
May 2007	£82,867.09
June 2007	£32,240.00
July 2007	£46,772.80
August 2007	£57,368.00
September 2007	£39,763.87

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Contd Answer to Question 915 of 2007

Answer to Question 914

The number of properties which have qualified for Zero Stamp Duty on sale is as follows:

January 2007	19
February 2007	19
March 2007	46
April 2007	28
May 2007	37
June 2007	32
July 2007	25
August 2007	71
September 2007	36

Answer to Question 915

Stamp Duty collected in each month since January 2007 is as follows:

January 2007	£382,187.27
February 2007	£122,046.28
March 2007	£545,297.69
April 2007	£513,181.72
May 2007	£253,913.61
June 2007	£398,584.92
July 2007	£207,763.77
August 2007	£288,269.68
September 2007	£281,648.06

ORAL

NO. 916 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. 335 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 917 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 917 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. 334 of 2007, and if so, show the grade and department?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, the information requested by the hon Member is in the schedules that are now being handed to him, in respect of both filling and new vacancies.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 917/2007**Answer to Question 916**

The posts filled are as follows:-

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO OF POSTS FILLED</u>
Audit Office	Audit Clerk	1
	Administrative Officer	1
Budget Office	Personal Secretary	1
Buildings and Works	HPTO (Operations Manager)	1
	T.G.1 Estimator	1
	Works Supervisor	1
	Administrative Officer	1
	M.T. Driver	1
Civil Status & Registration Office	Administrative Officer	1
Education & Training	Educational Psychologist	1
	Deputy Headteacher	1
	Qualified Teacher	10
	Administrative Officer	2
	Classroom Aide (Special Needs)	1
	School Attendant with Driving Duties	1
Fire Brigade	Station Officer	1
	Sub Officer	1
	Leading Firefighter	1
Gibraltar Health Authority	Administrative Officer	11
Housing	T.G.1 (Housing Inspector)	1
	Administrative Officer	1
Human Resources	Administrative Officer	2
Income Tax	Administrative Officer	3
Magistrates' Court	Administrative Officer	2
Maritime Administration	Maritime Administrator	1
	Chief Surveyor	1
	Administrative Officer	1
No.6	SPTO (Minor Works)	1
	Senior Messenger	3
	Personal Secretary	1
	Administrative Officer	3
Police	Police Sergeant	1
	Administrative Officer	7

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 917/2007

Port Authority	Captain of the Port	1
	Port Officer	1
	Coxswain	1
Post Office	Administrative Officer	1
Prison	Prison Superintendent	1
	Chief Officer (Manager 'E')	1
Social Security	Administrative Officer	8
	Messenger	1
Social Services Agency	Administrative Officer	1
Statistics	Administrative Officer	1
Technical Services	PTO (Highways Inspector)	1
	Administrative Officer	1
	Mechanical Fitter	1
	Depot Writer	1
	M.T Driver	3
Transport	Administrative Officer	1
Treasury	Administrative Officer	1
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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 917/2007**Answer to Question 917**

29 posts have become vacant. The details are set out below:-

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO OF VACANT POSTS</u>
A G's Chambers	Typist	1
Buildings and Works	PTO	1
	CSSO	1
	Painter	1
	Mason	1
Customs	AO Customs	1
Education & Training	Training Officer	1
	School Nurse P/T	1
	20 Hr Cleaner	3
Fire Brigade	Firefighter	1
Housing	HPTO	1
Human Resources	SEO	1
IT & Logistics	Senior Officer	1
Maritime Authority	Senior Marine Surveyor	1
Police	Police Constable	8
Port Authority	Port Officer	3
Prison	Senior Prison Officer	1
Technical Services	Mason	1

ORAL

NO. 918 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PRE-1969 SPANISH PENSIONERS – MEDICAL COSTS

Can Government explain on what basis does the Spanish Government consider that there is a liability for the medical costs of pre-1969 Spanish pensioners which they have chosen not to seek reimbursement for?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 919 and 920 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 919 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PRE-1969 SPANISH PENSIONERS – MEDICAL COSTS

Can Government state what is the sum which the Spanish Government consider is the total amount of the medical cost of pre-1969 pensioners and how was it calculated?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 918 and 920 of 2007.

NO. 920 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PRE-1969 SPANISH PENSIONERS – MEDICAL COSTS

Can Government state whether: (a) the UK Government, and/or (b) the Gibraltar Government accepted in the course of negotiations which preceded the agreement by UK to pay revalued pensions to pre 1969 Spanish pensioners that there was a financial responsibility for payment of medical costs of such pensioners even though no such payments had ever been claimed previously?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There is an EU Regulation to the effect that retired workers who live in one EU State but contributed to the Social Insurance Scheme of another EU State, are entitled to receive health care from the State in which they live, but that State is entitled to be reimbursed in accordance with a fixed formula by the State to whose Social Insurance Scheme the contributions were made. I am not aware of the precise amount involved but, if due, it amounts to many tens of millions of pounds. The Gibraltar Government did not accept that any such liability existed on a proper interpretation of that Regulation.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 918 TO 920 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

So in fact, where the recently issued National Audit Report says that this is a liability that the Spanish Government decided not to seek to have met, and puts it as an offsetting factor in the settlement. This is the view of the United Kingdom Government not the view of the Gibraltar Government?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Correct. In saying that we did not accept it, it is because we were not required to form a view, not that we definitively took the view that it was not due. The United Kingdom made its decision based on the fact that it would be the party that would have had to pay. In saying that the Gibraltar Government did not accept liability I am not saying that the Gibraltar Government rejected liability. It is just that as we were not called upon to pay we did not have to form a view, but we thought that there were potential arguments.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Against it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, potential arguments. Whether they would have succeeded or not is another matter. Legal advisers of the UK took a different view or took the view that the arguments are not worth incurring in the risk of and accepted it as a concession that they had saved this money. That the Regulation exists and appears to say this is incontrovertible.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, it is Regulation 1408 of 1971, I am familiar with it. Certainly I do not read it to say that but I do not pretend to be a legal expert, rather an economist. But is it not the case, in fact, that the Regulation makes it the responsibility of the State that the person worked in last prior to retirement? If it is as open ended as somebody leaving Gibraltar in 1969, reaching retirement age 20 years later in another labour market, assuming that he has not been unemployed for 20 years and that his last job was not in Gibraltar and that creates a liability for Gibraltar, then the legitimacy of that argument is something that is very important given the number of EU nationals we have now got going through our economy every year.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I believe it is not limited by the word "last".

HON J J BOSSANO:

So, does the Government then not think that we need to look into this, given that it has never arisen before and nobody has ever suggested this before, and the Spaniards themselves made no attempt to make such a claim when they joined the European Union in 1986 in respect of former Spanish workers. If it is true of pre-1969 presumably it must be equally true of post-1969, then would the Government not agree that it is important to have this issue addressed and looked at and to take a view on it in case somebody gets the idea of putting a claim for people who the UK would say is not their responsibility?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

We are indeed taking that view. We are indeed looking into it and that is precisely why we declined to accept that the liability in fact existed. Precisely looking forward to the future, because had we accepted the argument in respect of the past, there would have been no leeway to argue the contrary in respect of the future.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Was the reason not the one the Chief Minister gave me the first time he answered which was since they were not being asked to pay they did not take a position?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Exactly.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is exactly what he said before but it is not exactly what he has said now. If the position is that the Gibraltar Government has said, look we do not believe that this liability exists and therefore if the UK wants to accept it in respect of pre-1969 pensioners, this is not creating a precedent.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, we are now on notice that this exists, we were not on specific notice about it before. We know it exists to the extent that it might in the future become a liability of the Gibraltar Government, we have not committed ourselves in that direction. But we are on notice of it, our view on that matter may be wrong and therefore we are duty bound to do precisely what the Leader of the Opposition obviously believes we should be doing, which is to analyse and assess and be advised about the situation in case we have to meet it head on should it materialise in respect of the future. That is exactly what the Government are doing.

NO. 921 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE FUND – ACTUARIAL REVIEW

Can Government state whether it has now received the final report of the actuarial review of the Social Insurance scheme and if so when it was received?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes, Sir. It was received on 30 March 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 921 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think the last time I asked, the Chief Minister was not 100 per cent sure whether the report would be looking at a situation of continuing frozen pensions or would be looking at a situation of the future finances of the Social Insurance Fund in the context of pension increases. Can he tell me whether in fact the report does look at pension increases or was it done on the basis of the frozen fund as it was before?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I understand that it is as at a date prior to the pensions settlement but that it alludes to it and refers to it as a cause for therefore further funding requirement for the future. In other words, I have not read it in detail myself, it is being studied in the Treasury at the moment but my understanding of it is that it is a report as at funding position in 2001 or 2002, but that because the report was issued post Cordoba, it says and now that there has been a pensions increase the position is even worse and there should be a further calculation, further actuarial assessment of that. What I am not certain is whether it goes on itself to give any indication of the impact of Cordoba on the figures or whether it simply alerts to it for it to be done as a separate new exercise.

HON J J BOSSANO:

When the Government finish studying the report is it something that is going to be available?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it is not going to be available publicly, we could consider making it available to him privately but it certainly would not be in the public domain.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, how long should I wait before I ask again then?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, I would have to read it myself first so I think he should wait several months.

ORAL

NO. 922 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – EASTSIDE DEVELOPMENT

Can Government state who has been contracted by the developers of the Eastside project to conduct the environmental impact assessment study?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 923 to 925 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 923 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – EASTSIDE DEVELOPMENT

Can Government state whether the environmental impact assessment in respect of the Eastside project has commenced and how long it is scheduled to take?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 922 and 924 to 925 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 924 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – EASTERN BEACH TUNNEL

Can Government state whether the environmental impact assessment for the Eastern Beach tunnel has now been contracted out, and if so, to whom and at what cost?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 922, 923 and 925 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 925 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT – EASTERN BEACH TUNNEL

Can Government state whether the work to carry out an environmental impact assessment for the Eastern Beach tunnel has commenced and how long it is scheduled to take to complete?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The consultant who has carried out the environmental impact assessment for the Eastside project on behalf of MCB (Gibraltar) Ltd is Halcrow.

The EIA is complete and has been submitted to the Town Planner.

The EIA for the new access road and the tunnel has been contracted out to Environmental Gain Ltd at an anticipated cost of £97,700.

The work to carry out the EIA has commenced and is scheduled to be completed before the end of the year.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 922 TO 925 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is Environmental Gain Limited a local company or is it a UK one?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it is UK based.

NO. 926 OF 2007**THE HON J J BOSSANO****GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES**

Can Government state whether the final outcome in respect of Government company balances as at 1 April 2007 was £39.87 million, as shown in the forecast outturn of the Approved estimates of Revenue and Expenditure, and if not, can Government provide the new total and in either case give a breakdown of the total by company?

ANSWER**THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER**

The balance as at 1 April 2007 was £40.38 million, excluding the Statutory Bodies balance of £1.40 million.

The following is a breakdown of the cash balances held by the Government-owned companies:

Government-owned Company	Balance as at 1 April 2007 £'M
Gibraltar Investment (Holdings) Ltd	0.00
Gibraltar Land Holdings Ltd	14.50
Gibraltar Commercial Property Company Ltd	0.60
GRP Investments Company Ltd	22.70
Gibraltar Co-Ownership Company Ltd	0.60
Gibraltar Shiprepair Ltd	0.90
Gibraltar Industrial Cleaners	0.00
Gibraltar Information Bureau	0.30
Gibraltar Community Projects Ltd	0.03
Gibraltar Bus Company Ltd	0.05
Europa Incinerator Company Ltd	0.00
KIJY Parkings Ltd	0.30
Brympton Co-Ownership Company Ltd	0.10
Westside Two Co-Ownership Company Ltd	0.30
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Basically, he will see that the lion's share is £14.5 million in Gibraltar Land Holdings and £22.7 million in GRP Investments Company Ltd and nobody else has more than a million.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 926 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

I assume that much of the money from GRP Investments revenue will be the sale of the 50/50's and that kind of thing, is that it, which were owned by GRPI, the co-ownership homes?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I hesitate to rush and say yes. Certainly that is in there but whether there are other things in there, premiums on land sales and things I do not know. I could give him a breakdown of that if he wanted to see how it is made up.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is just that I thought that most of the land sales went into the I&D rather than into this. Gibraltar Land Holdings has got some land but I thought GRPI was actual homes.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I would have to provide him with the information if he wanted, I just do not have in my mind right now the sources which have gone to build this up. I will provide that to him.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Thank you.

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NO. 927 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT OWNED COMPANIES

Based on the receipts and expenditure of Government companies to date for the current financial year, does Government still expect cash balances to be £8 million on the 31 March 2008, and if not, can Government provide the most recent estimate and give a breakdown by company?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The overall cash balances of the Government-owned companies on 31 March 2008 is currently estimated at around £10 million, which is expected to be held mainly by GRP Investments Co. Ltd.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 927 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is this partly the result of the fact that the progress payments on the construction, which the Chief Minister mentioned earlier, have been slower than they were originally expected?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, partly.

NO. 928 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

I&D FUND – CONTRIBUTION FROM CONSOLIDATED FUND

Does Government still expect to need to contribute £15 million to the Improvement and Development Fund from the Consolidated Fund Reserves under Head 15 of the Approved Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the current financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

It is difficult to be precise because, as he knows, the contribution will depend on the timing of capital inflows and outflows, as well as the progress made on capital projects. At present, the Treasury projection continues to be £15 million, bearing in mind all of those variables.

NO. 929 OF 2007

THE HON J J BOSSANO

IMPORT DUTY – TOBACCO

Can Government provide the figure for the total Import Duty and for the element of Import Duty derived from Tobacco for each month since August 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I am not happy to provide this across the floor of the House or in a way that would get into Hansard, but I have here a sheet of paper with the information on it which I am happy to give the hon Member privately in the lobby.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 929 OF 2007

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I just say that he has been providing me with this information regularly but I have been sending reminders to his office since August so I thought he had changed the policy and wanted to do it here.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I do not know what happens to these automatically flowing figures during an Election. They obviously get frozen. There is no policy decision to change it. If the purpose of asking the question is that, then there is no need for him to worry. I will give him this as we leave but I will make sure that the flow is as it was before.