

ORAL

NO. 1 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – BEST

Will the Minister for Education state how many pupils are currently being supported by BEST (Behavioural and Educational Support Team) from September 2007 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

Answered together with Question No. 3 of 2008.

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NO. 2 OF 2008

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 current academic year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

QUESTION WITHDRAWN

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NO. 3 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT

Can Government state how many pupils attended the Pupil Referral Unit at Bayside in 2006/2007 and 2007 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

The answer to Question No. 1 of 2008 is 229 pupils who have been supported by BEST and Question No. 3 of 2008, during 2006/2007, five pupils attended the Alternative Learning Centre and six during 2007/2008 to date.

NO. 4 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – GOVERNMENT PRE-SCHOOL NURSERIES

Can the Minister for Education explain why there has been a drop in children attending Government pre-school nurseries this academic year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

I would have great difficulty in explaining why there has been a drop in children attending Government pre-school nurseries because, in fact, there has been an increase of 12 as far as the figures that I have been given show. So there is no decrease it is an increase.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 4 OF 2008

HON S E LINARES:

I state this because, although there might be 12 extra ones, it might be that that year has more pupils than the previous year. Has the Minister got any figures as in percentages from one year to the other?

HON C G BELTRAN:

A percentage of what? The question is whether there has been a drop in children and the answer is no. There has not been a drop and, therefore, there is no need for any explanation. The figures show an increase of 12. I happen to have the figures here in general. In 2006/2007 a total of 264 children attended Government nurseries and this year it is 276, so there is a difference of 12 plus.

NO. 5 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SECURITY IN SCHOOLS

Can Government state what security measures have been put in place in schools when the schools are actually closed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

There is an on-going programme of installation of security measures to cover all schools when they are closed. This includes intruder alarms and the illumination of certain areas, as well as a motion detection system. This is an on-going programme, a number of schools already have this in place.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 5 OF 2008

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state when this on-going security programme has been put in place, when it started?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I do not have the exact date when it started. I can tell him that the Gibraltar College, St Mary's First, Sacred Heart Middle, St Joseph's First, St Joseph's Middle, Governor's Meadow, all have had their works completed in this respect. Bishop Fitzgerald School is in the process of being completed and they are about to start the installation of intruder alarms in Westside any time now. The next stage will include a number of other schools.

NO. 6 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY

Can Government state whether they have considered the health and safety audit report which was conducted by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents and whether they have made any approach to the NASUWT and headteachers with a view to arriving at a working model for the Department of Education?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

The health and safety report is actually being compiled by the Department of Education management itself, with the help and support of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. The purpose to which this management report is put and then actually putting it for that purpose, is also a matter for the Department of Education itself and not ROSPA. The matter remains work in progress, it is still being developed.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 6 OF 2008

HON S E LINARES:

Is the Minister going to consider giving that report, the initial report apparently done in four schools, I remember him saying, is that going to be in the public domain first? Secondly, is a copy going to be given to the NASUWT and will a copy be given to the headteachers as well?

HON C G BELTRAN:

The original ROSPA report, we shall call it a report, was actually an audit of what was going on in schools. I do not want anybody listening to run away with the idea that there are no health and safety measures in schools. As the hon Member knows, as a former teacher himself, there are a number of health and safety measures in school. I mean I can enumerate them for him and explain them if he wants, but from programmes of study for children using laboratories and workshops, to hand guards near machinery, to exit signs, to fire exercises, all sorts of things. The current exercise really is an in-depth re-assessment of what is available with the help of ROSPA and updating as necessary. Needless to say, very closely interested parties like teachers, will be consulted at some stage. Yes.

HON S E LINARES:

The question was not consultation, the question was whether the report that he commissioned, or his Ministry commissioned, the audit report of which he has just spoken about, whether a copy of that report is going to be given to the NASUWT and the headteachers?

HON C G BELTRAN:

The responsibility for health and safety in Government schools is the Government's and this is what is happening at the moment. A re-assessment, with the support of ROSPA who carried out an audit, I do not see that there is anything absolutely essential in that audit that has to be made public at this moment in time. The actual health and safety report will be made by the Government, by the Department of Education & Training, and at the right time when the Government see that it is necessary, and I dare say it will be necessary at some point to bring in other players like teachers, yes.

HON S E LINARES:

The answer I presume is then no, he will not give it to the NASUWT and the headteachers.

HON C G BELTRAN:

I have not said that, I think I have answered the question at length.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister has described the work on this report as work in progress, we assume that work has been continuing for some time, can the Minister say how long this has been work in progress for, when it is likely to be finalised and what steps are required in order to finalise the reports?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I said that this part of the review of health and safety measures available in schools, with the support of ROSPA, is indeed work in progress. The work is still progressing and Government will come up with its report when it is satisfied that it is something that will be useful over and above what exists now. I would not put a date to it right now.

HON G H LICUDI:

Is the Minister saying that this is on-going work in progress on health and safety matters which is going to go on forever, or is it that a specific report is being prepared on this issue? If that is the case, can any indication be given as to when this report will be ready? Or what is preventing the finalisation of the reports?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Well, I do not know if the hon Member has been listening to what I have said, I have repeated it a number of times now. We are working on a report that will eventually be a report completed with the necessary information that updates what is available now in health and safety measures in schools. I cannot give him a date now.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister tell us whether anybody from the NASUWT was involved in that audit report together with the society?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I cannot tell him whether there was or not, would he know?

HON S E LINARES:

I am not here to answer questions, I am here to ask them.

HON C G BELTRAN:

As a past President of the GTA he might have known, that is why I asked.

HON S E LINARES:

If he is actually saying whether when I was in the NASUWT the answer is no, at all. Quite frankly, I left the GTA in 1995 which is now 13 years on.

NO. 7 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – 14-19 WORKING GROUP

Can Government state whether the Post 14 to 19 working group has met from when the last question was posed and whether any recommendations have been made to Government on issues such as co-education in secondary schools and vocational training?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

The name of the working group is 14-19, I believe I explained that last time. In fact, the hon Member was grateful for my explanation. The 14-19 group has evolved from what used to be called the Post 16, he might remember. But not Post 14-19, just as a matter of form, it is 14-19 working group. I am just bringing it up because I did explain last time. The 14-19 working group has met three times since the last time the question was asked and no recommendations have been made.

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NO. 8 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PUPILS SUSPENDED

Can Government state how many children have been suspended from school from December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

The number is 17 children.

NO. 9 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – SCHOOL ATTENDANCES

Can Government state what is the percentage attendance of school children compared to total possible sessions offered in the years 2003/2004, 2004/2005, 2005/2006 and 2006/2007 giving a breakdown by school and years respectively?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

The statistical information requested is set out in a schedule which is being handed to the hon Member.

Answer to Question 9 of 2008

SCHOOL	TERM	% ATTENDANCE FIGURES			
		2003/4	2004/5	2005/6	2006/7
Bayside	Autumn	91	88	89	90
	Spring	92	90	88	90
	Summer	90	90	86	86
	Average	91.5	89.3	87.6	88.6
Westside	Autumn	84	83	87	90
	Spring	85	82	86	88
	Summer	82	79	86	82
	Average	83.6	81.3	86.3	86.6
Sacred Heart	Autumn	92	87	91	91
	Spring	91	86	88	88
	Summer	89	88	93	87
	Average	90.6	86.3	90.6	88.6
St Joseph's Middle	Autumn	94	95	94	95
	Spring	94	93	93	93
	Summer	92	93	93	91
	Average	93.3	93.6	93.3	93
St Anne's Middle	Autumn	91	92	91	91
	Spring	93	89	90	91
	Summer	86	71	88	89
	Average	90	84	89.6	90.3
Bishop Fitzgerald Middle	Autumn	94	92	95	93
	Spring	92	91	91	92
	Summer	90	91	92	90
	Average	92	91.3	92.6	91.6
St Mary's First	Autumn	91	88	89	90
	Spring	92	90	88	90
	Summer	90	90	86	86
	Average	91.5	89.3	87.6	88.6
St Bernard's First	Autumn	92	92	87	91
	Spring	91	88	87	89
	Summer	87	88	86	87
	Average	90	89.3	86.6	89
St Joseph's First	Autumn	94	86	92	93
	Spring	93	90	92	92
	Summer	91	92	93	81
	Average	92.6	89.3	92.3	92
Governor's Meadow First	Autumn	92	94	91	94
	Spring	92	91	92	93
	Summer	90	93	92	84
	Average	91.3	92.5	91.6	90.3
St Paul's First	Autumn	96	94	92	95
	Spring	94	91	92	94
	Summer	91	93	93	93
	Average	93.6	92.6	92.3	94
Notre Dame First	Autumn	91	91	91	93
	Spring	92	88	91	90
	Summer	87	87	88	90
	Average	90	88.6	90	91
Hebrew Primary	Autumn	91	93	90	93
	Spring	94	93	89	90
	Summer	90	90	92	93
	Average	91.6	92	90.3	92

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NO. 10 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PUPILS LEAVING SCHOOL AT AGE 15

Can Government state how many pupils left school once they had reached the age of 15 in the years 2004/2005, 2005/2006, 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

Answered together with Question No. 11 of 2008.

NO. 11 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – PUPILS NOT SITTING EXAMS

Can Government state what specific programme is in place in Bayside and Westside for pupils who have to stay in school until the statutory leaving age and will not be sitting examinations at the end of year 10?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

The statistical information requested in Question No. 10 of 2008 is now being handed over to the hon Member in a schedule.

In respect of Question No. 11 of 2008 the pupils referred to in the question constitute a very small minority who are catered for within the schools' special needs programme.

Schedule to Question 11 of 2008

Answer to Question 10

Number of pupils who left school at age 15

	BAYSIDE	WESTSIDE	TOTALS
2004/5	29	23	52
2005/6	24	20	44
2006/7	28	10	38
2007/8	22	3	25

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 10 AND 11 OF 2008

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state, as the question says, what specific programme are they actually currently doing?

HON C G BELTRAN:

Yes, this is a very small group of pupils in Year 10, who will not be continuing in Year 11 to take exams. They follow a special needs programme. The programme consists of numeracy, literacy and IT skills as well as other subjects at an appropriate level for these children within the general curriculum.

HON S E LINARES:

The Minister states it is a small group, can he say what he means by a small group, how many?

HON C G BELTRAN:

By a small group I did not mean to invoke a request for a number, I do not have the number. By a small group I mean, comparing with the totality of the year. Most of these Year 10 students will go on, the vast majority, I do not know in terms of percentage, go on to Year 11 to continue their two year programme of GCSE studies and then there is a small minority who will not take exams. Some of them might be entered for at ELC level, entry level certificate level, and others, who will not be taking exams, follow this programme that I just explained in some detail.

NO. 12 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – TEACHERS ON LONG-TERM OR PERMANENT SUPPLY

Will Government state whether teachers on long-term or permanent supply have now been given contracts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

No Sir, they have not.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 12 OF 2008

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state when they are going to be given contracts?

HON C G BELTRAN:

No.

HON S E LINARES:

Is the Minister aware of the hardship some of these teachers who are on permanent supply are going through?

HON C G BELTRAN:

No hardships of the kind that he is inferring have come to my notice.

HON S E LINARES:

I have not inferred on any hardship. Hardship as in financial and rights.

HON C G BELTRAN:

Well, financial is hardship.

HON S E LINARES:

Absolutely, but I have not inferred as if they had been shot by somebody.

HON C G BELTRAN:

That would be beyond hardship.

HON S E LINARES:

I have not stated that at all. Just in case he thinks they are going to be shot at dawn. What I meant by hardship is that some of these teachers have been there, not only on a supply basis for, if I can recall, some of them five years, yes. Can the Minister then say which is the one that is longest on the list?

HON C G BELTRAN:

No, I do not have the details in front of me.

HON S E LINARES:

Then if he has not got the details in front of him I can tell him that there are examples of persons who have come to us in the Opposition, to say that they have been on a supply list for five years. I can tell him that some of them have also been even up to 11 years on the supply list but that is another matter. What I am stating is that these teachers go through hardship because when they go, for example, to obtain a mortgage from a bank to buy affordable houses they are not allowed to have a mortgage because they have not got a full-time job to pay for their mortgage. Therefore, can the Minister urgently look at this matter, as the Chief Minister said last time to us, when we had this massive debate with the previous Minister, that we were right and he knows the hardship they are going through. Yet they are dragging their feet and they are not doing anything about it and still there is no contract. Does he not agree with that?

HON C G BELTRAN:

No, I do not agree with him. It is not a valid argument to say that without a one year contract supply teachers will not get a mortgage. I think mortgage providers would look beyond one year's work to provide a mortgage. I am not a financial expert but that is common sense.

HON S E LINARES:

Then it reinforces my argument even more. If they are going to get one year contracts then it is even short and supply will be here one day gone tomorrow. Does he not agree with that?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I just wanted to finish off, really, by saying that I did say.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member will recall that when we last had what he calls the big debate, it was mainly about Classroom Aides and that the Government took steps in relation to Classroom Aides and there is a policy in place in relation to Classroom Aides dealing with this sort of issue. However, when considering the difference between supply terms and contractual terms, the hon Member should not assume that there is not a huge legal implication for the Government in that respect. Historically, the difference in Government service was between supply terms and permanent and pensionable terms. It was thought that one could have people on contract, and indeed one could have people on contract for as long as one liked and then get rid of them. That was the difference between contract employees and permanent and pensionable employees. There is an EU Directive now in place which has had a complicating effect here. The new Directive in place is that when an employee has been on contract terms renewed continuously for a period of time, they in effect become indefinite employees. Therefore, the questions that now arise about whether people should be transferred from supply terms to contract terms, whilst not being as severe as those that arise between considering putting them on permanent and pensionable terms, because there is a difference between indefinite contract terms and permanent and pensionable. They are different things but they are still issues to be considered. In other words, one is no longer free to say at the end of a certain number of years if they are on contract, "your services are no longer required, good bye", because they have rights of unfair dismissal, because they have become indefinite employees regardless of the contract under the terms of this Directive. I am not saying that that means that there are not, on supply terms, some people who on an individual consideration of their case, because they may in fact be doing a job that is permanently required, deserve to be put on that. I am not saying that this excludes all cases, what I am saying is that there are factors which make it more difficult for the Government now to take this sort of blank view, because it is actually not an arrangement that can be discontinued once it is done. That said, I am sure the Department, as it did in the case of Classroom Aides, will look at the situation, I think it should, I think I remember saying this to him when we discussed the Classroom Aides, and form a view of those teachers who are on supply terms who are in effect doing a job for which there is a permanent post requirement, and they should be dealt with either by permanent and pensionable terms or by contract terms. Those who are genuinely doing a supply sort of job, albeit an extended supply job because there is a child going through the system with a particular requirement, for whom the supply system is actually intended. That is what I think the Department should do and I am sure the Minister will do that. But I think the hon Member should be aware of some of the legal nuances that now apply in this area.

HON S E LINARES:

Just to state that I am aware of the new legal things that are being put in place, albeit that this has been dragging on for years and this Directive is not a new one, it is not a recent, new one as in this year. It has been there for a while, I remember arguing this with the previous Government about the rights of contract workers, the rights that they acquire after two or three years, and as indicated by the Minister four years, so it has been there for years. If the Government have been aware, why are they still dragging their feet on this issue? This is why I am questioning it.

NO. 13 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – TLRs

Can Government state at what stage they are towards implementing the TLR's (Teaching and Learning Responsibilities) in the teaching profession?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

I am very glad to say that a slotting-in exercise from the former management allowance structure to the new teaching and learning responsibilities, the TLR's, has now been carried out, completed and finalised yesterday with the Teachers Union, direct between the Teachers Union and the Department of Education. Responsibility post holders slotted in will be paid the new TLR allowances as from 1st April, as soon as the arrangement can be put in, starting from 1st April 2008. Also, new vacant posts and other vacant posts that may result out of the exercise, within the new structures will be advertised shortly so the Human Resources Department selection process can start over the next few weeks.

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NO. 14 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURE

Can Government state how much money has been spent on maintenance in schools from September 2007 to March 2008 giving a breakdown by schools and amounts spent respectively?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

Answered together with Question No. 15 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 15 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – MINOR WORKS EXPENDITURE

Can Government state how much money has been spent on minor works in schools from September 2007 to March 2008 giving a breakdown by schools and amounts spent respectively?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

The statistical information requested is being handed to the hon Member in a schedule.

Answer to Question 15 of 2008

Answer to Question 14

The expenditure in respect of maintenance from September '07 to March '08, per school, is as follows:-

Gibraltar College	£15,120
Bayside	£17,261
Westside	£88,066
St Martin's	£10,559
Hebrew	£8,619
St Anne's Middle	£25,115
Bishop Fitzgerald	£18,324
St Joseph's Middle	£15,317
Sacred Heart Middle	£8,045
St Mary's First	£4,571
Governor's Meadow First	£12,675
St Bernard's First	£2,912
St Joseph's First	£8,240
St Paul's First	£13,846
Notre Dame First	£25,917
TOTAL	£274,587

Answer to Question 15

The expenditure in respect of Minor Works from September '07 to March '08, per school, is as follows:

Gibraltar College	£35,234
Bayside	£264,002
Westside	£7,015
St Martin's	£819
St Anne's Middle	£49,738
St Joseph's Middle	£10,604
St Joseph's First	£18,018
St Paul's First	£63,939
Notre Dame First	£43,890
TOTAL	£493,259

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NO. 16 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – DRIVERS

Can Government state whether the Department of Education currently employs a driver specifically to drive the coach to commute children to different venues?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

Answered together with Question No. 17 of 2008.

NO. 17 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – USE OF SCHOOL BUS

Can Government confirm whether children from St Joseph's Middle School had to walk from the stadium to the school on Wednesday 26th March 2008 and why wasn't the department's coach used to shuttle children from venue to venue?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

In respect of Question No. 16 of 2008, the answer is that there are currently three Department of Education employees whose duties, amongst other things, include driving and, obviously, they drive children around in buses to different venues, different outings and so on.

In respect of Question No. 17 of 2008, children accompanied by teachers did indeed walk from the Sports Centre to the school on the date referred to by the hon Member. The Department's school bus was not used because this was a whole school sporting outing and the headteacher felt that shuttling 357 children in one bus, at approximately 15 minutes a trip, would have taken the best part of the morning. A walk, on the other hand, on a lovely crisp morning, took some 40 minutes.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 16 AND 17 OF 2008

HON S E LINARES:

As to Question No. 16 of 2008, he says he has three employees whose duties within their job description is driving. The question is has he got any specific driver, as in anybody who is specifically employed to drive the coach as a driver? The Minister must be aware that there is a difference between an employee who does different things and has a driving licence to be able to do part of that job, and a driver who is specifically there to drive the coach.

HON C G BELTRAN:

No, it is very clear that the job description of three members in the Department, three members of staff, includes driving duties. Therefore, the school bus, which is not a coach by the way, is driven by persons who not only have a licence but whose job description actually includes driving duties. It is perfectly normal and above board.

HON S E LINARES:

I disagree with the Minister that it is normal and above board to have somebody who has a driving licence, one could have somebody who is a cleaner who needs to have a driving licence in order to go and collect the cleaning materials, that is a different issue. What the Department should have is a driver who is specifically employed to drive the school bus.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

This does not raise questions just about the Department of Education, it raises questions about the Government wide. The only department of Government, no I think the Buildings & Works has some too, there are some departments of Government which have sufficient work exclusively for drivers to justify employing people who are only drivers. Buildings & Works used to have some, I do not know if they still do, certainly the Garage, the Technical Services Department have a few. Then there are a number of departments, and this includes probably all the messengers, there are a number of departments who have some need for driving services but not sufficient to justify one or more employees exclusively for driving. Why somebody who is here to protect the taxpayer's funds, such as the hon Member and I, should think that it is unusual or improper to employ somebody to drive and when their employer does not need them to drive to do other things as well, frankly is beyond my comprehension. This is a question of the employer's needs, not a question whether the hon Member thinks people should be employed as drivers twiddling their fingers until driving jobs are needed from them. I do not see why he describes that as being untoward or unusual. Both models exist and have always existed in the public sector. Some people, with exclusive and only driving duties, and other people who have driving duties mixed with other duties. That has always been the case in the public service of Gibraltar, there is nothing unusual about it.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state how much the bus is being used? It is a supplementary because he has just stated as a matter of fact, that the school bus is used now and then. I can tell him from experience that that driver is using that school bus constantly, all the time. There are 15 schools in Gibraltar, 5,000 children who move from A to B. Is the Minister or the Chief Minister not aware that this is a person who is constantly driving that school bus? So, therefore, the question is, does he know how much the bus is being used?

HON C G BELTRAN:

I know how much the bus is used and the 5,000 pupils are not constantly on the move as he is suggesting. Otherwise the schools would be empty all the time. The bus is there for children to go on educational outings, trips and so on. The driver works in the same floor as I work and I see that person who drives the bus also carrying out other duties. This is the reality and I think the Chief Minister has explained how this works generally within the general Government service.

NO. 18 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EDUCATION – ST BERNARD’S SCHOOL

Can Government say when the new St Bernard’s School will be opened for children to be able to attend?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION & TRAINING

No, I cannot.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 18 OF 2008

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state when construction will start or whether thought has been given to construction of a new school?

HON C G BELTRAN:

There is, indeed, a Government commitment to build a school at the old St Bernard’s Hospital. In fact, a First and a Middle school there and another in the Mid-Town Project. Government, however, will choose the time when these projects are carried out.

NO. 19 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

INCE'S HALL

Can Government state whether any other refurbishment has taken place in the Ince's Hall since the last question to this Parliament on this subject?

ANSWER

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

The loop system for the hard of hearing has been installed and new lights, sound and projection equipment are currently being installed.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 19 OF 2008

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state when there might be a lift installation in the Ince's Hall for people who are disabled?

HON E J REYES:

No I cannot state that at this particular moment in time, although there will be. I have answered before that it will be considered along with other things that are to be considered. I have not made any further progress since we last spoke about it.

HON S E LINARES:

Not only should it be a requirement that he does do it, we have had it promised by the previous Minister in Phase 2, albeit now that they have cancelled these phasing ins, because it was the answer given the last time I put this question. I think it is quite legitimate to ask. Therefore, I am asking can the Minister look into this as a matter of urgency because I think it is a thing that has to be done before any other thing?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The difference between being in Government and being in Opposition is that on the Opposition side they do not decide when it is necessary to do things. For that, one

has got to be on the Government side of the House. It is quite legitimate for the hon Member to ask, it is even legitimate for the hon Member to say that in his view this should be a priority for the Government, but what the hon Member cannot do is demand of the Government that they adopt his views as the Government's policy.

HON S E LINARES:

Statutory.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government do not presently have a proposal or a plan to install a lift in the Ince's Hall. Whether he asks the question once or every 15 minutes for the next six months, that will continue to be the answer until the Government decide in their own policy whether they want to build a lift in the Ince's Hall. Now, every time he asks it and we say it is not our policy, he can deliver the same expression of view that he thinks it should be a Government priority. He may be right but there are many priorities on the Government's radar screen. It is not at present a proposal that the Government have on the table. Therefore, I would not want the hon Member to feel that this is imminent and therefore just a matter of time of when it comes up on the pile. This is not a project that is being currently actively considered, which is not to say that it may not happen between now and the next Polling Day. But it is not presently on the agenda. I just try to be as frank as possible with the hon Member.

HON G H LICUDI:

The difference between this Government and this Opposition is that if this Opposition were in Government things would be done in a timely manner and properly.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, I do not know whether that is true or not, we only have the hon Member's hypothetical word for it. What we do know for a fact is that they were in Government for eight years and they did not.

HON G H LICUDI:

If the Chief Minister were to test the waters by going to an election rather soon, then perhaps we would find out. The question alludes to previous suggestions that have been made by the Government that this is something that is going to be considered, which is exactly what the hon Member has done today. Quite frankly, this is the same answer that we get again and again, without commitment and without any categorical conviction on the part of the Government that things are going to be done in relation to this particular aspect. If that is the position, then the honourable thing and the honest thing, would be for this Government to say, "we will not do it, we are not considering". Not to have the Minister get up and say, "this is something we are considering", which is the impression that has been given again and again and again.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member might have been able to say that five minutes ago, but I do not see how he can say it now because what he is urging the Government to say in all honesty is precisely what I have just said. Before sitting down I have said it that I am saying it in order to be as frank as possible with the Opposition Member. No sooner have I sat down than the hon Member stands up to say that if the Government were honest it would say exactly what I had just said before he stood up.

HON G H LICUDI:

Let me then say that we are grateful for the Chief Minister correcting the misapprehension and the misleading statement which apparently was made only five minutes before his intervention. Do the Government consider that access to public facilities by the disabled is something that should be on their radar screens, is something that should be on their agenda and is something that ought to be looked at as a matter of priority, on any public facility?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, yes, of course the Government do. The hon Member will see that unlike the previous administration, this administration spend a considerable amount of money on road refurbishment programmes, and whenever they build new amenities it makes very full provision. There are lifts for the disabled in the King's Bastion Leisure Centre that I believe have not yet been used, because there are several of them. Now, that is very different to whether in respect of existing old facilities the Government can commit in each and every case of them, particularly in the case of a facility which the Government may be thinking of replacing with a new theatre, it makes sense for the Government to rush around installing disabled lifts in every single publicly owned building in Gibraltar. See, the Government think a little bit more than the Opposition do.

NO. 20 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BAYSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Can Government state over what days the facilities at the Bayside Sports Complex were closed during the Christmas period of 2007?

ANSWER

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

The facilities at Bayside Sports Centre were closed during the Christmas period on the days of 24th December, closed in the afternoon only, 25th and 26th December, they were closed all day, as well as closed all day on 29th, 30th and 31st December.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 20 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

Certainly, the 25th and 26th were public holidays and for the afternoon of the 24th I understand is the usual practice. With regards to the closure on 29th, 30th and 31st, can the Government or the Minister explain the reasons for that closure? As I understand it, the staff at the Centre there work on shifts and work on weekends, other Government servants, even though Civil Servants had some time off, other Civil Servants who work on shifts were required to work on those days and were given other days off, especially at a time when children were off school and public sporting facilities were needed in Gibraltar. We are wondering why there was a need to close those facilities over those three days?

HON E J REYES:

What happened was that in order to accommodate commitments that the Sport and Leisure Authority had already given out for use of these facilities on 27th and 28th December, in speaking with the Government employees they still wanted to have the extra days off as awarded to their colleagues, chose instead to swap those days for the 29th and 30th December, when there were no concrete commitments already made with other sporting bodies.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Let me add to that. I agree with the sentiment underlying the hon Member's question. I was not aware, actually, of the facts as set out in this matter. The hon Member will have seen, in relation to the Leisure Centre, that the Government's public announcement was to the effect that the Leisure Centre would operate every day of the year, including Christmas Day, except Good Friday. Now, that response to the Government's policy that leisure facilities should be available when they are most needed, and they are most needed when children are not at school during holiday times. Certainly the Government would not wish to draw a distinction between that approach towards pure leisure and that approach towards sporting facilities, which are just leisure facilities of another sort. Therefore, certainly, the Government will be keen to ensure that if the factual circumstances reproduce themselves, that arrangements are made to ensure that sporting facilities are not denied to the community unnecessarily. But I am grateful to the hon Member for the views that he has expressed about it.

HON G H LICUDI:

I too am grateful for the explanation, clarification given and the sentiments expressed by the Chief Minister. We certainly agree on the Opposition side that leisure and sporting facilities ought to be available, particularly when they are most needed. I was certainly surprised over the Christmas period because I tried to make a booking myself to use those facilities and I was not able to. That is how it came to my attention. I can express a wish that this incident will be taken into account, if and when it is to be repeated over the Christmas period of 2008, in respect of which there is another question.

ORAL

NO. 21 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BAYSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Can Government state what measures it proposes to take to remedy the defects in the playing surface of the paddle tennis courts at the Bayside Sports Complex?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 22 of 2008.

NO. 22 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BAYSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX

Can Government state when and where it will build the additional paddle tennis courts which the Minister announced during a speech at the end of a paddle tennis tournament held at the Bayside Sports Complex in January 2008?

ANSWER

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

Government is considering the question of the provision of additional paddle tennis courts.

As regards the three existing courts at the Bayside Sports Centre, arrangements have been made for the specialist contractor to inspect these courts and to identify any defects which may require to be rectified. If any defects require to be rectified, then we will carry out any necessary remedial works. All this is being done as part of the contract's 12 month works liability period.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 21 AND 22 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

I am grateful for that.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Perhaps he should declare an interest.

HON G H LICUDI:

Yes, I do declare an interest. I do, in fact.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

When he asks about the sports facilities that he uses.

HON G H LICUDI:

These are facilities which were much needed, much appreciated by the sporting community in Gibraltar and the Minister knows this because I have expressed these sentiments to him privately. But I do declare an interest because I do hold a coaching certificate in paddle tennis myself, I have a particular interest in this. I note that the Minister has said that the question of additional courts is being considered. As I heard the Minister speak at the end of when he gives these traditional indoor tournament speeches, it was taken generally as a commitment that these matters will be done and these additional facilities will be provided. Rather than the toning down which we are now hearing in Parliament, which is "we will consider". As I said in response to an earlier question, one could consider ad infinitum and it never comes to fruition. What we are trying to ascertain and the question is, Mr Speaker, is the Government really serious, having regard in particular to the popularity of the sport, to the difficulty that is created or that everybody has in obtaining the use of that court, because they are certainly over-subscribed on a daily basis, as I understand. Notwithstanding that there are other courts elsewhere available, is the Government able to give us a clear and categorical commitment that this is something that is being given serious thought and we might see in the very near future those additional courts which are very much needed by the community?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Certainly as Minister responsible for public finances I would not approve of Ministers who in cocktail parties commit the Government to the building of expensive new sports amenities. Seriously, but having not been there myself I do not know whether what the Minister said could fairly be interpreted as a commitment, and if so, what degree. In any event, I do not think anyone can doubt this Government's commitment to investment in sporting facilities. The £10 million that we have invested in the Bayside Sports facilities generally, I think speak for itself in general for sport. In relation to facilities for which there may be further demand, well of course, the Government keep these things under review but bear in mind that either he or one of his other colleagues has got a question on the Order Paper in a moment, asking more or less the same question about a new football pitch. Then there are hockey players and cricket players and everybody wants more facilities. So this is not just a question of in respect of each sport saying "is there more demand, if so therefore you must build more facilities", because there are issues of availability of resources. I think, just in closing, the hon Member might wish to acknowledge that one of the last sports facilities that the Government has funded the creation of, is indeed an additional paddle tennis court. The building of the new car park underneath the Sandpits tennis courts included the provision of an additional paddle tennis court for that Club, which I think is generally available on a relatively available basis, even to people who may not be members of the Club. I do not know how easy it is to actually get into it but that was a publicly funded additional paddle tennis court. Now, I am not going to make any commitments and if the Minister for Sport has inadvertently given some degree of commitment, then it is hereby withdrawn. The only commitment that I can make to the hon Member is that the Government will continue to keep the need for sports facilities of all sorts in mind, including paddle tennis, which we do acknowledge is a sport of increasing popularity and, therefore, for which there is increasing demand. We will do what we can to allocate space and financial resources available to ensure that the maximum possible provision in that respect is provided. Now, that is a conceptual commitment but it is not a commitment to actually deliver one or any other specific numbers of additional courts.

HON G H LICUDI:

We certainly appreciate that the Government do bear in mind the needs of the sporting community and facilities are being made available and improved. In terms of the withdrawal of any suggestion, if it was not a categorical commitment which may have been made by the Minister, is the Chief Minister now seriously telling us that whenever his Ministers come out and make public commitments on the part of the Government, we have to take those commitments with a pinch of salt?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, if he is going to interpret the words “the Minister” as constituting a commitment that is a different matter. If a Minister makes a commitment without unilateral..... absolutely, there are some decisions that Ministers cannot unilaterally take. Absolutely right. But does the hon Member know any Government in any democracy that works differently? Does the hon Member imagine that there is any Government in any democracy where Ministers go about their business every day, committing the Government to capital or expenditure and then the poor old chancellor has to dig up the money from the local coal mine, presumably? That is not how Governments work, that is not how Governments work anywhere. Ministers do have to be careful, without suggesting for one moment that this Minister was not. I am not conceding, not having been present, what he did or did not say. But certainly, we all have an obligation in Government to be careful not to commit the Government to expenditure until the Government have made a policy decision, through the usual policy making mechanism, to incur in that expenditure. If in any particular case a Minister were to inadvertently, and despite that, “speak out of turn” so to speak, then the Government would have perhaps the difficult decision of deciding whether to honour the commitment or to expose the Minister to the potential for embarrassment if the Government were to say, “no, you spoke out of turn and we are not doing that this year or at all”. The Government might well find itself from time to time in that position.

HON G H LICUDI:

The latter proposition is what the Chief Minister precisely has chosen to do today.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Only if the Minister did indeed commit himself, which is still an issue.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister is here, he is silent.

NO. 23 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

FOOTBALL PITCH – PROVISION OF SECOND FULL-SIZE PITCH

Can Government state whether and if so where it proposes to build a second full-size football pitch?

ANSWER

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

The Government presently has no plans to provide another football pitch.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 23 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

Well, that is categorical enough, there can be no confusion about any inadvertent or otherwise commitment to the sporting.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Not as categorical as important.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is categorical. It is certainly categorical from the point of view of people who hear this today and who are able to reasonably interpret that answer as saying that the Government have no intention whatsoever, at present, they may change in ten years time but this Government will not be there in ten years time. Is the Government aware, and I note in asking this supplementary what the Chief Minister has just mentioned, that it is not just a question of need and demand, it is also a question of finances, there are wide considerations. With respect to football in particular, are the Government aware that there are close to 1,500 registered players in Gibraltar, both at senior, junior and ladies level and that one full-size football pitch simply is not enough for the needs of a community, of a football community of this size? Do the Government know that that is actually creating difficulties which affect Gibraltar from wider points of view? The Government are aware that Gibraltar has been invited to participate next month in an important sporting event as part of a four nation tournament, with England, Wales and Scotland. In fact, Gibraltar, importantly, is being treated as a nation, that is important, because the only other nations that have

ever been invited to that tournament are Italy and Holland. It is a tournament of prestige. Are the Government aware that there are serious difficulties being created for the Gibraltar squad, in being able to get allocations to train properly for that tournament, which are absolutely necessary in order for a decent participation by Gibraltar to take place overseas? Is the Minister aware that the only other full-size pitch available in Gibraltar is at Devil's Tower Camp, which is a Services or MOD pitch? The GFA has written three weeks ago to the MOD requesting the use of that facility because they simply cannot cancel football league matches which are going on, and no response has been received from the MOD to that request for those facilities to be used in this particular situation. Are the Government able to assist by intervening and making appropriate requests, so that that is considered favourably very soon, because it is a matter of urgency? This tournament is taking place next month these facilities are needed now not in two years time, and it is creating a big problem for Gibraltar.

HON E J REYES:

Many little issues have been raised. This Government is aware of the GFA's invitation to participate in the tournament. I have personally, together with the Chief Executive of the Sport & Leisure Authority, met with the senior top officials of the GFA, we discussed and offered different ways in which allocation of the present facilities could be improved upon for the GFA. If I may add that we even made very generous offers of using times when traditionally not many activities take place, like Easter weekend activities and so on. We have looked into alternatives, despite commitments we have of schools sports days and so on, alternatives of even replacing football goals on a Friday afternoon so the GFA can make full use of it exclusively over the weekend and taking them off on Monday, available again for the school facilities as need be. So I believe we have had a very good, sincere, honest exchange of views with the GFA. We have offered them to meet further with the Chief Executive, show them all the requests, the firm commitments. Our Authority would even be willing to intercede and ask certain associations with fixed bookings if they could move and transfer some dates and so on. I believe a very good working relationship has been established, so yes, we are supportive of the GFA. However, I must mention that despite the hon Member's valid statement that there is only one full-size football pitch and a big demand for it, there are also many occasions during the course of the weekend, like this Sunday when I was there, when it was a real pity to see that football pitch not being used at all, if there are indeed so many members wishing to participate in such a noble sport.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister has not answered the supplementary. I have no doubt that there is this good working relationship and there has been this sincere exchange of views. The reality is that it has achieved no practical result for the issue at hand. What I have asked is whether the Minister will personally, or the Government, will intervene and make appropriate requests of an urgent nature to the MOD, to release the use of the other facility that is available so that it can be used by the football fraternity in Gibraltar until May.

HON E J REYES:

Well, sharing the sentiment that the more facilities that are available the better, we can ask and see if we can help in that respect as well.

HON G H LICUDI:

It does not sound very encouraging from the Minister. Unfortunately.

NO. 24 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

SWIMMING POOL – USE BY ELDERLY AND DISABLED

Can Government provide the proposed schedule for opening times during 2008 for the swimming pool for the elderly and disabled?

ANSWER

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

The swimming pool for the elderly and disabled is scheduled to open for their exclusive use during 2008, from 1st June up to and including 30th September, and this will be during the hours of 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 24 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

The question relates to opening times during 2008. In his answer, the Minister has given opening times between 1st June and 30th September, what happens the rest of the year?

HON E J REYES:

In my answer I use the word “exclusive”, I perhaps thought that what the general public wanted to know is what happens during those very popular summer months when the pool is allocated exclusively for them. During the rest of the year, that is, the months after September and up to June, what we have is we have got the swimming pool that caters for the elderly, the disabled and is also used for teaching of swimming by schools and so on. During the course of the year there are fixed allocations for the elderly, fixed allocations for the disabled and a shared allocation for both the elderly and the disabled. So, that is how the situation stands outside those peak summer months.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am not sure that I follow the answer and I do not know whether the Minister is referring to what was traditionally known as the GASA pool or the new pool that was built. The Minister suggests that during this time, June to September, there is

exclusive use on the part of elderly and disabled and in other times there is joint use with other groups. Can the Minister say.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Xxxxxx the rest of the year it is not going to be closed.

HON G H LICUDI:

That is what I am trying to establish. When is it open during the rest of the year so that elderly and disabled can go at their leisure?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, that is not the nature of the facility nor the nature of the agreement that was entered into with the Senior Citizens Association. There is no demand for that sort of facility and, of course, whilst the facility is open it is a very expensive facility to run. What the Senior Citizens Association asked for was that they wanted exclusive use during the summer months, because as can be seen, they use it, they use it as a recreational facility as well, which is great, and during the rest of the year they do not feel that there is this need and, therefore, there is no need for the expensive manning of the operation. It is then used during the rest of the year on a more targeted niche basis and, I think, the Minister can give the information, it includes some slots during the day for the elderly but not all day. In other words, any elderly person that wants to swim during the winter has to do it between certain hours and cannot choose from the whole day to do it.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am trying to find out exactly when it is available to the elderly and the disabled.

HON E J REYES:

In order to facilitate matters and to make certain that I am understood, I will give the hon Member a schedule of what the programme looks like and he will see what I was trying to say. There are school use, exclusive elderly, exclusive disabled and even a shared elderly and disabled period, extensive use of the pool facilities of what is the new part, not the old GASA swimming pool.

HON G H LICUDI:

I will have a look at that. My understanding is that there is use of the facility for elderly and disabled or just for the disabled, only at some hours on Thursdays and Saturdays. The reports I have had was that Thursdays during the day, so any disabled person that works only has the use during the winter period of the facility on Saturday for a number of hours. Does the Government agree that in terms of disabled facility this is an important facility, which should be as widely available as possible and that it has an important therapeutic effect for people who are able to use

this facility and perhaps not others, and that the use during the winter months of the facility by those people, only for a couple of hours on Saturday, seems to be insufficient?

HON E J REYES:

The use is available on days other than Saturdays. When the hon Member receives the schedule, he will be able to see that the elderly have exclusive use on a Tuesday afternoon; the disabled have exclusive use on a Thursday afternoon, and there is a longer period of four hours when it can be used by both elderly and disabled. The booking schedule will also show that that swimming pool is being used to its maximum capacity and it is a question of what do we do? Do we ask the Department of Education to scrap from their curriculum the teaching of swimming, it is a question of priorities and we are quite satisfied with how we have prioritised the allocation of that pool.

**NEW SWIMMING POOL FOR THE ELDERLY,
DISABLED AND TEACHING**

WINTER SEASON – 1ST OCTOBER TO 31ST MAY

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
9 – 10am	School Use	Sports Development Elderly exclusively	School Use	School Use	School use		
10am – 12							
12 – 1pm							CLOSED
1 – 2pm	St Martins School Use 1.30 – 2.30pm		Sports Development	St Anne's Special Needs Disabled Exclusively 2.30 – 4.30pm	Sports Development Jackie Linares 2.30 – 3.30pm St Anne's Special Needs	Disabled & Elderly	
2 – 3pm							
3 – 4pm	2.30 – 3.30pm Bishop Fitz Special Needs	Mother & Toddler					
4 – 5pm	Mother & Toddler GASA		Sp. Olympics		Sp. Olympics		
5 – 9pm		GASA	GASA	GASA	GASA	CLOSED	

NO. 25 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

RETREAT CENTRE – BOOKINGS

Can Government state how many bookings there have been for the use of the Retreat Centre at Lathbury Barracks in the years 2006, 2007 to date?

ANSWER

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

The Retreat Centre at Lathbury Barracks is not operated by the Government. The hon Member should address his enquiries to the Trustees or the Management of the Retreat Centre.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 25 OF 2008

HON S E LINARES:

May I then inform the Minister that the Government should not be using this statistic for their Budget speeches, as other Ministers have done year in year out, saying how often and how well and how good this Retreat Centre is, when it is not in the remit of the Government. Does the Minister not agree that he should scrap it from his Budget speech the next time then?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Minister nor his leader could possibly agree with that for the very simple reason that one thing is the operational use of it and another thing is the funding of it. This entity receives public funding and, therefore, it is not only appropriate but indeed necessary to deal with it at Budget time, because part of the budget that we are voting includes a vote of a grant to the people in question. Therefore, it is indeed necessary and appropriate to deal with it at Budget time. What we do not do is micro-manage the use of it. The Government do not even feel that they have priority access to it, if they wanted it for a particular event or organisation, there is a Trust it has its own Board of Directors, Trustees, there is a full-time manager there employed by the Trustees, people make bookings and to obtain the information required for his question, we would have to do exactly what we are asking him to do, which is to ring up the manager and say "oye, mira". It is not a Government department and it is not a Government organisation, therefore, the fact that we do not think it is appropriate to account for this does not mean that it is wrong to raise it at Budget time when we are discussing money, as opposed to xxxxx

HON S E LINARES:

But I am specifically talking about bookings and not money. I totally agree with the Chief Minister that at Budget time one has to account for every single penny that is given to the Trustees. That is another issue, but the Minister cannot go on to say in his Budget speech, "and this is widely used and there are many people booking it". That is the issue. That is why I have posed the question, because I would like to find out that if the statement by the Minister is that it is widely used going by the bookings that are made, I want to know in this Parliament what the Minister means by the bookings. I have asked the question how many bookings. That is why I have asked the question, so the Chief Minister must understand that I do understand about accounting and about money and a little bit about law and teaching, which you do not. So what I am saying here is very simply that I understand that he can speak about every single penny that is spent on everything that the Government spend the money on, but when it comes to bookings he should not come and say, "because it is extensively used and booked and all that". Well, how many bookings are there, that is why I have posed the question.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Why not? The hon Member is completely wrong. Look, in Question Time the hon Member can only ask the Government to account to him for things for which the Government are responsible as a matter of Government policy. Different rules apply in Budget time, when we are all free to say whatever we like. So he knows about laws and teaching and all of that but he does not know about the rules of the House in which he sits. At Budget time, subject to the Speaker's ruling, he can speak about whatever he likes and I can speak about whatever I like and that is the tradition in this House. At Question Time he cannot ask us things for which we are not responsible or accountable in this House. That is the difference and I hope that I have now helped him understand it.

NO. 26 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

CENTRAL HALL – USE FOR PRIVATE AND ASSOCIATION FUNCTIONS

Can Government state how many bookings there have been for the use of the Central Hall giving a breakdown of private and association functions in the years 2006, 2007 to date?

ANSWER

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

In 2006, Central Hall was used for 45 private functions and 210 uses by other groups. In 2007, private 50, others 235 and in 2008 I can provide statistics only up to and including 31st March. Private 7 and others 40.

ORAL

NO. 27 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

MUSIC CENTRE (OLD BFBS BUILDING)

Can Government state whether the monies for the shutters to the old BFBS building have now been accounted for?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 28 of 2008.

NO. 28 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

MUSIC CENTRE (OLD BFBS BUILDING)

Can Government state whether the old BFBS building which was entrusted to trustees is being used often by groups, bands and musicians generally and where any group, band or musicians wanting to use the facilities have to go to be able to use the facilities?

ANSWER

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

A request for financial assistance was made to Government by the Music Centre Trust in 2003. This was to enable them to undertake renovations and refurbishments to the Centre. They submitted itemised estimates for a large number of works, amongst which was included the shutters. Government agreed to grant £50,000, which I will add is not the full amount of all the estimated works as submitted, to assist the Trust with renovations and refurbishment. Henceforth, it was left to the Trust to decide on their priorities to carry out these works. As has already been mentioned in this Parliament, Government are satisfied that the grant has been used for the purpose that it was given. That is, the Trust used the monies for renovations and refurbishments.

As for Question No. 28 of 2008, I am informed the Trustees feel that because of the condition of the building it is not opportune for them to issue it out for any further use. Government, however, are committed as stated in this Party's 2007 Election Manifesto, to establish a complex to house Gibraltar's various music teaching facilities in one modern and appropriate site.

ORAL

NO. 29 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

HERITAGE ACTION COMMITTEE

How often and on what dates has the Heritage Action Committee met since 2 October 2007?

ANSWER

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

The Heritage Action Committee has met on three occasions. The dates being, 2nd October 2007; 18th December 2007, and 20th February 2008.

ORAL

NO. 30 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

TRANSBORDER INSTITUTE

Can Government state how much money has been allocated to the Trans-Border Institute for the years 2007/2008?

ANSWER

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

Mr Speaker, none.

ORAL

NO. 31 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

KING'S BASTION LEISURE CENTRE

Can Government state how many accidents resulting in injuries there have been at the ice-skating rink since the opening of the King's Bastion Leisure Centre?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 32 and 33 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 32 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

KING'S BASTION LEISURE CENTRE

Can Government state when it will redress the problem of access for disabled persons to the bowling area at the King's Bastion Leisure Centre?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question Nos. 31 and 33 of 2008.

NO. 33 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

KING'S BASTION LEISURE CENTRE

Can Government state when it will redress the problem of access for disabled persons to the King's Bastion Leisure Centre from Line Wall Road?

ANSWER

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

Since the magnificent King's Bastion Leisure Centre opened there have been six recorded accidents resulting in injury in the ice rink.

Access to the Leisure Centre via Line Wall Road entrance is at hand as an item of Phase II of the project, which is the complete refurbishment of the Line Wall Road building.

I am also glad to say there is no problem whatsoever with access for disabled persons to the bowling alley.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 31 TO 33 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

Let me deal with each question separately in supplementaries if I may. When the Minister speaks of six recorded accidents, let me start by taking this opportunity to welcome formally the opening of the Leisure Centre. It is, as we all know, a long overdue facility. We have been critical in the past of delays and of the cost involved...

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

You have never had it in your manifesto. If you had been in office it would not have been built at all. xxxxxx

HON G H LICUDI:

The Chief Minister knows that is not correct. Once it was committed, Governments coming in would have to..... In any event, this question is not intended to create political controversy and I am surprised that the Chief Minister, in the light of what I

am opening my supplementaries on, should try to pick a fight, as it were. Be that as it may, it is obvious that the Leisure Centre is very popular with the public and the people are very pleased. I also note, if I may take this opportunity, that a lot of people have come to realise the historical importance of King's Bastion, which even I, certainly I was not aware until very recently. Had King's Bastion not been constructed just before the Great Siege, Gibraltar may very well have passed on to Spanish hands, would have passed, certainly would have passed, that is the historical view, less than 80 years after it was taken by the British and Dutch fleet and that is important from a Gibraltar heritage and cultural point of view as well. As regards the ice-skating rink, I am sure the Government will agree that when facilities such as this are provided, it is imperative that as safe an environment as possible ought to be provided. I am sure the Government will be striving to do that. The Minister has given us details of six recorded accidents, can the Minister tell us what does "recorded" mean? Are they recorded there and then, is there a log, is there a safety officer, are there first aid qualified people there on the spot who record this on the spot or only when people report having gone to hospital subsequently?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

First of all I acknowledge the hon Member's magnanimous and, I think, politically astute recognition of the magnificence of the Leisure Centre. I suppose that it is a compliment in a sense to know that when the only thing that an Opposition ever seems to say about the Government is that it has taken a bit too long, when the only thing that can be criticised is the delay, I interpret that as meaning that on the whole the agenda is correct, albeit that they think it should be going just a little bit more quickly. Nevertheless, I think it is right to say that for many decades, let me use the word "decades" so that it is not thought to be this Government or the previous one, I think that there was an absence of this sort of facility in Gibraltar, with Gibraltarian young families going across the border to engage in these facilities. The Government is delighted with the way it has panned out and it may be that there will be teething problems of an operation or of another sort, but on the whole, I am grateful to the hon Member for the fulsomeness of his acknowledgement of the worthwhileness of the project. We did toy with the idea and we did think about whether the ice-skating rink should be somehow limited to people who had demonstrated proficiency in ice-skating. But the reality is that that is not how it happens anywhere else and why should we be more protective of young people here, when they can go across the border to the place there next to the cinemas in Los Barrios to do it. We came to the conclusion that it just was not appropriate. There is a very considerable amount of staff and supervisory staff that have been trained. As the hon Member may by now know, the ice-skating rink is operated by the Gibraltar Sport & Leisure Authority, staff of which have undergone special training in ice-skating. The management of the Centre and the Sport & Leisure Authority do also keep a record of injuries. So the record that we are talking about is not just hospital records, the management of the Centre keeps a record of these things. I understand, although I ask the hon Member not to hold me to this answer until I have had an opportunity to check it, that the staff have also had some degree of first aid training, but I could not tell him to what degree. So, I think the intention is that they may be first responder qualified, maybe, but certainly they are not equipped or trained to deliver any medical treatment to any seriously injured person. We are fortunate to have the ambulance and the hospital very close by and very often it is best to wait three minutes for the experts to arrive before well-meaning non-experts start fiddling about. That I think is the position, but look, should experience suggest that there is a need to have on site some better first aid response capability, that will

be kept under review and if it is thought to be appropriate it will be provided. If that is not yet the case, at least the Government have not had advice to that effect.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Government tell us whether they have public liability insurance in place in respect of injuries which occur at the ice rink?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There is public liability insurance in place.

HON G H LICUDI:

By which I take it includes the liability for injuries, liability where liability is proper.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Exactly, he is an active lawyer and I am not. I am not going to give him any answer which suggests that the Government would be liable or indeed the insurance company would be liable. In fact, as he knows, it is an area of law which has in the past proved fraught. The current understanding appears to be that so long as the facility provided is itself safe, people engage in sports that have a danger, they engage in that danger voluntarily and therefore the provider of the facility is not liable. Provided, of course, the facility is safe and not deficient. That could tip. So the answer is that there is public liability insurance in place where liability would fall on the owner and occupier and operator of the building.

HON G H LICUDI:

With regard to the recording of the injuries, can Government confirm to us that they will monitor actually on a pro-active basis this question of accidents and injuries, so that the idea would be to monitor over a period of time whether the controls which are necessarily in place, controls I am talking about numbers of monitors actually on the ice or people on the ice supervising the activities, controls of numbers actually going on to the ice, which I am sure is important, and I would hope that the Government have taken advice on before actually opening the Leisure Centre. Will the Government agree that it is important to monitor this on an on-going basis, so that measures as may be appropriate should or will be taken in the future, if it is felt that there are too many accidents or too many injuries, having regard to the size of the facility when compared to facilities elsewhere?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Actually the reverse is true. The hon Member may be interested to know that all of those issues have been already taken into account, but of course, they will continue to be kept under monitoring review, which I think almost by definition has to be proactive. The advice that the Government received from the experts that we called in to seek advice, advised us that we could allow many more people onto this ice than

we had chosen to allow. In other words, precisely because the Government have chosen to put safety first, the curtailment of numbers that is presently in operation, maximum number of people on the ice, is less than we have from some European body, some regulatory body of ice skating, I do not remember the exact name, would be within the capacity of this particular facility. There is a very hands-on approach to safety related supervision, there is an employee on ice skates on the ice all the time, they do not allow horse play, they immediately intervene when children are incurring, children or not children skaters, incurring behaviour likely to subject themselves or other skaters to the risk of danger. So the Government are satisfied at the moment, the whole thing has been thought out and implemented with a very high safety threshold in mind, which is not to say that experience cannot teach one that it needs tweaking or modifying and that would certainly be the case, yes.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Chief Minister answered three of my questions so I will move on to the other issue which is the question of access to the Leisure Centre and the bowling area. The answer given with regard to the bowling area was that there is no problem of access to the bowling area for disabled. Can the Minister tell me how access is obtained to the bowling area? My understanding is that on each entrance to the bowling area there are two steps and there are no ramps.

HON E J REYES:

Well, I am very pleased to inform the hon Member that there is actually a dismountable ramp which is laid upon at the request of the user, to allow precisely access from the top level to those two steps, and because seeing is believing, I could even pass on to the hon Member a digital photograph showing the actual ramp, and even the contraption that allows disabled users who are wheelchair bound to even undertake bowling facilities using this contraption without having to leave their wheelchair.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am grateful for that clarification, I had not seen that dismountable ramp. Can the Minister confirm whether that dismountable ramp also allows access to the children's bowling area and the internet lounge, where there are two or three steps? I do not know whether this is a contraption that can be taken outside the bowling area to the children's bowling area as well. Otherwise the same problem exists with regard to the internet lounge and the children's bowling area.

HON E J REYES:

Well, when one looks at the picture my interpretation of that is that I think it should also be suitable. However, if the hon Member wishes I can have it confirmed by the management staff, but it certainly at first impression seems suitable because it goes down two steps, which I believe is about the same height that the children's one would be required.

HON G H LICUDI:

I would be grateful if the Minister would check that and confirm to us that access is available throughout. The third question had to do with access to the King's Bastion Leisure Centre from Line Wall Road. The answer the Minister gave was that this would be included in Phase II of the refurbishment of this area. Now we know that there is a Phase II to the Leisure Centre.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is not so much Phase II although I accept that that is what the answer says. It is not so much Phase II of the Leisure Centre as the Line Wall Road building, the one that he can most immediately see from outside his office, which is actually not part of the Leisure Centre at all except one vault that provides an entrance to it. That has been partially refurbished and now needs to be internally refurbished, and there are some ideas of what is going to go in there, a proposal for a fitness centre or something. But it is as part of the project to refurbish that building, the Line Wall Road what used to be the houses, that is the second phase referred to in the answer to the question.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am glad that the Chief Minister has again seen fit to correct or undermine what the Minister said. We have become accustomed to the Chief Minister correcting issues that Ministers may have said publicly or in this House. What we have not become accustomed to and what is welcome, is the reverse, the Minister for Justice undermining the Chief Minister, particularly with regard to the age of smoking and drinking under age.

MR SPEAKER:

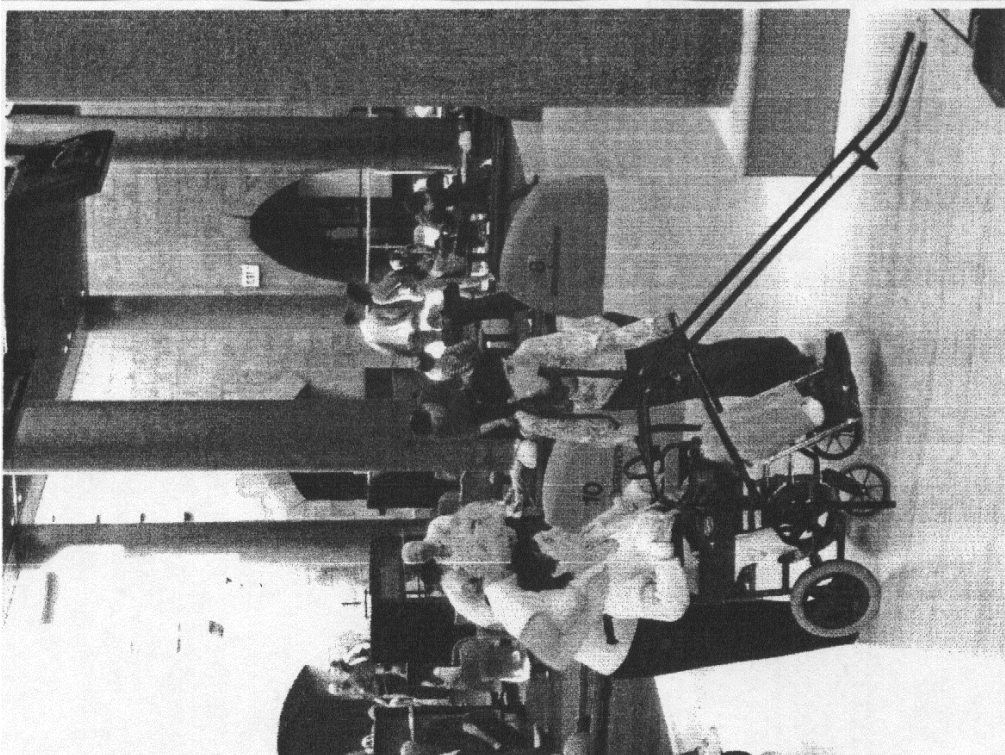
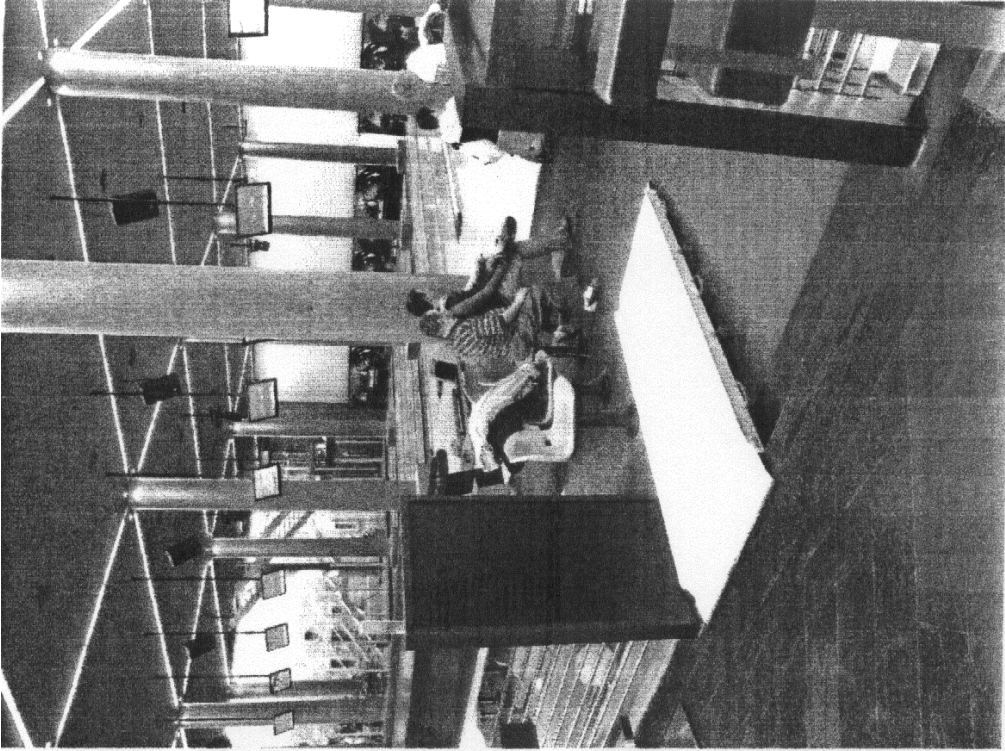
I must advise the hon Member he has strayed far from the question, I may have to stop the supplementary. I am sure we will get there.

HON G H LICUDI:

Just a final point on this question of access from the Line Wall Road. As I understand it, the problem is that if one has a disabled person who wants access to the Leisure Centre and that person is on Line Wall Road, they have to go throughout the length of Line Wall Road to one end of Queensway and then double back in order to get to the Leisure Centre independently, which is what is important, in particular for disabled users. There are, as I understand it, two steps on Line Wall Road into the area from which access into the Leisure Centre can be gained and it does not take very much simply to build a ramp to go down two steps, or even to put a portable or semi-permanent ramp in place. Can the Government confirm that that is something that is going to be looked at as a matter of urgency, so that access can be gained straight away without having to wait for this new phase or new facilities?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is what is being done.





NO. 34 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

KING'S BASTION LEISURE CENTRE

Can Government state what steps it has taken or proposes to take to restrict access to inappropriate internet sites at the internet facility in the King's Bastion Leisure Centre?

ANSWER

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

The King's Bastion Leisure Centre internet lounge kiosks utilise an internet content filtering system supplied by the kiosk vendors. This is the standard content filtering software used in public areas such as hotels and airports. Through the use of keywords and URL filtering, the system exclusively targets explicit contents such as pornography.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 34 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Minister tell us since when that system has been in place? The reason I ask is that this question is prompted by a report from a constituent that there appeared to be no restriction on access to inappropriate sites. That is why I have asked the question and perhaps the Minister can confirm whether he has satisfied himself that the system works adequately. Given the high level of young people and children in particular that use the Leisure Centre and the free access there is in the internet lounge, it is, I am sure the Government will agree, of utmost importance that there are proper controls and restrictions in place. Can the Minister confirm that he will satisfy himself that whatever system is in place is working properly and that the restrictions are working?

HON E J REYES:

As we speak, I am satisfied that the system is working properly. I have been there myself and seen it. I think the hon Member was trying to ask me since when has it been operational. My first reaction is to say since day one, but in order to make certain that we have an accurate record I will obtain that information for him.

ORAL

NO. 35 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – WORK PERMITS

According to the answer to question 9 in the employment statistical report for the fourth quarter of 2007, the number of work permits issued for October, November and December 2007 was 51, 35 and 27 respectively. Can Government state what was the total number of work permits in place as at end December 2007?

ANSWER

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

The total number of work permits in place at the end of December 2007 was 2,225. The proviso that I make is that these figures may be inflated and I will give an explanation as to why with Question No. 36 of 2008.

NO. 36 OF 2008

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 29 February 2008 giving a breakdown by nationality and sex?

ANSWER

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

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule which is being handed to him.

As the hon Member may be aware, when employment statistics as recorded by the Employment Service are considered, it must be noted that these figures tend to be inflated as a result of terminations of employment that employers fail to notify, or even companies that disappear leaving all employment records as registered with the Employment Service.

As the hon Member will be able to verify from the employment statistics made available to the Opposition on a quarterly basis, such statistical information in respect of Notices of Terms of Engagement is kept by the Employment Service as broken down by nationality only, not by sex.

However, the necessary programming of the database is being undertaken in order to have this information also broken down by sex, and will be made available to the hon Member soonest.

Answer to Question 36/2008

Total number of 'Notice of Terms of Engagement' with the Employment Service as at 29th February 2008 by nationality.

Gibraltar	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
11346	5114	3884	1339	1445	918	24046

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 36 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

I may have missed something from the question about this information, the recording of information in relation to employment contracts not being broken down by sex. It was my understanding from previous questions that, for example, in answer to question 5 in the Employment statistical report for the fourth quarter of 2007, which was, "can Government state how many of the Gibraltarians employed in the months since the last answer were registered with the Employment Agency giving a breakdown by age and sex", and says males so many, females so many, total. So if the number of Gibraltarians are recorded as male and female, why are not everybody else recorded as male and female? Why cannot he give us a breakdown by sex for all employees?

HON L MONTIEL:

I am advised that our computer programme does not provide us with the information that is required. However, this is being altered to provide the hon Member with the sets of figures.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is extraordinary we have a computer programme that knows how to differentiate between Gibraltarians and non-Gibraltarians, it must be a first and I am sure Bill Gates of Microsoft would want to know how that works. I note that the Minister says the figures are inflated and the reason given is that the terminations are often not recorded. The Minister is obviously aware that there is a legal obligation to notify and to file notices of termination within seven days of the termination. If the Department is aware that there is a problem with people complying with that legal obligation, can the Minister confirm what the Department is doing about it?

HON L MONTIEL:

When the Department can verify that an employer fails to offer terminations and we can actually make him account to it, we actually do. However, there are circumstances, as I have explained, when it is impossible for the reasons that I have explained.

HON G H LICUDI:

Impossible to do what? To verify because people close down or do not comply with the law? Do we not have a law enforcement arm that could take care of that?

HON L MONTIEL:

Well, they do when they can, when they cannot they cannot.

HON G H LICUDI:

What steps have the Government taken to rectify this obvious problem? If what the Government are telling us is that when they provide statistical information of this sort they are assuming that these figures are inflated because this problem exists, do the Government accept that that renders the figures meaningless from our point of view? That we have statistical information provided which may or may not be correct, and does the Minister have any information as to how much this could be inflated by? Is it 5 per cent, is it 10 per cent, what is the nature of the problem? Is it double the amount? Should it be less? What is the nature of the problem?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, two points to make in response to that somewhat, if he does not mind my saying, illogical supplementary. First of all, that the comment made by my hon friend, the health warning attached to the answer by my hon friend, is the one that has been attached to this question when it has been asked by all the previous spokesmen in this House before he became a Member of it. Why the Opposition suddenly considers that this gives rise to the sort of concerns that underlie his supplementary now but not during the whole of the last Parliament, when the same health warning was attached to the same answer when the same question was asked by his predecessor, is a matter that only he can cast light on. The second point that I would make to the hon Member is very simple. The hon Member rightly, because he is entitled to do so, asks the Government to provide information to him. The Government can do no better than provide to him the information that the Government have. The Government have no obligation to have this information. The Government have the information that they have, when he asks for it they give the best information that they have got. When we know that the best information that we have got should be treated with a degree of caution for known reasons, we go to the trouble of attaching the health warning, which I would have thought was not something for which the hon Member should seek to criticise the Government. Any more than he would have in the days when he was in the Executive of the Party but not in the Government, between 1988, because the system that we have got is the system that was put in place by the Opposition Members when they were in Government. So, the same deficiency in the same information exists today as existed. Now, of course, I do not have access to the Minutes of the GSLP Executive, of which he was a member but not part of the Government, so I do not know whether during 1988 to 1996 he was constantly pressing the Party in Government to make sure that this information could be given in a purer statistical form. But certainly, the Government strives to have the most accurate possible information, especially when it is information that is particularly useful for economic management purposes. The less useful that information is for economic management purposes, the less effort and resource goes into it, goes into the attempts to perfect its quality. But this is endemic, any information that relies on citizens' registering information with the Government can be no more accurate than the degree of compliance by citizens. The hon Member could say or could ask legitimately, well what steps do the Government take to enforce peoples' compliance with this law and is that enforcement effort sufficient. Look, the hon Members know from their experience, those that have experience on this side of the House, just how difficult it is.....

HON G H LICUDI:

Some of us will soon.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, he missed it the first time of asking and he should not assume that he will not miss it the second time of asking as well. Even though, of course, by then I expect him to be the Leader of the Party. Well, that is what the rumours in the streets say but I am not privy to internal GSLP machinations. So, the position is as it has always been. The fact that it has always been like that does not mean that it cannot be improved if it should be improved. This is not an area, in other words, the number of people in employment can be established by another means other than this. This is more relevant to the question of churn. In other words, the number of registrations and de-registrations is really just forensic, empirically forensic about the extent to which people change jobs, rather than the number of jobs. The number of jobs is available from more accurate statistics, as he gets when he asks for the statistics of how many jobs there are in the economy. So, look, I am certainly not committing the Government, however much he thinks the Government should be committed to it. I am not committing the Government to what the Government cannot deliver really whatever the degree of commitment. Even if we quadrupled or quintupled expenditure on enforcement of this particular legal requirement, we could still not guarantee the accuracy of the statistics because that would not deliver 100 per cent compliance by people. I have to tell the hon Member that last time we attempted to attach stringent penalties to failure to comply with labour registration requirements, we were accused almost in unison by everybody of draconian measures. So the answer is that we will give the information that we have, we will continue to attach the health warning, I do not know if somebody from experience in the Department, which was part of his last supplemental, I doubt whether the new Minister would have that information available to him, but it may be that the officials from experience have some idea of what might be the percentage of inaccuracy. In other words, what might be the error factor built in, we could ask that, but there is no way of perfecting these statistics.

HON G H LICUDI:

We seem to be learning today that there is a large element of information that is provided by the Government which we have to take with a pinch of salt.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

On a Point of Order, I think that statement is completely out of order. There is no such evidence. He has asked for one particular statistic, the alternative is for the Government to say to the hon Member, "I will not provide you with the information that you request because we cannot guarantee its complete accuracy". If he prefers us to give him that answer the next time he asks that question, we will. Then we would not be open to the criticism. But when we provide the best information that we have got, attaching the health warning in this case, for him then to sit after hearing all the explanations that he has heard that this is evidence that Government statistics generally have to be taken with a pinch of salt, is less than an entirely honest argument.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Chief Minister knows that is not what I have said in my comments earlier but it is important. I am sure the Chief Minister and all Members of this House will agree that

it is most important that when we get information from the Government, particularly in this House but generally, information from the Government should be as relevant and as accurate as possible. I am sure the Chief Minister will agree.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is, we cannot give the hon Member more accuracy than we have.

HON G H LICUDI:

With regard to the question on the work permits, Question No. 35 of 2008, the Minister said there are 2,225 but it may be more. That is as a result of notices of termination not being filed, can the Minister explain how the system works in practice with regard to work permits? Do they not have a definite duration? Are they issued now for six months in practice or for a particular job? Therefore, is it not easier to know how long work permits are?

HON L MONTIEL:

Well, I am required.....

HON G H LICUDI:

I have not finished the question, I know the hon member does not speak very often or is not allowed to speak very often. He is anxious to get up but he should wait for the question. One thing is for notices of termination to be filed, which would bring to an end, presumably, the work permit. Another thing is the work permit lapsing naturally, either because the job has finished or the particular duration of the work permit has come to an end. Does that not mean that in respect of work permits the Government have the ability to provide more accurate information, or to be more certain as to the accuracy of the information? In respect of this particular number, 2,225, are these work permits that are renewed on a regular basis, or will come to an end and then be reconsidered? Do we just add on the numbers that we get every month, 51, 37, 27, do we just keep adding on without taking off unless there is a termination of employment?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Again it is the same issue just articulated in a different way. Until we get informed that a job no longer exists, we do not know that the work permit has become spent. In other words, that the person has left Gibraltar.

HON G H LICUDI:

If the Chief Minister would give way. The Chief Minister may have missed the first part of what I said in the supplementary, that there may be a difference with regard to work permits because these have a life of their own, and it is not an indefinite duration like notices of employment.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If one requires a work permit because of one's particular immigration status, the onus is on one to renew the work permit. If one does not, the work permit lapses and it is not there. It is not an extant work permit.

HON G H LICUDI:

It does not depend on termination for.....?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, it does not depend on termination. Correct, it should not depend on termination because the renewal of the work permit is done by the same organisation as is keeping the tally of terminations. So even if the employer does not notify if the same chap is keeping the tally of terminations and is also administering the question of expiry of work permits, and he sees that he has not renewed it, then logically speaking he has the wherewithal to say this one is to be removed.

HON G H LICUDI:

Will the Government agree that in the Employment Survey, as recently provided, we have provision for 17,000 notices of terms of engagement, whereas the information that has been given is of 24,000. Now, I take on board everything that the Chief Minister has said. Does that not suggest and would the Government not agree that the problem is a serious one? We are talking of 7,000, potentially, an extra 7,000 non-existent jobs being reflected in this figure.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I will urge the hon Member not to use these statistics to deduce the number of jobs that there exists in the economy. The Government do not. No, we do not choose these jobs of terminations and registrations as the measure of employment, no.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Chief Minister tell us how?

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am glad the Chief Minister says the Government do not use it, but perhaps he should say they no longer use it. Or maybe he has forgotten that there was a stage when every quarter they used to tell us that their labour market had expanded by the number of contracts of employment that had been registered with the Employment Service, as opposed to the number of contracts terminated. If he does not remember I will bring the press releases to him tomorrow.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, if that was the practice of the Government, a practice which I have to say to him honestly I do not remember, which does not mean it did not happen. I do not know why the hon Member next to him is saying, he cannot possibly know whether it happened or not. I suppose he is just mimicking in support of his leader.

HON J BOSSANO:

I can suggest to him somebody who might remember, who is the person who issued the press releases, who was the Minister for Labour and who sits at the far end of his bench. He may remember issuing them.

NO. 37 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

UNEMPLOYMENT REGISTER

Can Government state the number of Gibraltarians removed from the unemployment register in the period from October 2007 to December 2007 for reasons other than that those persons obtained employment?

ANSWER

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

The number of Gibraltarians removed from the unemployment register in the period October 2007 to December 2007, for reasons other than those persons having obtained employment, is as follows. At the end of October – 63; at the end of November – 56, at the end of December – 86. I must hasten to add that the only reason for removing a person from the unemployment register, other than evidently obtaining employment, is because the person lapses. That is to say, does not attend the Job Centre during a calendar month. The person is then not actively seeking employment and is duly removed from the unemployment register.

This same procedure has been in place ever since the Employment Service, or the then Employment and Training Board, has been responsible for the keeping of an unemployment register.

NO. 38 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMPLOYMENT – CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

Can Government state what the total number of workers in the construction industry was as at 29 February 2008 giving the totals of Gibraltarians and other nationals with a breakdown by nationality?

ANSWER

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

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule which is being handed to him.

Again, the proviso that I made in respect of Question No. 36 of 2008, regarding inflated figures, will also proportionally apply in this instance.

Answer to Question 38/2008

Total number of workers in the construction industry as at 29th February 2008 by nationality.

Gibraltarian	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC	Total
623	686	1179	174	580	280	3522

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 38 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

The figures that have been provided by the Government suggest that as at 29th February 2008, the total number of workers in the construction industry was 3,522 of which 623 were Gibraltarians. I note also the proviso that has been made which suggests that these figures may be inflated and, in fact, it may be less, it may be less number of Gibraltarians who have not registered their termination. Given the relatively small proportion of Gibraltarians employed in the construction industry, does the Government have any concerns at these low numbers, and does it suggest to the Government that certain skills are being lost because a large number of the construction workers are actually from abroad, who will leave at the end of the project and will leave with their skills? Those skills will not remain in Gibraltar.

HON L MONTIEL:

These figures are a reflection of the labour market in Gibraltar as it stands today and the skills in the construction industry are very widely required. The numbers of Gibraltarians that have skills and that want to work in the construction industry normally get employed. Indeed, we use the construction industry for many people who we help from the Employment Service to get employment. I do not consider that there is an unemployment situation for Gibraltarians that want to be employed in the construction industry.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The Minister is aware that the number of Gibraltarians in the construction industry is declining, he is aware of that?

HON L MONTIEL:

Yes, indeed I am. For that reason we are reviewing the skills requirement in our training centres and we are doubling our efforts to produce the skills that are required.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But in fact, it is now a number of years that we have seen the numbers employed in the construction industry coming down. Not reflected perhaps in this figure which may be less reliable, but apparently in the more reliable figures of the Employment Surveys. Does the Minister think that the problem is that there are Gibraltarians available that could be trained to take those jobs, or that the industry in fact seems more interested in bringing in workers from the outside?

HON L MONTIEL:

There is a combination of the two things. There are numbers of Gibraltarian workers who do not want to be employed in the private construction industry. Of course,

given the market, the market is expanding, therefore it is attractive to bring labour from abroad. However, when Gibraltarians want to enter this area, I can assure the hon Member that there is no reason why they cannot enter into the market.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is the point, that those Gibraltarians who are insufficient to satisfy the needs of our demand for construction labour, but those Gibraltarians that are willing and want to work in the construction industry, tend to seek employment where it is most stable and secure and that is in the public sector. Either in the Government Buildings & Works Department or in GJBS or in one of the public sector related companies. That tends to absorb most of the home-grown inclined candidates.

ORAL

NO. 39 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government say what was the total number of questionnaires issued to employers in respect of the October 2007 Employment Survey?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 40 of 2008.

NO. 40 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT

Can Government say whether the period for replying in respect of the October 2007 Employment Survey is now closed and how many questionnaires have been returned to date?

ANSWER

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

A total of 1,892 questionnaires were sent out to employers as explained in answer to Question No. 452 of 2007, in respect of the October 2007 Employment Survey that was closed on 31st January 2008. A total of 1,858 questionnaires were returned.

NO. 41 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

LABOUR INSPECTORS/HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICERS

Can Government state whether it proposes to increase the number of Labour Inspectors and Health and Safety officers which it employs?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The Government has no plans at present to increase the number of Labour Inspectors. Insofar as concerns health and safety, while the Government has no present plans to increase the number of officers, it is reviewing the whole area of health and safety generally, with a view to introducing reforms in due course.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 41 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

Does the Minister not share the views expressed publicly by the Union, of which he was previously the leader, that there seems to be a shortage of Labour Inspectors in Gibraltar in order to monitor and control properly things like we have been discussing before – termination provisions, enforcement of the legal obligations by employers and employees alike - does he not share that view?

HON L MONTIEL:

No, I do not share the view as expressed by the hon Member. The reality is that the Labour Inspectorate does a very good job, and of course, it is up to the people who complain that there is too much illegal labour to help out by letting us know exactly where those illegal labourers are working. When we challenge those people, that make those claims, to come forward and tell us where they are, they do not seem to have the right facts or cannot say where these illegal labourers are. I have given the Unions my personal undertaking that should they find out where these so-called illegal labourers are, we will pursue the matter with the greatest severity.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am not suggesting for the moment, nor should it be implied and I hope it has not been implied, that the existing Labour Inspectors do not do their job properly. On the contrary, the information I have is that they do an excellent job. The question was simply whether it was the workload they have, whether it was sufficient for the numbers that there are, but I know that the Government consider that it is sufficient and it is under control. We will continue to monitor and ask the Government appropriately. With regard to Health and Safety Officers, the answer was that the Government have no present plans to increase the complement. Is the Minister aware that in August 2007 a vacancy for Health and Safety Officer Grade 4 in the Ministry of Employment was circulated by the Human Resources Department of the Government? Can the Minister tell us what happened with that vacancy?

HON L MONTIEL:

Well, the Government are not taking a very narrow view of the necessities and the requirements of the Labour Inspectorate. The Government are looking at the whole Labour Inspectorate and will be making very clear decisions and reforms in due course.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister, with respect, has missed the point entirely. I had moved on from Labour Inspectors having made the point and was asking specifically about vacancies for Health and Safety Officers, which the Minister has told us the Government have no present plans to employ any additional Health and Safety Officers. The question, which I will repeat, is on 23rd August 2007 a circular was issued by the Human Resources Department for a vacancy for Health and Safety Officer Grade 4 at the Ministry of Employment. My question is was that vacancy filled?

HON L MONTIEL:

I am very conscious of the fact and am very clear as to what was the question that the hon Member was trying to make and I am very conscious of the argument that was put forward. That particular post and advertisement will be taken in conjunction with the general review which is going to be undertaken very quickly.

HON G H LICUDI:

My question was whether a vacancy which had been advertised was filled. The answer to that seems to be no, and we seem to be getting an additional information which is that the vacancy has been withdrawn. If that is the correct position and the inference, from the answer the Minister has given, seems to be that that is the position, there is no current vacancy in place, there was a vacancy and that has not been filled. Therefore, the vacancy has been withdrawn. Can the Government tell us why they felt on 23rd August 2007 that there was a need for a Health and Safety Officer and now they tell us they have no present plans of employing additional Safety Officers?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the answer to that is relatively simple and I rise to give it because the Minister was not in the Government at the time that the decision was made. Shortly after this vacancy arose, the Government decided that they wished to conduct a thorough review, which is indicated in the answer that he received to the original question, to the whole way that health and safety in Gibraltar is administered. Is it time to consider an external agency, like the Health and Safety Executive? That is the review that is currently being undertaken jointly by my hon Colleagues the Minister for Employment and the Minister for Civil Protection. They both have responsibility for different elements of health and safety. The Government do not wish to build up a system that may be subject to radical change. So the hon Member is right, there is one person short, there was a particular gentleman who retired who was the boss of the two that are left, there were three. The vacancy that resulted from that retirement was not filled so there is one vacancy at the bottom and it has not been filled for that reason. In effect there is a freeze whilst the decision to review the whole question of health and safety is reviewed from the point of view of starting with a clean sheet of paper. Of course, health and safety is not just the Factory Inspectorate side of it. In other words, health and safety at work. There are also large increasingly European Union driven public health and safety, in terms of the safety of citizens on the highway, which are also relevant, the sort of functions that the Health and Safety Executive in the UK carry out, and that is what is looked at and whether Gibraltar has simply outgrown, now, this very limited resource and this very narrow statute that regulates it.

HON G H LICUDI:

What the Chief Minister has clearly accepted that there is, in the Health and Safety Officers Department, one man short. They are effectively one man short from what they used to be. Can the Government confirm that this decision to review was taken after the Elections, after 11th October and, if not, why a vacancy that advertised applications which were due by the 6th September was not taken up? Were applications actually handed in to fill the vacancy and if they were turned down, if nobody was employed, why not? Was there nobody that was suitable or did they start the review on 6th September, or after the Elections, or was it that they just did not have the man applying that they wanted to employ?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It had nothing to do with the Election, the process just did not proceed. I do not remember up to what stage it got but it was certainly nothing to do with the Election date, why should it have?

HON G H LICUDI:

Only because the Minister referred to the other Minister not being a Government Minister until the Election. Therefore, one pre-supposed that this was something that happened after the Election.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If it happened after the Election then I would not have been able to say what I said because he would know the reason for the decision. The fact that I said that he does not know because he was not then in Government, proves the contrary, that it was taken before the Election.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Government tell us how long this review will go on for, particularly bearing in mind that they have accepted that there is one man short from the previous complement? Also, bearing in mind that we seem to have, from the Employment Statistics we get, however inflated they may be and with the proviso that has been provided earlier, we do have increasing numbers of employees in Gibraltar and, therefore, there seems to be a requirement for increasing numbers of Health and Safety Officers, yet there is one man short and we do not have a commitment that that will be filled in the very near future. We simply have a statement, no present intention to employ somebody. Can we know when that lack of present intention will lead to actually an intention to employ someone who is clearly not filling up a post that is available now?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the length, the depth and breadth and the structural nature of the review that the Government want to undertake is much more important than any short-term considerations driven by one vacancy in the position. The answer to the hon Member's question is no, that this review will not be driven by the vacancy that exists. Nor should the hon Member assume that the function will continue to be served by simply growing the sort of organisation that presently exists. That is why the Government do not want to fill the vacancy, because the review may throw up a different way of dealing with health and safety, other than just people employed in a Government Department. So we want to keep our options open and we think that the most sensible way of doing that is not to recruit. Of course, if it became clear that the process was taking too long and that in the meantime there were important gaps in the health and safety coverage/administration as a result, then of course the Government would have to consider some short-term provision. But that would be driven by the needs of health and safety rather than just by the needs of some numerical adherence to three as opposed to two. The interim need indeed could be more than three. The Government could be persuaded that whilst this review was taking place three was not enough that it might be five. Then we would have to consider how we would provide the interim resource whilst we continue the review. The conduct of this review means that we do not want to employ anybody permanent and pensionable, in case we employ people of the wrong sort, with the wrong skills, in the wrong place, at the wrong grade. But of course, that does not mean that we can ignore the needs of health and safety in the meantime. If the shortage were shown to lead to a deficiency in cover, then we would have to find some other way, other than filling the vacancy, of recruiting as much temporary resources as were necessary.

ORAL

NO. 42 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT – MOD EMPLOYMENT

Can Government state whether the effect of the reduction in the level of direct employment in the MOD will be reflected in the Employment Survey report for October 2007?

ANSWER

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

Answered together with Question No. 43 of 2008.

NO. 43 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT – MOD EMPLOYMENT

Can Government state what is the expected final figure for direct employment in the MOD as a result of the contractorisation exercise involving Serco and has this figure now been reached?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR EMPLOYMENT, LABOUR & INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The October 2007 Employment Survey Report will not reflect the reduction in the level of direct MOD employment as this reduction took effect after 31st October 2007.

The agreement with the Ministry of Defence provides for direct employment levels of 591, subject to how staff working in DCSA and some catering staff are dealt with in the future.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 42 AND 43 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

In Question No. 43 of 2008, I take it that the 591 is the answer to the first part of the question but he has not answered the second part. Is the MOD currently above the 591 and it is still coming down?

HON L MONTIEL:

Well, at the moment they are above because many services have not yet been transferred to the Gibraltar Government.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So the 591.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

At full implementation.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So the 591 will only be if the services were transferred. Does he know then what the present figure is of the MOD?

HON L MONTIEL:

The present figures of the MOD?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, is it very close to that?

HON L MONTIEL:

I would imagine it would be above that, and more.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I can provide that information if the hon Member is interested in the breakdown.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I would be grateful if the information is available.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Readily available, we can easily desegregate.

ORAL

NO. 44 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

HM PRISON

Can Government state how many inmates were in prison during the months of December 2007 to March 2008 giving a breakdown by gender and age?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

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

ANSWER TO QUESTION 44 OF 2008

Prisoner Statistics from 1 December 2007 to 27 March 2008

Age Group	No of Prisoners	Males	Females
Under 17	1	1	0
17 - 20	14	13	1
21 - 25	11	11	0
26 - 50	64	63	1
51 and over	4	3	1
Total	94	91	3

NO. 45 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

UNFAIR DISMISSAL CLAIMS

Can Government state whether it proposes to increase limits in compensation for unfair dismissal claims in order to bring these limits closer to those which currently apply in the United Kingdom?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR JUSTICE

The Government have no such proposals at this time.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 45 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

If I may preface my supplementary by bringing a matter in relation to the levels of compensation to the Government's attention. As the Minister knows, compensation in the Industrial Tribunal is governed by the Industrial Tribunal Calculation of Compensation Regulations 1992. Regulation 3(b) provides that the amounts in respect of the compensatory award is to be 104 times twice the amount specified as weekly remuneration in the Schedule to the Conditions of Employment (Standard Minimum Wage) Order 1989. Are the Government aware that the 1989 Order was revoked in 2001 and therefore there may be a problem with the statutory powers of the Industrial Tribunal? There may be a suggestion by some people, if that is correct, and I have checked whether there have been any amendments to the Regulations to change the 1989 Order to refer to the 2001 Order. What the 2001 Order did was to essentially replace the previous Order, not just change the number of weekly remunerations as is customary, and paragraph 8 of the 2001 Order said the Conditions of Employment (Standard Minimum Wage) Order 1989 is hereby revoked. Therefore, as I see it, we have in place Regulations giving powers to the Industrial Tribunal which refer to revoked provisions. We want to avoid a position whereby anybody, because the Industrial Tribunal is a creature of statute and only has the powers that are given to it by statute or by regulations, we want to avoid anybody being able to argue that the Industrial Tribunal does not in fact have the power, nor has it had the power since 2001 to make a compensatory award. In order to avoid that, can I ask the Government to confirm that they will redress this problem and make such amendments as a matter of urgency as are necessary, in order to give the Industrial Tribunal the powers that it should have? Can I also ask the Government to confirm that when doing so, they will do so as from 2nd July 2001 which is when the 2001 Regulations came in, so that there is no one that can allege

or suggest that all Orders for compensatory awards made by the Industrial Tribunal since 2001 have been ultra vires? Can the Government confirm that?

HON D A FEETHAM:

The supplementary question bears absolutely no relevance at all, indeed, to the question that the hon Member asked of me and, indeed, my response. Now, if there is a concern that the hon Member has in relation to some ultra vires argument in relation to the Rules, the hon Member can write to me and, of course, I can respond accordingly. Alternatively, he can give due notice of the question, but I do not think that it arises in relation to this particular question nor the answer that I have given.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is quite extraordinary, in one of the first interventions that the Minister should have, that he should simply avoid the issue altogether and wash his hands of what could be a major problem and simply says, if there is a problem with the law let him write to me. Well, it is his responsibility because he is the Minister for Justice and he should be looking at the law and he should have spotted this when he came in if he had not spotted it earlier. So it is his responsibility not mine, I simply bring it to his attention and now I ask him to do something about it and not wash his hands.

MR SPEAKER:

Order. Mr Licudi, I would be grateful if a question were forthcoming before whole speeches.

HON G H LICUDI:

I was simply responding to what I considered to be a highly irresponsible answer given by the Minister for Justice. The Government have stated that there is no intention to change the limits of compensation to bring them closer to the levels which appear in the United Kingdom. I assume that in looking at that, particularly in response to the question that has been asked, the Minister has in fact looked at what the compensation limits are in Gibraltar and what they are in the UK. Is the Minister aware, and I assume that he is, that the basic award in Gibraltar is prescribed as at least £2,200 even though the practice seems to be since 1992 to award £2,000, that in the UK the minimum basic award is £4,400 – double the amount in Gibraltar – as a minimum and the maximum basic award in the UK is £9,900, four and a half times the level which is set in Gibraltar? Is the Minister aware that the maximum award that can be given today in Gibraltar is £38,704 whereas in the UK it is £72,900? Therefore, the Gibraltar award is 53 per cent of the UK award. Having regard, in particular, to the struggle that has taken place for workers' rights, and I know that the Government professes to be the party of workers, and the principle of parity which has applied in Gibraltar for many, many years, do the Government not agree that there cannot be a justification for differentials of that nature with 53 per cent in Gibraltar of what the UK award is?

HON D A FEETHAM:

May I take the hon Member's speech in, because it really is a speech, in two parts. As to the first part, I am not shirking my responsibility in any way, shape or form. All I am saying to the hon Member is that the supplementary question bore no resemblance to the question, nor was it related to the answer that I gave. Now, if there is a concern in relation to this particular point, and it has never been brought to my attention, well the hon Member can raise it with me and I will do my best to respond. The hon Member raises issues in relation to the ultra vires of rules that have existed for a considerable period of time and have been applied in the Industrial Tribunal for a considerable period of time. Now that requires serious consideration, what the hon Member cannot do is just simply surprise us all in the context of a supplementary that bears no resemblance to the original question that he chose to ask me, and then give a speech and make a song and dance about me not being willing to answer the question. That is not the case, I think I have dealt with it very fairly and if the hon Member wants to write to me, and indeed he has raised it, I will now look at the issue. If he wants I will answer him in correspondence in due course. As to the second part of his question, the Government are conducting a review of all the Industrial Tribunal Rules and that review includes a comparison of our Rules with the Rules in the United Kingdom, as indeed with other jurisdictions. What I do not want to do is to pre-empt the results of that review. In due course we will make an announcement, we have already made an announcement in relation to reviews that we conducted in other areas of the law, in criminal law and in family law, and no doubt in due course we will be making an announcement. But that date has not arrived.

HON G H LICUDI:

I have no intention of writing to the Minister, I have raised an issue of importance in this Parliament and I consider that it is incumbent on the Minister, as Minister for Justice, to take that on board and look at it. That is all I asked.

HON D A FEETHAM:

If that is what he asked that is what I have said I would do.

MR SPEAKER:

Order, Order. The hon Member must know, the answer has been heard, I would be grateful if the hon Member asked the question. It is not for the hon Member to make statements of his intention, please ask a question.

HON G H LICUDI:

I have asked the question and I have got the answer, they have no present intention of doing this. Simply another review, another thing in the air.

ORAL

NO. 46 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – RAIN WATER PENETRATION AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can Government confirm that there has been rainwater penetration at St Bernard’s Hospital and if so on what dates and what areas were affected?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 47 and 48 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 47 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PLUMBING WORKS AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can Government list the parts of St Bernard’s Hospital where re-plumbing has taken place, showing the date the work commenced, the date it was completed and the cost?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 46 and 48 of 2008.

NO. 48 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PLUMBING WORKS AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can Government set out the total costs incurred from December 2007 to date 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

I can confirm that there has been water penetration at St Bernard’s Hospital in the following areas: In two of the administrative offices and the boardroom in Floor 7, Block 1; and in the ground floor link corridor.

In answer to Question Nos. 47 and 48 of 2008, I hand the hon Member a schedule giving the information requested.

Answer to Question 48 of 2008

Answer to Question 47 of 2008

Department	Start date	Finish date	Note
Strainers & Non return valves	30/04/2007	18/05/2007	
Surgical Ward in B3 L3	19/06/2007	02/08/2007	
Theatres B1 L4	06/07/2007	29/09/2007	Working only during weekends
Calpe Ward B4 L3	21/08/2007	08/09/2007	
Plantroom 2	11/09/2007	13/09/2007	
Plantroom 1	14/09/2007	18/09/2007	
Plantroom 3	18/09/2007	20/09/2007	
School of Health Studies (2 floors)	21/09/2007	26/09/2007	
Basement area	01/10/2007	15/10/2007	
	05/11/2007	10/11/2007	
	03/12/2007	08/12/2007	
	18/12/2007	21/12/2007	
Victoria Ward B3 L2	17/10/2007	02/11/2007	
John Ward B3 L1	12/11/2007	01/12/2007	
Captain Murchison Ward B1 L2	19/12/2007	16/01/2008	
Dudley Toomey Ward B1 L3	22/01/2008	08/02/2008	
Plantroom 7 & 8	13/02/2008	16/02/2008	
Maternity Ward B3 L4	18/02/2008	14/03/2008	
Rainbow B4 L4	28/03/2008		
Total Costs to Date			£355,874.42

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Cont'd Answer to Question 48 of 2008

Answer to Question 48 of 2008

Cost incurred by the contractors for the period 1 October 2007 to date is £179,609.42. 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 NOS. 46, 47 AND 48 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

First of all in respect of Question No. 46 of 2008, can the Minister say whether the ceilings of the parts of St Bernard's Hospital that were affected, whether there were any works done to that prior to the water ingress?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I am not aware that any works were done prior to the water ingress.

HON N F COSTA:

Has there been any water penetration in prior years?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I did not quite catch the question.

HON N F COSTA:

The question was whether there has been any water penetration in the same areas in prior years?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes, I have just answered his previous question, which said whether there had been in the past water penetration and I said that there had been.

HON N F COSTA:

We assume that the dates in which the water penetration took place were this year. The question I am asking now is whether the Minister is aware if there was water penetration in prior years, not just this year.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I was assuming that the question related to the period since the hospital has opened, not referring only to this last year. I have answered accordingly.

HON N F COSTA:

Is the Minister aware of the cost to date?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I have provided him with the cost in the schedule that I handed over to him.

HON N F COSTA:

When I last asked the question, Question No. 479 of 2007, I also asked at that point the total forecast expenditure. At that time the Minister said that the total forecast expenditure had not yet been identified. I note from the schedule provided by the Minister the total forecast expenditure has not yet been identified as at today. Is the Minister aware of when we can expect the total forecast expenditure?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No.

ORAL

NO. 49 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF OPERATIONS AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can Government state how many operations were performed in St Bernard’s Hospital on a monthly basis, from November 2007 to March 2008, by speciality, specifying which were elective and which were emergencies?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 50 and 62 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 50 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – ELECTIVE SURGERY

Can Government state how many persons were waiting for elective surgery in each speciality from November 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 49 and 62 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 51 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can Government state the total number of out-patient attendances at St Bernard’s Hospital on a monthly basis, between December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 52 and 53 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 52 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – IN-PATIENT ADMISSIONS AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

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 December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 51 and 53 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 53 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NON-ENTITLED PATIENT ADMISSIONS TO ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can Government state how many non-entitled patients have been admitted to St Bernard’s Hospital on a monthly basis, from December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 53 of 2008

Answer to Question 51 of 2008

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

2007/2008	Clinics	A&E			Physiotherapy
		Clinics	Dressings	Plasters	
DECEMBER	2179	1534	540	20	398
JANUARY	3125	1599	556	19	681
FEBRUARY	3047	1444	542	16	646
Totals	8351	4577	1638	55	1725

Answer to Questions 52 and 53 of 2008

	DECEMBER 07	JANUARY 08	FEBRUARY 08
Total Admissions	371	419	345
Average Inpatients	138	138	132
Non-entitled Admissions	4	1	0

ORAL

NO. 54 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CAUSES OF DEATH

Can Government provide the percentage distribution for causes of death on a monthly basis, from January to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The data is collected on an annual basis. The data for 2007 will be available later this month.

ORAL

NO. 55 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MRSA INFECTIONS AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can Government state whether any cases of MRSA infection were detected at St Bernard’s Hospital on a monthly basis, between November 2007 to March 2008, and whether any were fatal, providing a breakdown by patients and members of staff?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

I hand the hon Member a schedule giving the information requested for the period November 2007 to February 2008. The details for March will be available later this month.

There was no fatality due to MRSA in this period.

Answer to Question 55 of 2008

MRSA infections detected

	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08
Patients	1	1	2	3
Staff	0	0	0	0

ORAL

NO. 56 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

Can Government provide the breakdown of laboratory confirmed notifiable diseases for the months of November 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 56 of 2008-05-06

Laboratory Confirmed Notifiable Diseases (Nov 2007 – February 2008)

Organisms Isolated	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Total
Adenovirus		1	1		2
Bordetella pertussis					
Campylobacter Species	6	5	3		14
Chlamydia trachomatis	1	2	2		5
Clostridium difficile	2			1	3
Cryptococcus neoformans					
Giardia lamblia					
Hepatitis A					
Hepatitis B					
Hepatitis C					
Influenza A			2		2
Influenza B					
Nycobacterium tuberculosis	2				2
Mycoplasma pneumoniae	4	9	12	9	34
Neisseria meningitides					
Neisseria gonorrhoea					
Pathogenic E. coli					
Rotavirus	2	6	2	1	11
Salmonella species	2	1	3		6
Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)		10	10	6	26
Shigella species					
Streptococcus Group A Scarlet Fever					
Trichomonas vaginalis		1			1
Total	19	35	35	17	106

The date for the month of March will be available in April.

NO. 57 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – VACCINE (CANCER OF CERVIX)

In December of last year, the Minister for Health replied in answer to Question No. 499 of 2007 that the Government is in the process of considering the various options put to it by the GHA for population immunisation in respect of the vaccine for girls that reduces the risk of cancer of the cervix. What steps has the Government taken from December to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The position remains as stated in answer to Question No. 499 of 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 57 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

Would the Minister be able to give an indication of when a scheme will be introduced into the Gibraltar Health Authority?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

As soon as the Government are in a position to consider the options put to them by the GHA.

HON N F COSTA:

Could the Minister tell us at what stage of the process they are?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

The options have already been presented to Government, as I said the last time I answered a similar question. It is a just a question of us convening and considering it and taking a policy decision.

HON N F COSTA:

May I ask the Minister when that will be?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I cannot give him an answer.

ORAL

NO. 58 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – COMPLEMENT OF MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFF

Can the Government state how many members of the GHA's medical and nursing professions were in post between December 2007 to March 2008, giving a breakdown by nationality and residence?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 59 to 61 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 59 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DISTRIBUTION OF NURSES BY WARDS AND DEPARTMENTS AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can the Government state what was the distribution of nurses by wards and departments at St Bernard’s Hospital, specifying their grades from December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 58, 60 and 61 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 60 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF CONTRACT NURSES EMPLOYED

Can Government state the number of contract nurses employed by the GHA as at the end of March 2008, listing the speciality in which they are employed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 58, 59 and 61 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 61 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF NURSES EMPLOYED

Can Government state how many nurses were employed between November 2007 and March 2008 giving a breakdown by grade?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 61 of 2008**Answer to Question 58 of 2008**

Medical and nursing staff in post as at the end of February 2008.

<u>GRADE & NO OF OFFICERS</u>		<u>NATIONALITY</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Director of Public Health – 1	1	British	Gibraltar
Consultants – 26	5	British	Gibraltar
	3	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
	5	Spanish	3 Gib 2 Spain
	3	Swedish	Gibraltar
	2	Slovak	Gibraltar
	2	German	Gibraltar
	1	Polish	Gibraltar
	1	Italian	Gibraltar
	1	Irish	Gibraltar
	1	Indian	Gibraltar
	1	South African	Gibraltar
1	French	Gibraltar	
Clinical Psychologist – 1	1	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors - 17	2	British	Gibraltar
	4	Spanish	2 Gib 2 Spain
	1	Irish	Spain
	6	Pakistani	Gibraltar
	1	Indian	Gibraltar
	1	German	Gibraltar
	1	Canadian	Gibraltar
	1	American	Gibraltar
General Practitioners – 17	7	British	Gibraltar
	3	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
	4	Spanish	2 Gib 2Spain
	1	Irish	Gibraltar
	1	Indian	Gibraltar
	1	Maltese	Gibraltar
Associate Specialist – 1	1	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
Director of Nursing & Patient Services - 1	1	British	Gibraltar
Deputy Director of Nursing Services - 1	1	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
Deputy Director of Mental Health Services - 1	1	New Zealand	Gibraltar
Clinical Nurse Managers – 7	7	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
Senior Nurse Tutor – 1	1	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
Nurse Lecturer – 2	2	British	Gibraltar
Nurse Practitioner – 3	3	British	Gibraltar
Charge Nurses – 33	24	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
	7	British	Gibraltar
	1	Irish	Gibraltar
	1	Malayan	Gibraltar
Staff Nurses – 135	66	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
	45	British	41 Gib 4 Spain
	22	Spanish	6 Gib 16 Spain
	1	German	Gibraltar
	1	Polish	Gibraltar
Midwives – 16	7	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
	7	British	6 Gib 1 Spain
	2	Spanish	Spain

GRADE & NO OF OFFICERS		NATIONALITY	RESIDENCE
Operating Department Practitioners - 5	3	British	2 Gib 1 Spain
	2	Spanish	1 Gib 1 Spain
Senior Enrolled Nurses – 5	5	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
Enrolled Nurses – 82	80	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
	2	British	Gibraltar
Nursing Auxiliaries – 8	8	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
Nursing Assistants – 85	82	Bri-Gibraltarian	Gibraltar
	3	British	Gibraltar

Answer to Question 59 of 2008

Distribution of nurses by wards and departments as at the end of February 2008

Operating Theatre

2 Sister/Charge Nurses
10 Staff Nurses
5 ODP
1 Enrolled Nurse
1 Nursing Assistant

Pre-Assessment

2 Staff Nurses

Dudley Toomey Ward

2 Sister/Charge Nurse
11 Staff Nurses
3 Enrolled Nurses
12.5 Nursing Assistant

Captain Murchison

2 Sister/Charge Nurse
10 Staff Nurses
5 Enrolled Nurses
10.5 Nursing Assistants

John Ward

2 Sister/Charge Nurses
10 Staff Nurses
8 Enrolled Nurses
11 Nursing Assistants

Rainbow Ward

2 Sister/Charge Nurses
6 Staff Nurses
6.5 Enrolled Nurses
1 Nursing Auxiliary
1 Senior Enrolled Nurse

A&E

3 Sister/Charge Nurses
10.5 Staff Nurses
9.5 Enrolled Nurses

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Victoria Ward

2 Sister/Charge Nurses
10 Staff Nurses
5.5 Enrolled Nurses
8 Nursing Assistants
1 Nursing Auxiliary

Maternity

2 Sister/Charge Nurses
13.5 Staff Midwives
4 Nursing Assistants

ITU

2 Sister/Charge Nurses
19.5 Staff Nurse
8.5 Enrolled Nurses

Night Sisters

5 Sister/Charge Nurses

Eye Department

3 Staff Nurses
1 Nursing Assistant

Nurse Management

1 Director of Nursing
1 Deputy Director of Nursing
1 Assistant Director of Nursing in Mental Health
7 Clinical Nurse Managers

Infection Control

2 Sister/Charge Nurses

Blood Department

1.5 Staff Nurses
1 Nursing Assistant

Palliative Care

1 Sister

Outpatients

2 Staff Nurses
1 Senior Enrolled Nurse
10 Enrolled Nurses
1 Nursing Assistant

Dialysis Unit

0.5 Staff Nurses

Cardiac Rehab

1 Staff Nurse

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Child Health PCC

2 Sister/Charge Nurses
3 Staff Nurses
1 Enrolled Nurse

District Team PCC

1 Sister/Charge Nurse
7 Staff Nurses
1 Senior Enrolled Nurse
2 Enrolled Nurses
1 Nursing Assistant

Clinics PCC

1 Sister/Charge Nurse
4 Staff Nurses
1 Enrolled Nurse
9 Nursing Assistants

Dental PCC

2 Nursing Auxiliary
2 Nursing Assistants

Nurse Practitioners – 3

KGV Acute Ward

3 Sister/Charge Nurses
8 Staff Nurses
1 Senior Enrolled Nurse
4 Enrolled Nurses
8 Nursing Assistants

KGV Long Stay Ward

2 Sister/Charge Nurses
8 Staff Nurses
1 Senior Enrolled Nurse
6 Enrolled Nurses
15 Nursing Assistants

Community Mental Health Team

1 Sister/Charge Nurse
1 Staff Nurse
4 Enrolled Nurse

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Director of Nursing & Patient Services	1
Deputy Director of Mental Health Services	1
Nurse Lecturer	2
Nurse Practitioners	3
Charge Nurses	3
Staff Nurses	29
Staff Nurses (Part-time)	1
Registered Sick Children's Nurses	3
Registered Mental Nurses	11
Registered Mental Nurses (Part-time)	1
Theatre/Day Surgery Nurses	7
Midwives	9
Midwives (Part-time)	1
Operating Department Practitioners	5
Enrolled Nurses	1
Enrolled Nurses	1

Answer to Question 61 of 2008

The following is a breakdown of the number of nurses employed between November 2007 and February 2008.

Staff Nurses	3
Registered Sick Children's Nurse	1
Registered mental Nurses	3

ORAL

NO. 62 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CANCELLED OPERATIONS AT ST BERNARD’S HOSPITAL

Can Government list the dates between December 2007 to March 2008 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 hand the hon Member a schedule listing the information requested.

Answer to Question 62 of 2008

Answer to Question 49

Elective operations performed:

Speciality	November 2007	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
General Surgery	73	48	52	48
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	16	13	24	18
Ophthalmology	34	22	33	28
Oral Surgery	20	10	11	24
Orthopaedics	45	27	38	43
Otorhinolaryngology	22	12	13	19
Pain Relief	21	11	10	18
Plastic Surgery	-	-	-	10
Spinal	-	4	-	-

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Medical Cardiac	-	-	4	-
Total	231	147	185	208

Emergency operations performed:

Speciality	November 2007	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
General Surgery	8	4	10	7
Gynaecology/Obstetrics	11	13	7	5
Ophthalmology	-	-	-	-
Oral Surgery	1	-	3	1
Orthopaedics	7	7	14	6
Otorhinolaryngology	-	1	-	-
Anaesthetist	1	1	1	-
Pain Relief	-	-	-	1
Plastic Surgery	-	-	-	1
Total	28	26	35	21

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	Nov-07		Dec-07		Jan-08		Feb-08	
	Waiting List	Scheduled	Waiting List	Scheduled	Waiting List	Scheduled	Waiting List	Scheduled
General Surgery	139	42	127	34	150	24	180	31
General Surgery Minor	60	16	58	37	62	29	60	32
Obs Gynae	107	7	81	12	84	11	74	5
Ophthalmic	49	40	36	36	63	57	66	54
Orthopaedics	68	45	53	44	72	49	69	53
Otorhinolaryngology	38	30	44	22	45	21	49	12
Plastic Surgery	174	0	174	0	168		174	0

Answer to Question 62

Cancellations December 2007

Reason for Cancellation	Otorhinolaryngology	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/Minor ops	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Spinal
Medical	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Per patient	-	-	1	-	1-1	1	3	2
No show	-	-	1	-	0-1	-	2	-
No longer required	1	-	1	-	1-0	-	-	-
No equipment	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-
No Records	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	-	6	5	2-2	1	5	2

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Cancellations January 2008

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynaecology	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/ Minor Ops	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief
Medical Bed availability	3	-	-	3	3-1	-	-
Per patient	3	2	-	11	21	-	-
No show	-	-	2	1	-	-	6
No longer required	-	-	1	-	1	3	-
Wrongly scheduled	1	-	3	-	-	-	-
Total	7	2	6	16	25-1	3	6

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Cancellations February 2008

Reason for Cancellation	ENT	Gynae	Ophthalmology	Orthopaedics	General Surgery/Minor Ops	Oral Surgery	Pain Relief	Psych	Plastics
Medical	-	-	2	1	3	2	-	-	-
Per patient	1	1	-	1	0-1	-	2	-	-
No show	-	-	-	-	0-2	2	3	-	-
No longer required	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Doctor sick	-	-	-	-	0-6	-	-	-	-
Total	1	2	2	2	3-9	4	6	-	-

Data for the month of March is yet to be compiled and validated.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 49, 50 AND 62 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

In respect of Question No. 62 of 2008, as the Minister is aware we have raised in the past the issue that there have been operation cancellations due to bed shortages and due to the lack of equipment. First of all in respect of bed shortages, given that this seems to be a recurrent, consistent cause for the cancellation of operations, can the Minister tell us what steps are being taken to reduce the number of operations that have been cancelled due to bed availability?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I do not accept that it is a recurrent thing that occurs continuously. He will see from the figures that I have provided to him, for example, that in December none of the operations that were cancelled were due to bed availability. These things tend to happen over the winter months when there is a surge of illnesses and where beds are occupied by acute patients on a more regular basis, precisely because of that surge of illnesses.

HON N F COSTA:

In respect of the lack of equipment, which does arise in December 2007, may I ask the Minister given that I assume that operations are planned in advance and therefore the equipment would have to be available for the operation to take place, why is it then that operations are cancelled due to the lack of equipment? At what point does the GHA, the persons who will carry out the operation, become aware that the equipment is not available?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I have personal experience of this and this is why I can explain to him why this happens sometimes, on not many occasions may I say. When the surgery is scheduled and there is a specific need for a special equipment, the equipment is ordered. Some times what happens is that the operation comes around sooner than the time it has taken for the manufacturer or whoever it is that needs to send the equipment, normally from the UK. So, basically, what happens is that the patient is informed that the equipment is not in Gibraltar and the operation is rescheduled for a later date.

HON N F COSTA:

When the operation is rescheduled for a later date, how long would the patient ordinarily have to wait?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I would not be able to answer that question.

HON N F COSTA:

If the issue is that the equipment is ordered and that the operation is cancelled because the equipment has not arrived and so on, is the case then that the equipment has now arrived, would the operation be able to take place the very next day?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Well, I would not say the very next day, as soon as possible. I would assume that that person is put back first on the waiting list.

ORAL

NO. 63 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES AT THE PRIMARY CARE CENTRE

Can Government state the number of out-patient 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 November 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 64 to 66 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 64 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OUT-PATIENT ATTENDANCES AT THE PRIMARY CARE CENTRE

Can Government state the total number of out-patient attendances at the Primary Care Centre on a monthly basis, from November 2007 to March 2008, keeping to the format given in answer to Question Nos. 513 to 516 of 2007 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. 63, 65 and 66 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 65 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF HOUSE CALLS

Can Government state how many house calls were attended to by Primary Care Centre doctors on a monthly basis, from November 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 63, 64 and 66 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 66 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – NUMBER OF GP ATTENDANCES

Can Government state what was the total number of GP attendances at the Primary Care Centre on a monthly basis, from November 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 66 of 2008

Answer to Questions 63 to 66 of 2008

DEPARTMENT	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08
AUDIOLOGY	91	58	32	126
DIETICIAN	96	37	64	0
CLINIC SISTER	2803	2191	2082	2019
SCHOOL HEALTH	416	247	368	372
SPEECH & LANGUAGE	137	48	135	146
MENTAL WELFARE	178	156	186	FNA
GP CLINIC	7967	5894	9599	9057
HOUSE CALLS	253	280	377	319
DENTAL	1141	990	1476	1190
CHILD WELFARE	757	604	913	1297
NURSE PRACTITIONERS	989	874	639	203
DERMATOLOGIST	NCH	114	NCH	NCH
CRYOTHERAPY	189	86	187	226
TOTAL	15,017	11,579	16,058	14,955

***COMMUNITY**

PHYSIO	170	152	183	127
OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY	208	109	29	132
DISTRICT	2168	1749	2239	1960
TOTAL	2,546	2,010	2,451	2,219
GRAND TOTAL	17,563	13,589	18,509	17,174

- N.C.H. = No Clinic was held that month
- Figures for March 2008 are not available as they are collated at the end of the month.
- Calls received during working hours are record until 4pm. Night calls do not form part of these statistics.

ORAL

NO. 67 OF 2008

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 December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 68 and 69 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 68 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – PATIENT REFERRALS TO THE UK

Can Government state the number of patient referrals to the UK on a monthly basis, from December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 67 and 69 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 69 OF 2008

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 December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 69 of 2008

Answer to Questions 67 to 69 of 2008

MONTH	NUMBER OF REFERRALS TO THE UK	NUMBER OF PATIENTS SPONSORED TO THE UK	NUMBER OF PATIENTS SPONSORED TO SPAIN
December 2007	96	74	38
January 2008	138	99	48
February 2008	109	75	32
TOTAL	343	248	118

ORAL

NO. 70 OF 2008

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 December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 70 of 2008

The number of patients dialysed in Gibraltar and Spain from December 2007 to February 2008 is as follows:-

Month	Gibraltar	Spain
December 2007	12	0
January 2008	12	0
February 2008	13	0

ORAL

NO. 71 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MAMMOGRAMS

How many women, diagnosed in the following categories, are currently waiting for a mammogram:

- (a) low risk:
- (b) medium risk;
- (c) high risk?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 72 to 75 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 72 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MAMMOGRAMS (ROUTINE)

What is the average waiting time for a routine mammogram at St Bernard's Hospital on a monthly basis, from November 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 71 and 73 to 75 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 73 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MAMMOGRAMS (LOW-RISK)

What is the waiting time for women who are waiting for a mammogram and have been diagnosed as 'low-risk' by a doctor?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 71, 72, 74 and 75 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 74 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MAMMOGRAMS (MEDIUM-RISK)

What is the waiting time for women who are waiting for a mammogram and have been diagnosed as 'medium-risk' by a doctor?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question Nos. 71 to 73 and 75 of 2008.

NO. 75 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MAMMOGRAMS (HIGH-RISK)

What is the waiting time for women who are waiting for a mammogram and have been diagnosed as 'high-risk' by a doctor?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Diagnostic mammography, that is to say, mammograms performed because of symptomatic referrals are not classified according to the categories in the hon Member's question. Symptomatic referrals are dealt with as a matter of priority through the one-stop breast clinic within five working days. The one-stop clinic includes an appointment with the Consultant Surgeon, radiology and pathology diagnostic services.

The GHA does not yet offer a structured routine mammography screening service. This service will be introduced as a manifesto commitment during the current legislature. The GHA does, however, offer a reduced screening service workload permitting. The average waiting times for routine screening remains as stated in answer to Question No. 521 of 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 71 TO 75 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

Is the Minister aware of cases where patients have gone to the Gibraltar Health Authority to complain because of detection by themselves of a lump in the breast and I have been told that their case is, hence the use of the word "medium-risk", that is the terminology that was used to describe their case and that the waiting time is around 12 months?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, I am not aware of any such case.

HON N F COSTA:

Is the average waiting time then for the routine cases 18 months, as set in Question No. 521 of 2007?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes, I have already explained that there is no such thing yet as a routine screening programme. It will be available within this term of office. What we have now, workload permitting, and I did stress that, is some form of routine screening and the waiting time for that is from three months to 18 months as he has rightly stated.

ORAL

NO. 76 OF 2008

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 November 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 77 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 77 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – 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 December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 77 of 2008

Answer to Question 76 of 2008

The total number of CT Scans undertaken at St Bernard's Hospital and Spain during the period November 2007 to February 2008 were as follows:

MONTH	CT SCANS LOCAL	CT SCANS SPAIN
November 2007	137	0
December 2007	109	3
January 2008	135	2
February 2008	166	2

Answer to Question 77 of 2008

The total months expenditure for the period November 2007 to February 2008 in respect of patients sent to Spain for scans is as follows:-

December 2007	£7,760.87
January 2008	£18,248.89
February 2008	£7,442.62
TOTAL	£33,452.38

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 76 AND 77 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

In respect of the answer to Question No. 77 of 2008, it says the total monthly expenditure for the period November 2007 to February 2008 in respect of patients sent to Spain for scans is as follows. In respect of January 2008 it says the total expenditure is £18,248. Yet there were two referrals to Spain in January 2008. Yet for December, where there were three referrals to Spain, the total monthly expenditure of December is significantly less, it is almost half less, it is £7,760. Could the Minister explain the difference?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

In answer to Question No. 77 of 2008 we are not talking just about CT Scans. The expenditure that is shown there, the £33,000 odd, relates to all scans carried out in Spain. For example, MRI, CT on occasions when ours is not working or for maintenance reasons, bone thallium scans. It relates to all kinds of scans that are undertaken in Spain.

HON G H LICUDI:

Do these figures include the cost of transport or is it the cost of the actual scan at the Spanish establishment?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I believe it does not include the cost of transport.

HON G H LICUDI:

So the total monthly expenditure in respect of sending patients to Spain for scans presumably is higher, taking into account the transport?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I presume it is, in those cases where transport is needed.

HON G H LICUDI:

Is there any issue that the Minister is aware, in respect of sending patients to Spain, where Spanish ambulances have to be used at a very high cost?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

There is a question in the Order Paper later on which I will be answering in full.

NO. 78 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – IVF TREATMENT

What is the existing procedure for couples who are having difficulty in having children and who have been recommended IVF treatment by the GHA?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

IVF Treatment is not a service which is provided by the GHA.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 78 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

In cases where the Gibraltar Health Authority has recommended IVF, is this treatment paid for?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I have just said that it is not a treatment that is provided for by the GHA.

HON N F COSTA:

Assuming that it was recommended to a patient and that patient would have to seek IVF treatment in the UK or Spain, is it something that the GHA would subsidise?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, it is not subsidised by the GHA.

HON N F COSTA:

Is this treatment that the GHA is considering introducing?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Not at this moment in time.

NO. 79 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – ELDERLY PATIENTS FORMALLY DISCHARGED FROM ST BERNARD'S HOSPITAL

Can Government state during the months of December 2007 to March 2008 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. 80 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 80 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – LONG STAY ELDERLY PATIENTS IN ST BERNARD'S HOSPITAL

Can Government state how many long stay elderly care patients there were at St Bernard's Hospital, on a monthly basis, between December 2007 to March 2008, giving a breakdown by sex and age?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

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

Answer to Question 80 of 2008

Answer to Question 79 of 2008

Age	Living Alone	
	Male	Female
50-60	0	0
61-70	1	2
71-80	2	3
81-90	1	6
91+	0	0
TOTAL	4	11

- 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 80 of 2008

Number of long-stay elderly/complex discharges in St. Bernard's Hospital between December 2007 to March 2008.

Age	Dec 2007	Jan 2008	Feb 2008	March 2008
50-60	0	0	0	1
61-70	10	9	7	8
71-80	21	25	22	26
81-90	28	24	25	19
91+	9	4	10	5
Total long-stay	68	62	64	59
Male	24	21	23	23
Female	44	41	41	36

ORAL

NO. 81 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL LONG STAY WARD

Can Government state the number of beds provided in the KGV Hospital Long Stay Ward between December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 82 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 82 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – KGV HOSPITAL LONG STAY WARD

Can Government state the number of beds in the KGV Hospital Long Stay Ward that were occupied between December 2007 and March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Beds occupied in KGV Long Stay Ward between December 2007 and March 2008 were 27.

Beds provided in KGV Long Stay Ward between December 2007 and March 2008 were 29.

ORAL

NO. 83 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – DR DEARDEN

Can Government say why the contract of Dr Dearden is not being renewed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 84 of 2008.

NO. 84 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – MR MALIK

Can Government say what is the present employment status of Consultant Mr Malik?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Government do not consider it appropriate to discuss the employment status or situation relating to individual members of staff.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 83 AND 84 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

Is Mr Malik currently providing the services to the Gibraltar Health Authority?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I can say that Mr Malik is currently in full-time employment within the Gibraltar Health Authority.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So now we know that he is still employed and he is still getting paid. Is he doing any work for what he is getting paid?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

He is currently using his time for his continued professional development.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So that suggests that if he is being continually professionally improved, the intention is to take advantage of that improvement by continuing to employ him. That would be the logical thing if one is spending money on improving him.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Not necessarily.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If I could just add to that. I appreciate that these are things which become controversial through either Government employees seeking the help of the Opposition or because they become the subject matter of correspondence in the letters pages of the Chronicle. Almost always involving technical professional employees there are complicated factors at work here which make the matter not easily lending itself to glib, superficial treatment about questioning of Government at a political level. The Government do not renew or not the contract of technically or professional men depending upon whether the Government likes them or not as individuals. These are not political decisions. The issues at stake may eventually come up to Ministers for approval of a particular course of action, which may have ramifications. But these are not issues which are simple. There are many technical issues at stake, including, without suggesting necessarily that any particular individual's case involves any such situation, the interests of people who are in receipt of medical treatment from the Gibraltar Health Authority. Now, the Government reserve the right for it to be known, this is not something I am saying so much for the benefit of the Opposition but for the record, the Government fully reserve the right to end the relationship between a Consultant and the Gibraltar Health Authority when the Government is satisfied by Senior Management and/or supported by others, in terms of professional bodies, that the interests of patients requires it. Now, in the past the Government have been in a situation where they have not even been able to explain the reasons why they have taken that view in the past in relation to such people. Of course, what the Government cannot do is avoid making these difficult decisions to avoid political or public flack. Of course, what is at stake is a very serious matter and that is people who rely on medical treatment. So I do not know how this or another case that is mentioned in another question, I do not know if it has been asked already, I do not know how those cases are going to pan out, it is all very technical and very difficult. Then of course, whenever the GHA considers reviewing the situation of a particular doctor, the usual thing that happens and it has happened in these cases already, suddenly we get a flurry of letters in the Chronicle from allegedly grateful patients. Well, that is not forensic. If the Government were free and if it were proper, which it is not, for the Government to engage in that sort of public process, it would not be difficult for the Government to counteract such letters of support with letters to a contrary effect. These things do not lend themselves to that sort of xxx, it puts the Government in a very serious situation, it puts GHA Management in a very serious situation. Government, let me assure this House, does not readily part company with a consultant. Not least because the process of recruiting replacements is lengthy and expensive and very often consultants are not available. We have had many cases where we have been without consultants for well in excess of a year, because these guys are no longer kicking their heels. There is a great shortage of doctors at that level, particularly in the UK and elsewhere. So, if the Government make a decision to part company, and to my knowledge it has not yet done so, I do not know whether it has done so, it has not been brought to my attention that it has done so, I know that there are a couple of cases in the pipeline, it would be with extreme reluctance. The implications for the Government, in public terms, in terms of some disappointed patients, in terms of expense and delay of recruiting a replacement, are difficult. I say that because I can see that we are quickly getting into I see in the Chronicle a few letters relating to Mr Deardon, who is one of the gynaecologists. I do not know anything about that

particular case and I can see that we are getting into a Doctor Rassa type situation again with these two and I can just see history repeating itself almost verbatim. I just say that, perhaps at too much length, but it has provided me with an opportunity to urge on the part of Opposition Members as much restraint as they feel that their political duties to hold the Government to account enables them, because these are very difficult areas for the Government.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Presumably in all these cases the information that he volunteered earlier in answer to my Colleague about the new Directives protecting peoples' rights if one has got consecutive contracts, applies in this area as well, does it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes it does, but because the implications raise questions about whether they continue to deliver health services, the Government would incur in those liabilities. I mean, if, which is not the case as far as I am aware, the Government wanted to part company with a doctor because they were not satisfied that that doctor was delivering safe medical treatment, we would not impose such a doctor on unsuspecting patients simply to avoid paying damages under some unlawful..... The answer to the question is yes, it does indeed apply.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Let me say the question was not intended to suggest that the Chief Minister or the Government should do that. I am sure that nobody would want, there is enough concern on other accounts for wanting to use the health service without adding to it having to use doctors that are there simply because the contract cannot be terminated for matters of employment law. So we expect that the Government should satisfy itself that the people it is employing are, as far as they can tell, people that can deliver the service that is expected of them. The Chief Minister is right, if these things are raised outside Parliament then I think it is right that we should bring it here and give the Government an opportunity to explain.

HON N F COSTA:

The Chief Minister has said that, of course, if it were not xxxxxx he would do so reluctantly because of the scarcity of professional consultants in the United Kingdom and Gibraltar and so on. Given that that is the case and the Chief Minister has explained that Mr Malik is continuing his professional development, who is now attending to the shortfall in service that would be the case if Mr Malik is not attending to patients?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

There is no shortfall, we have another two orthopaedic surgeons who are covering the waiting list quite adequately. In fact, there is no waiting list for orthopaedic surgery.

ORAL

NO. 85 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Can Government say on what date they renewed the contract of the Chief Executive of the GHA and on what terms?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 86 of 2008.

NO. 86 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Can Government say when the contracts of each of the management positions in the GHA, other than the Chief Executive, were renewed and on what terms?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The Chief Executive's contract was renewed with effect from 19th October 2007 for a further period of three years.

The other two senior managers who are on contract had their contracts renewed with effect from 1st December 2007 for a further period of three years.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 85 AND 86 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

Could the Minister provide the terms on which the contract of the Chief Executive was renewed?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, contract arrangements with staff are confidential and not matters for the public record.

HON N F COSTA:

Could I ask the salary increase, if there has been any, of the Chief Executive?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes, there has been a salary increase I am told in proportion to the cost of living.

HON N F COSTA:

What was the salary on the last occasion so that we can calculate the sums?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I honestly would not be able to tell the hon Member because I do not know.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it that when the Minister said that they could not divulge the terms she is not referring to the fact that it was tax free, because that bit has been revealed before. So I take it, is the increase in the cost of living also based on the special conditions that the Chief Executive has as regards taxation?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

He no longer enjoys that privilege.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So has the salary then been grossed up because he no longer enjoys it, or have actually reduced the salary?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No it has not.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Which of the two?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

It has not been grossed up because of the fact that he lost his tax status.

HON G H LICUDI:

We note that the tax free status has been lost, does that mean that he is an ordinary taxpayer or has he got a different tax status?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Ordinary in the context of the dual tax system choice.

ORAL

NO. 87 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OXYGEN TREATMENT CENTRE

What is the existing procedure for persons who are sent by the GHA for treatment at the oxygen treatment centre?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Answered together with Question No. 88 of 2008.

NO. 88 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

GHA – OXYGEN TREATMENT CENTRE

How many patients have been referred for treatment to the oxygen treatment centre in Devil's Tower Road on a monthly basis since the centre opened and how many have actually received that treatment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The GHA has not sent any patients to the unit at Devil's Tower Road for treatment. A review of policy funding and an assessment of the capability of the unit to provide evidence-based treatment according to the appropriate guidelines will take place very shortly.

NO. 89 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – SPANISH AMBULANCES

Can Government state how much has been spent by the GHA in contracting Spanish ambulances to transport patients to Spain in the last financial year, and how many such trips have been undertaken?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

The total number of patients transported to Spain using Spanish ambulances in the last financial year was 71 and the total cost was £11,840.84.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 89 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

When Spanish ambulances are used to transport patients, can the Minister or the Government tell us why that occurs? Why is it not possible for GHA or St John's ambulances to be used for the trip?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

In general the answer to his question is because there is a much higher volume of transfers due to patients choosing referrals and treatment into Spain. The bottom line is that the four transfer ambulances that we have cannot cope with that volume of transfers.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Government confirm whether in any cases in respect of any particular hospital or unit in Spain, they actually insist they will only accept patients if they provide the ambulance services and are paid for. Is that correct?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Absolutely not.

HON J J BOSSANO:

In my original question I asked how many trips had been undertaken and the answer was that they had taken 71 patients. Does that mean 71 trips or could it be that one trip may mean several patients?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

One trip could mean several patients.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So the answer to how many trips has not been provided.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes, he asked for trips and I said 71 trips.

HON J J BOSSANO:

No, 71 patients the Minister said.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Oh yes, he is correct. I am afraid the answer has been drafted using the patients as opposed to the trips, but I can inform him that more than one patient normally goes in the ambulance for one trip. I can find out the number of trips for him.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I would be grateful.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Mr Speaker, with your leave, for the purposes of Hansard I would like to amend the answer that I gave to Question No. 89 of 2008 yesterday. I have already informed the Leader of the Opposition verbally. The answer should read, the total number of trips undertaken to Spain using Spanish ambulances in the last financial year was 71 and the total cost was £11,840.84.

HON G H LICUDI:

Are we permitted to ask a supplementary given that the information is new?

MR SPEAKER:

Yes.

HON G H LICUDI:

As I understood the Minister's answer yesterday, there were 71 patients, that was yesterday, each trip may take more than one patient and therefore it presupposed there were less trips. Given that we now know that there are 71 trips, is it still the case that each trip may take more than one patient and does the Minister have the number of the total patients that were transported?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Yes, 101 patients were transported in the 71 trips.

ORAL

NO. 90 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

FIRE SERVICE

Can Government state how many call outs have been made by the Fire Brigade from December 2007 to March 2008, giving a breakdown showing the reason for the call out?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

Fire Calls	–	125
Special Services	–	293
Ambulance Attendances	–	63
TOTAL ATTENDANCES		481

NO. 91 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

FIRE SERVICE

Can Government confirm that new rules have recently been introduced regarding visits to the City Fire Brigade station?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH & CIVIL PROTECTION

I can confirm that new procedures have been introduced regarding public entry into the station premises.

The City Fire Brigade has been closely monitoring the situation with external Fire Services on this issue. With the current security threats, most if not all external brigades, especially in the UK, have introduced high security measures to restrict entry into the working premises of stations. The aim of these restrictions is based primarily on security, health and safety and interference with the operational readiness of the service.

However, many fire stations especially in the UK, have a community area alongside the station where members of the public or retired officers can attend. In our case this facility is available by use of the City Fire Brigade Social Club premises, which are annexed to the main station building.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 91 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes, but independent of what might be happening in the United Kingdom, why do the Government think there could be a security threat from former employees of the Fire Service? I mean, the guy retires last week, why has he become a threat if he goes this week to the place where he used to work before?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Primarily, maybe not a security threat when talking about a retired fire officer, right, but there are others who visit the station on a constant basis without any monitoring going on. In the case of the retired fire officer he might not be a security threat but there are health and safety issues that come into play. When he was working in the fire brigade he was covered by an indemnity insurance and as a visitor he is not.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So is this going to be extended then to all Government areas of employment where presumably this thing applies? The health and safety risk, unless the Fire Station is a particularly dangerous place to work in.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I am not aware whether it will be extended to other Government places, but I am aware that a similar working facility, something with which one can compare the City Fire Brigade with because of operational reasons, is the Royal Gibraltar Police and one does not see people coming in and out of the Police Station as they have done until now in the City Fire Brigade.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I do not know how many people went in or out but it seems to me that if the reason is that this is how they do things in the UK, I do not think we can compare everything that we do in Gibraltar to the UK on the basis that here we know each other very well and there is a more relaxed attitude because we know and we recognise everybody that comes in and out of the place. Is there a particular reason, has anything happened that has raised the concern of the Government to bring about this policy decision?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

No, nothing has happened, it is a policy decision taken by the Chief Fire Officer and supported by the Government.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So the Government have then accepted the recommendation of the Chief Fire Officer to do this?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is correct.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Did the Chief Fire Officer consult anybody else in the Brigade or he took it on his own? Does the Minister not know?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Why should the Chief Fire Officer consult anybody else in the Brigade?

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, if the Minister wants industrial relations advice from me, which of course I am happy to give, because it is a good idea to consult the people under you before one decides to do something, usually.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

It is a good idea in relation to industrial relations to consult on things that affect the working practices and their terms and conditions of firemen, not for social reasons.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is a matter of opinion. Surely the Minister must agree with me, even though she is not responsible for industrial relations. I do not know if the Minister for Employment was rising from his seat to agree with me, or whether he was just making himself more comfortable. The social dimension of the relationship is a very good one.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Even when he was the leader of the Union.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I know that he did not agree with me even when I was in the Union, but some people say that what they could not understand before as to why he did not agree with me they understand now that he is sitting where he is seated. I am not saying I necessarily share that view but it is a view I have heard.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The same is true of all the other Trade Unionists on this side.

HON F R PICARDO:

Exactly the same amount, yes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Depending on the distance. Would the Minister not agree that, in fact, where there is a good social comradeship relationship, it is good for the Department and for industrial relations and that she should not think that this is something that is divorced? I mean, the fact that in that Department people were so relaxed about coming back to their workplace is an indication of what a good atmosphere there was when they were working there. Why should she want to disrupt that?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

They have every cause to socialise, as they have done in the past, in the City Fire Brigade Social Club but not during working hours, it is not good practice and it is not a professional standard that we all aspire to, including the Fire Brigade members.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Oh I see, so then she is telling me that the Fire Brigade members have been consulted and they agree with her and with the Chief Fire Officer? She has just said including the Fire Brigade members, who previously she told me had not been consulted.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I have not been consulted but I am aware that the majority of the fire officers are in agreement with this upping of standards and professionalism within the Brigade.

HON J J BOSSANO:

That is fine, then that is the answer to my original question.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister says that she has not been consulted. Can she confirm whether the letter setting out the new terms and new arrangements in this policy decision actually came from her?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Does he refer to the one that was leaked to them?

HON G H LICUDI:

No, I am not referring to any letter in particular, I have not seen any letter. I am asking whether a letter communicating this policy decision came from her, giving that she says she was not consulted.

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

He actually said whether I would confirm *[Interruption – Loss of Sound xxxxxxxxxxxx]*

HON G H LICUDI:

I have not received any letter nor have I seen any letter, and I have already said that.

[Interruption – Loss of Sound xxxxxxxxxxxx]

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister has said that this was a decision taken by the Chief Fire Officer and she was not consulted. Can the Minister confirm.....

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I have not said I was not consulted.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

She said that she had not been consulted about whether staff had been consulted, not about whether the policy should be implemented.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Minister confirm that she approved the policy and she, in fact, communicated that policy to the officers concerned?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

I can confirm that I approved wholeheartedly the policy and that the policy was confirmed to the men by the Chief Fire Officer.

HON G H LICUDI:

Is the Minister saying that she has not written a letter setting out that particular policy or directive by the Government?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

That is correct, I have not written such a letter.

HON G H LICUDI:

So the one I was supposed to have seen does not exist. How can she accuse me of seeing a letter that does not exist?

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

Because he said that such a letter existed.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is extraordinary that the Minister accuses me of having seen a leaked letter which she now claims does not exist. Can the Minister clarify whether the letter exists or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

What is extraordinary is that a man with a professional background in advocacy should trap himself and then try to blame it, that is the only thing that is extraordinary here. The hon Member, in his supplementary, alluded as a matter of fact to the existence of a letter. Therefore, the existence of a letter is asserted by him and by nobody else. The Minister then says she has not written a letter but as she takes the hon Member at his word, perhaps naively, she assumes that there is a letter, albeit a letter written by somebody else and not by her. I do not see what is extraordinary about that, except perhaps the fact that the Minister takes the hon Member when he says there is a letter to mean that there is a letter and not to mean that there is not a letter.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Chief Minister is aware that the Minister actually referred to a letter which was leaked to me when no such letter has been leaked and that is what I want to make absolutely clear. Given that there was a reference to the letter I simply wanted to clarify whether she had written such a letter. If it is all a question that she simply believed that there was a letter, that is fine and the Minister should be grateful for the Chief Minister for taking her out.....

HON MRS Y DEL AGUA:

It is not a question of me believing that the letter has been leaked. I responded in reply to his.....

MR SPEAKER:

Order, Order. Would both hon Members please give way to me. I think really we are wasting time over a letter that does not exist, it seems, can we move on to the next question please. Nobody has told me it exists so let us move on to the next question.

ORAL

NO. 92 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT APPEALS TRIBUNAL

Can Government say how often and on what dates the Development Appeals Tribunal met this year and how many cases are pending its consideration or in the administrative process?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HEALTH& CIVIL PROTECTION

There has been no change to the position as stated in answer to Question Nos. 531 and 532 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 93 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OFFICE OF FAIR TRADING

Have Government now taken a policy decision on whether or not they will follow the UK model and set up an Office of Fair Trading in Gibraltar?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The Government's position remains as answered in Question No. 535 of 2007.

NO. 94 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – EMPLOYEES

How many persons did the Social Services Agency employ as at December 2007 to March 2008, giving a breakdown as between industrials, non-industrials and location where employed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

As at 28th March 2008 the Social Services Agency employed a total of 174 persons in permanent posts, with another two persons working in temporary positions.

I now hand the hon Member the information requested.

Answer to Question 94 of 2008

Number of Persons Employed by the Social Services Agency as at 28th March 2008

Grade	Number of Persons Employed	Temporary Staff	Total
NON-INDUSTRIAL STAFF			
MAIN OFFICE – 16 Governor's Parade	31	2	33
OFFICE AT 3 CASEMATES HOUSE	4		4
ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE – Smith Dorrien Ave	22		22
DR. GIRALDI HOME – Smith Dorrien Ave	67		67
CHILDREN RESIDENTIAL	45		45
Shop Mobility Centre – Unit G4B ECC	1		1
INDUSTRIAL STAFF			
ST. BERNADETTE'S O.T. CENTRE	4		4
Total	174	2	176

The SSA also uses supply workers for relief cover as necessary.

NO. 95 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – WEBSITE

Can Government explain the reasons why the section in its website on the Social Services Agency has still not been revised since 1 February 2002, despite bringing this matter to the Government's attention in Question No. 544 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

The hon Member is correct when he states that this issue was raised in the previous Parliament's Question and Answer session held on 5th December 2007, and I am pleased to inform him that since then much has transpired.

The objective is not to solely update the Social Services Agency website but that of all the Departments and Agencies which fall within the remit of the Ministry. A number of meetings have taken place with Heads of Departments and Agencies, in conjunction with the Information Technology & Logistics Department, and the preparatory work to bring to fruition this project is well underway.

The final product is aimed at allowing the general public to have access to as much information on line as possible. Information such as: opening hours, address, contact details, that is, telephone numbers during opening hours and, where applicable, after hours, e-mail addresses, information of services, links to download application forms, where applicable, and all pertinent legislation which govern issues relevant to the Department or Agency. A system will also be introduced whereby information will be updated on a regular basis, or when deemed necessary.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 95 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

I am grateful to the Minister for the answer given and the fact that progress has been made in respect of updating, not just the section on the Social Services Agency, but also in respect of other Agencies and Departments under his remit. Can the Minister given an indication of when the fruits of his labours will be seen?

HON J J NETTO:

I wish I could but as a politician I do not want to be pinned down to a particular date. I think it would be reasonable, subject to technical problems or some particular organisation within the Ministry, to assume that it will be within three months. Hon Members will have to take note of the fact that there are some Departments or Agencies which are very developed when it comes to information technology and some are not. So it is basically trying to catch up those ones which are not. But in any case, I should imagine that even for those organisations which are not as readily available, we can always start perhaps in, say, around three months' time and those which are not ready, leave them under construction and then subsequently bring them into line.

ORAL

NO. 96 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

MOUNT ALVERNIA – WAITING LIST

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 March 2008, giving a breakdown by sex and age?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I hand the hon Member the requested information.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 96 OF 2008

Number of elderly persons waiting for a place at Mount Alvernia – 213

SEX	60 - 70	71 - 80	81 - 90	91 +
Male	8	18	22	6
Female	9	43	87	20
Total	17	61	109	26

Number of elderly persons who are also occupying a bed at St Bernard's Hospital as at end of March 2008 – 43

SEX	60 - 70	71 - 80	81 - 90	91 +
Male	1	4	5	2
Female	1	6	20	4
Total	2	10	25	6

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NO. 97 OF 2008

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 March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 98 to 100 of 2008.

NO. 98 OF 2008

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 November 2007 from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund, giving a breakdown of:

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

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 97, 99 and 100 of 2008.

NO. 99 OF 2008

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 November 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. 97, 98 and 100 of 2008.

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NO. 100 OF 2008

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 November 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 the requested information.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 100 OF 2008**Answer to Question No. 97**

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 28 MARCH 2008.

				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	27		0		27
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	20		0		20
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	18		2		20
FROM	£26.00	TO	£30.00	23		0		23
FROM	£21.00	TO	£25.00	23		3		26
FROM	£16.00	TO	£20.00	237		4		241
FROM	£11.00	TO	£15.00	17		5		22
FROM	£6.00	TO	£10.00	23		8		31
FROM	£0.00	TO	£5.00	13		0		13
TOTAL				458		29		487

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 100 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 98

The following pensioners were in receipt of payments from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund from November 2007 to February 2008.

	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08
BRITISH PENSIONERS	2623	2634	2662	2674
SPANISH PENSIONERS	137	138	141	143
MOROCCAN PENSIONERS	705	707	724	726
OTHER NATIONALITIES	41	41	43	43
TOTAL	3506	3520	3570	3586

Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 100 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 99

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 November 2007 to February 2008.

	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08
BRITISH PENSIONERS	2606	2617	2645	2655
SPANISH PENSIONERS	123	124	127	129
MOROCCAN PENSIONERS	704	707	724	726
OTHER NATIONALITIES	41	41	43	43
TOTAL	3474	3489	3539	3553

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 100 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 100

The following pensioners were being paid or with entitlement to payment from the Closed Long-term Benefits Fund for the months of November 2007 to February 2008.

	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08
<i>Pre-1969 Spanish Pensioners</i>	275	277	277	277
<i>British Pensioners (Gib/UK Nat.)</i>	5217	5221	5238	5250
<i>Moroccan Pensioners</i>	1827	1828	1850	1851
<i>Other Nationalities</i>	518	522	531	530
Total	7837	7848	7896	7908

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NO. 101 OF 2008

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 November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 102 to 104 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 102 OF 2008

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 November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 101, 103 and 104 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 103 OF 2008

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 November 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. 101, 102 and 104 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 104 OF 2008

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 November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I now hand the hon Member the requested information.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 104 OF 2008

Answer to Question NO. 101

The Monthly Income, Expenditure and Balance of the Open Long-term Benefits Fund, to date, as from November 2007 is as per the following tentative statement:

OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>30-Nov-07</u>	<u>31-Dec-07</u>	<u>31-Jan-08</u>	<u>29-Feb-08</u>
<u>Fund Account –</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	£7,218,872.91	£6,640,850.10	£5,521,501.51	£4,738,762.51
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts	£1,005,345.60	£686,486.94	£947,074.45	£1,461,593.51
	<u>£8,224,218.51</u>	<u>£7,327,337.04</u>	<u>£6,468,575.96</u>	<u>£6,200,356.02</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Payments	<u>(£1,583,368.41)</u>	<u>(£1,805,835.53)</u>	<u>(£1,729,813.45)</u>	<u>(£1,650,673.93)</u>
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£6,640,850.10</u>	<u>£5,521,501.51</u>	<u>£4,738,762.51</u>	<u>£4,549,682.09</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 104 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 102

The Monthly Income, Expenditure and Balance of the Short-Term Benefits Fund as from November 2007 is as per the following tentative statement;

OPEN LONG-TERM BENEFITS FUND

	<u>30-Nov-07</u>	<u>31-Dec-07</u>	<u>31-Jan-08</u>	<u>29-Feb-08</u>
<u>Fund Account – Opening Balance</u>	£1,343,132.82	£1,343,712.20	£1,326,986.52	£1,307,003.04
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts	£85,820.17	£61,072.68	£81,611.94	£120,959.62
	<u>£1,428,952.99</u>	<u>£1,404,784.88</u>	<u>£1,408,598.46</u>	<u>£1,427,962.66</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Payments	(£85,240.79)	(£77,798.36)	(£101,595.42)	(£112,178.63)
	<u>£1,343,712.20</u>	<u>£1,326,986.52</u>	<u>£1,307,003.04</u>	<u>£1,315,784.03</u>

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Cont ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 104 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 103

The Monthly Income, Expenditure and Balance of the Closed Long-term Benefits Fund as from November 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>30-Nov-07</u>	<u>31-Dec-07</u>	<u>31-Jan-08</u>	<u>29-Feb-08</u>
<u>Fund Account –</u>				
<u>Opening Balance</u>	<u>£440,743.17</u>	<u>£295,650.93</u>	<u>£207,175.64</u>	<u>£259,188.72</u>
<u>“Local Account”</u>				
Opening Balance	£269,646.48	£126,833.99	£60,042.06	£120,041.45
<u>Add</u>				
Transfers from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund	£1,400,000.00	£1,600,000.00	£1,550,000.00	£1,450,000.00
Other Receipts	£1,050.66	£1,300.84	£1,100.17	£850.36
	<u>£1,670,697.14</u>	<u>£1,728,134.83</u>	<u>£1,611,142.23</u>	<u>£1,570,891.81</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Payments	(£1,543,863.15)	(£1,668,092.77)	(£1,491,100.78)	(£1,460,448.00)
Closing Balance	<u>£126,833.99</u>	<u>£60,042.06</u>	<u>£120,041.45</u>	<u>£110,443.81</u>
<u>“Spanish Account”</u>				
Opening Balance	£171,096.69	£168,816.94	£147,133.58	£139,147.27
<u>Add</u>				
Receipts from DFID	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	<u>£171,096.69</u>	<u>£168,816.94</u>	<u>£147,133.58</u>	<u>£139,147.27</u>
<u>Less</u>				
Payments	(£2,279.75)	(£21,683.36)	(£7,986.31)	(£1,156.88)
Closing Balance	<u>£168,816.94</u>	<u>£147,133.58</u>	<u>£139,147.27</u>	<u>£137,990.39</u>
<u>Fund Account</u>				
<u>Closing Balance</u>	<u>£295,650.93</u>	<u>£207,175.64</u>	<u>£259,188.72</u>	<u>£248,434.20</u>

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 104 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 104

The transfers made from the Open Long-Term Benefits Fund to the Closed Long-Term Benefits Fund, giving the monthly amounts, to date, as from November 2007, are as follows:

November 2007	£1,400,000
December 2007	£1,600,000
January 2008	£1,550,000
February 2008	<u>£1,450,000</u>
	£6,000,000
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ORAL

NO. 105 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

DISABLEMENT BENEFIT

Can Government say how many persons applied for Disablement Benefit and to how many it was paid between December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 106 to 109 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 106 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

INJURY BENEFIT

Can Government say how many persons applied for Injury Benefit and to how many it was paid between December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 105 and 107 to 109 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 107 OF 2008

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 between December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 105, 106, 108 and 109 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 108 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

Can Government say how many persons applied for Unemployment Benefit and how many persons received this benefit between December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 105 to 107 and 109 of 2008.

NO. 109 OF 2008

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 between December 2007 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

I now hand the hon Member the information requested.

I would like to explain to him, 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.

In answer to Question No. 109 of 2008, no applications, thankfully, have been made for Industrial Death Benefit from December 2007 to date.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 109 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 105

Applications for Disablement Benefit for the months of December 2007 to March 2008.

2007/2008	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	APPROVED
December	1	1
January	4	2
February	0	0
28 March	4	0

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 109 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 106

Applications for Injury Benefit for the months of December 2007 to March 2008 and numbers approved for payment.

2007/2008	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	APPROVED
December	12	12
January	26	26
February	35	34
28 March	21	21

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 109 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 107

Applications for Maternity Grant for the months of December 2007 to March 2008 and numbers approved for payment.

2007/2008	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	APPROVED
December	32	30
January	35	32
February	32	26
28 March	24	17

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 109 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 108

Applications for Unemployment Benefit for the months of December 2007 to March 2008 and numbers approved for payment.

2007/2008	APPLICATIONS RECEIVED	APPROVED
December	41	39
January	73	68
February	45	38
28 March	26	24

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 105 TO 109 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

Could the Minister say how long it takes between approval of a payment and the actual receipt of a payment by the recipient?

HON J J NETTO:

That would depend on the specific circumstances of the person, whether they have brought in sufficient information or whether further information is requested. There is no scientific yardstick to be able to say there is a period which corresponds between getting the application and getting the payment, it would depend on the circumstances.

HON N F COSTA:

I am assuming that when something is approved it is finally approved, it would not be a question.....

HON J J NETTO:

When it is finally approved I should imagine quite soon because the person will be notified of that and the payments made, it should not take too long.

ORAL

NO. 110 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Can Government state what was the number of persons receiving social assistance, to date, as from November 2007 giving a monthly breakdown by age and sex?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR FAMILY, YOUTH & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Answered together with Question Nos. 111 and 112 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 111 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

SOCIAL ASSISTANCE

Can Government state how many persons receiving social assistance, to date, as from November 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. 110 and 112 of 2008.

NO. 112 OF 2008

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 November 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 the information requested.

I would like to inform the hon Member that statistical information up to 28th March 2008 has only been provided in relation to the number of persons receiving social assistance from November 2007 and have since then been employed.

This is simply because these statistical figures are readily available and the calculation of the other information would entail an exercise.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 112 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 110

**PERSONS RECEIVING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MONTHS OF
NOVEMBER 2007 TO FEBRUARY 2008 BY MONTH, SEX AND AGE.**

2007/2008	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
November	155	299	454	60	135	116	143
December	158	302	460	65	135	115	145
January	158	309	467	59	137	118	153
February	169	311	480	62	143	123	152

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 112 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 111

PERSONS IN RECEIPT OF SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER 2007 TO FEBRUARY 2008

2007/2008	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
November	155	299	454	60	135	116	143
December	158	302	460	65	135	115	145
January	158	309	467	59	137	118	153
February	169	311	480	62	143	123	152

PERSONS EMPLOYED DURING THE MONTHS OF NOVEMBER 2007 TO FEBRUARY 2008

2007/2008	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
November	4	0	4	1	1	1	1
December	1	1	2	0	1	0	1
January	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
February	4	6	10	2	5	2	1

AS AT	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL	18/25	26/35	36/45	46/60
28-Mar-08	163	299	462	64	141	115	142

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Cont'd ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 112 OF 2008

Answer to Question No. 112

PERSONS RECEIVING DISABILITY ALLOWANCE UNDER THE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENTS AS FROM NOVEMBER 2007 TO FEBRUARY 2008 GIVING A MONTHLY BREAKDOWN OF THEIR AGE AND SEX

2007/8	0-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	TOTAL	MALES	FEMALES
Nov	26	24	27	16	16	12	4	125	84	41
Dec	25	25	26	16	17	12	4	125	85	40
Jan	24	25	26	16	17	12	4	124	85	39
Feb	22	27	25	17	17	12	3	123	84	39

ORAL

NO. 113 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – REFURBISHMENT OF DWELLINGS

Can Government state how many Government dwellings are presently refurbished and ready for allocation?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The number of refurbished dwellings ready for allocation is none, simply because these are allocated as soon as the refurbishment work is completed.

NO. 114 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – REFURBISHMENT OF DWELLINGS

Can Government state how many Government dwellings are currently in the hands of Buildings and Works for refurbishment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

There are currently 25 dwellings with the Buildings and Works for refurbishment.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 114 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

Is it just a coincidence or is it that the answer is exactly the same as in December?

HON F J VINET:

There is a coincidence. They are not the same properties, there may be an overlap in a small number of them but it is just a coincidence. The number tends to be within the 25 to 35 figure mark.

NO. 115 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – REFURBISHMENT OF DWELLINGS

Can Government state how many Government dwellings are currently empty with no work being done in them at present?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

There are currently 47 empty flats due for allocation which are currently empty and on which no work is being done.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 115 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

Do the Government not appreciate that it is absolutely essential that work be done in these homes to alleviate the housing problem? Or is it true, as the Chief Minister said in December last year, that the Department has to grapple with the resources made available to them?

HON F J VINET:

If the hon Member understood the state in which some of these properties find themselves in, he would also understand why it is not economically feasible to actually undertake the works needed. All of these properties mentioned are pre-war flats that require very, very extensive work such as dampness treatment, new roofs and so on. The Government have come to a balanced view and are of the view that that money would be better spent, and would offer the taxpayer far more value for money use in carrying out other projects. Such as, for example, building brand new flats for rent.

ORAL

NO. 116 OF 2008

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, giving the dates when the defects were notified by these tenants?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The number of Government tenants currently listed as requiring works to be done in their homes is 2,079 and I have just handed over to the hon Member the information requested.

Answer to Q.116

Tenant Code	Job No	Date of Report	Tenant Code	Job No	Date of Report	Tenant Code	Job No	Date of Report
10002	90773	16/10/07	10064	90823	16/10/07	10130	94821	19/03/08
10003	78463	21/06/06	10064	90825	16/10/07	10130	94820	19/03/08
10003	92248	11/12/07	10064	81716	30/10/06	10130	94819	19/03/08
10003	85247	26/02/07	10064	93126	18/01/08	10134	86094	03/04/07
10004	84452	01/02/07	10067	86670	30/04/07	10134	88040	29/06/07
10004	91175	30/10/07	10070	88935	06/08/07	10134	94089	20/02/08
10004	81213	18/10/06	10073	93332	25/01/08	10135	93148	21/01/08
10004	90977	23/10/07	10076	87490	05/06/07	10138	84445	01/02/07
10010	84144	23/01/07	10077	94254	27/02/08	10140	90184	24/09/07
10010	91943	29/11/07	10078	91646	19/11/07	10142	85485	06/03/07
10011	94047	20/02/08	10083	88067	02/07/07	10143	93833	12/02/08
10011	94048	20/02/08	10083	83332	15/12/06	10143	93621	05/02/08
10011	84440	01/02/07	10084	76373	08/03/06	10143	88436	17/07/07
10013	89485	29/08/07	10085	94131	22/02/08	10145	92990	15/01/08
10014	92992	15/01/08	10085	82053	08/11/06	10150	87178	22/05/07
10014	87924	25/06/07	10086	93874	13/02/08	10159	94749	17/03/08
10017	89838	12/09/07	10091	93294	24/01/08	10159	93914	15/02/08
10018	92739	08/01/08	10091	90404	02/10/07	10160	85077	20/02/07
10023	89186	15/08/07	10091	93296	24/01/08	10165	91137	29/10/07
10023	94656	12/03/08	10095	93492	31/01/08	10165	80890	09/10/06
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11928	84242	26/01/07	11988	81972	07/11/06	12076	84330	30/01/07
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12891	92806	09/01/08	12987	78524	23/06/06	13061	88256	09/07/07
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13947	92475	02/01/08	14060	86413	17/04/07	14196	89392	23/08/07
13947	93903	15/02/08	14060	94440	04/03/08	14196	83660	05/01/07
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15968	68528	21/04/05	16031	90356	28/09/07	16079	81576	26/10/06
15968	83118	07/12/06	16031	90354	28/09/07	16079	81579	26/10/06
15968	67269	07/03/05	16031	90357	28/09/07	16080	94628	12/03/08
15968	93347	28/01/08	16031	84845	13/02/07	16080	92850	10/01/08
15969	74548	21/12/05	16031	84019	17/01/07	16080	84694	08/02/07
15969	87317	29/05/07	16031	90355	28/09/07	16083	85939	27/03/07
15971	94078	20/02/08	16031	93368	28/01/08	16083	90621	09/10/07
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15978	89743	06/09/07	16032	90267	26/09/07	16089	92594	04/01/08
15981	94151	25/02/08	16032	90268	26/09/07	16089	90783	16/10/07
15983	74891	12/01/06	16037	93890	14/02/08	16089	93831	12/02/08
15983	94779	18/03/08	16037	94828	19/03/08	16091	94589	11/03/08
15983	93364	28/01/08	16039	78006	30/05/06	16092	83677	08/01/07
15984	81403	23/10/06	16039	94670	12/03/08	16093	91184	30/10/07
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15985	81862	02/11/06	16043	85360	01/03/07	16095	85702	15/03/07
15985	94759	17/03/08	16044	75390	30/01/06	16099	93716	08/02/08
15985	94453	04/03/08	16044	92037	04/12/07	16101	93141	21/01/08
15985	76701	22/03/06	16045	84812	12/02/07	16102	81742	31/10/06
15986	92359	18/12/07	16046	89134	14/08/07	16102	78248	13/06/06
15986	85313	28/02/07	16046	78296	14/06/06	16102	85072	20/02/07
15987	88493	19/07/07	16051	93120	18/01/08	16102	94682	13/03/08
15988	78895	07/07/06	16051	80797	04/10/06	16102	94681	13/03/08
15992	82213	13/11/06	16053	75334	26/01/06	16102	94683	13/03/08

Answer to Q. 116 contd.

Tenant Code	Job No	Date of Report	Tenant Code	Job No	Date of Report	Tenant Code	Job No	Date of Report
16104	92671	07/01/08	16159	94437	04/03/08	16243	93487	31/01/08
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16104	94596	11/03/08	16160	94480	05/03/08	16245	94452	04/03/08
16104	88183	05/07/07	16160	90292	26/09/07			
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16104	90684	11/10/07	16164	94409	03/03/08			
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16104	92819	10/01/08	16168	91860	26/11/07			
16104	90682	11/10/07	16168	88178	05/07/07			
16110	93235	23/01/08	16170	94025	19/02/08			
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16112	94204	25/02/08	16178	87276	25/05/07			
16112	93788	11/02/08	16180	93092	18/01/08			
16113	90874	18/10/07	16187	93895	14/02/08			
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16117	91247	02/11/07	16189	89615	03/09/07			
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16131	93613	05/02/08	16204	89553	31/08/07			
16131	93696	07/02/08	16206	91953	29/11/07			
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16140	92751	08/01/08	16210	89989	18/09/07			
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16149	92862	11/01/08	16236	93569	04/02/08			
16153	87266	25/05/07	16239	91626	16/11/07			
16153	85019	19/02/07	16243	93489	31/01/08			
16155	91874	27/11/07	16243	93488	31/01/08			

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 116 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

Did the Minister say 2,079?

HON F J VINET:

Yes, 2,079.

HON C A BRUZON:

Last time the Minister, maybe with some justification, boasted that the numbers had dropped substantially to 877 or thereabouts. So, I am concerned that the kind of productivity that he stressed was taking place last year does not seem to be happening now. Or is it again that the Department has to grapple with the resources made available to them?

HON F J VINET:

Yes, I suppose I did boast last time with some justification and I am very happy to boast once again, but with an equal degree of justification. There is a difference, I think, in the number of tenants that are having work done as opposed to the number of jobs that are being carried out. Although it is true that the number of tenants has gone up from the time when the question was answered, the number of jobs has in fact gone down. In fact, at the time when the question was last asked in 2007, there were 5,764 jobs pending and at the moment that number has gone down quite significantly to 4,007.

HON C A BRUZON:

The Minister has certainly clarified that point, I should rephrase my questions in future so that the Government can give me statistics, vis a vis tenants and vis a vis jobs.

HON F J VINET:

Perhaps I could help, the number does fluctuate from time to time and the figure has gone down and up and so on in the past. But I am told specifically with regard to the number of tenants presently requiring works to be done that the increase in those numbers is down to the recent bad weather, which has led to various problems of dampness, water ingress and so on.

ORAL

NO. 117 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households were on full rent relief, to date, as from December 2007, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 118 to 121 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 118 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have applied for rent relief, to date, since December 2007, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 117 and 119 to 121 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 119 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – RENT RELIEF

Can Government state how many households have received rent relief, to date, as from December 2007, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 117, 118, 120 and 121 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 120 OF 2008

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 December 2007, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 117 to 119 and 121 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 121 OF 2008

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 December 2007, giving a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

I hand the hon Member the information requested in written format.

Answer to Question 121 of 2008

Answer to Question 117

The number of households that were on full Rent Relief, to date, as from December 2007, is as follows;

DECEMBER 2007	-	40
JANUARY 2008	-	40
FEBRUARY 2008	-	41
MARCH 2008 (until 28/3/08)	-	38

Answer to Question 118

The number of households that have applied for Rent Relief, to date, since December 2007, is as follows:

DECEMBER 2007	-	0
JANUARY 2008	-	6 (4 ACTIVE)
FEBRUARY 2008	-	3 (3 ACTIVE)
MARCH 2008 (until 28/3/08)	-	0

Answer to Question 119

The number of households that have received Rent Relief, to date, as from December 2007, is as follows:

DECEMBER 2007	-	638
JANUARY 2008	-	639
FEBRUARY 2008	-	626
MARCH 2008 (until 28/3/08)	-	613

Answer to Question 120

The number of households that have had the level of Rent Relief reduced, to date, as from December 2007, is as follows:

DECEMBER 2007	-	18
JANUARY 2008	-	16
FEBRUARY 2008	-	20
MARCH 2008 (until 28/3/08)	-	11

Answer to Question 121

The number of households, on Rent Relief, that have had this benefit terminated, to date, as from December 2007, is as follows:

DECEMBER 2007	-	11
JANUARY 2008	-	05
FEBRUARY 2008	-	08
MARCH 2008 (until 28/3/08)	-	16

ORAL

NO. 122 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ARREARS OF RENT AGREEMENTS

Can Government state how many tenants have entered into agreements to pay arrears of rent, to date, as from November 2007, giving a monthly breakdown, and what is the total of arrears covered by such agreements?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 122 of 2008

The number of tenants that have entered into agreements to pay arrears of rent, to date, as from November 2007 is as follows:

<u>Month</u>	<u>No. of tenants entering agreements</u>	<u>Amount</u>
November 2007	16	£37,040.31
December 2007	6	£6,601.85
January 2008	1	£479.30
February 2008	2	£6,243.87
March 2008 (to date)	<u>5</u>	<u>£40,292.57</u>
TOTAL	<u>30</u>	<u>£90,657.90</u>

ORAL

NO. 123 OF 2008

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. 574 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

A total of three pre-War housing units have been allocated to date since the answer given to Question No. 574 of 2007.

ORAL

NO. 124 OF 2008

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. 575 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

One flat has been repossessed to date.

ORAL

NO. 125 OF 2008

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. 126 to 128 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 126 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – SOCIAL CATEGORY ‘A’ LIST

Since the answer given to Question No. 577 of 2007, can Government state how many applicants have been placed on the Housing Social Category ‘A’ List and give the dates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 125, 127 and 128 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 127 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – SOCIAL CATEGORY ‘A’ LIST

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 577 of 2007, can Government state how many applicants, since that date, have been removed from the Housing Social Category ‘A’ List because a suitable dwelling has been found for them and give the dates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 125, 126 and 128 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 128 OF 2008

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 November 2007, providing a monthly breakdown?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 128 of 2008

Answer to Question 125

There are currently 87 persons on the Social 'A' List.

Answer to Question 126

A total of 15 applicants have been placed on the Social Category 'A' List since Question 577 of 2007, as follows:

November 2007 (since 29.11.07)	-	Nil
December 2007	-	4
January 2008	-	2
February 2008	-	3
March 2008	-	6

Answer to Question 127

Since the answer given to Question 577 of 2007, a total of seven applicants have been removed from the Housing Social Category 'A' List because a suitable dwelling has been found for them, as follows:

November 2007 (since 29.11.07)	-	Nil
December 2007	-	1
January 2008	-	2
February 2008	-	1
March 2008	-	3

Answer to Question 128

A total of five post-war housing units have been allocated to social cases as from November 2007, as follows:

November 2007 (since 29.11.07)	-	Nil
December 2007	-	1
January 2008	-	1
February 2008	-	1
March 2008	-	2

ORAL

NO. 129 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED PERSONS

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. 130 to 132 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 130 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – MEDICALLY RECOMMENDED PERSONS

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. 129, 131 and 132 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 131 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – MEDICAL LISTS

Since the answer given to Question No. 581 of 2007, can Government state how many applicants have been placed on the various Medical Housing Lists 'A+', 'A', 'B' and 'C', and give the dates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 129, 130 and 132 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 132 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – MEDICAL LISTS

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 581 of 2007, can Government state how many applicants, since that date, have been removed from the various Medical Housing Lists 'A+', 'A', 'B' and 'C', because a suitable dwelling has been found for them, and give the dates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 132 of 2008

Answer to Question 129

There are 45 applicants on the Housing Waiting List, to date, who are medically recommended as follows:

A+	-	Nil
A	-	14
B	-	15
C	-	16

Answer to Question 130

There are 191 persons, to date, who are medically recommended, apart from those who are described as applicants on the Housing Waiting List, as follows:

A+	-	23
A	-	60
B	-	47
C	-	61

Answer to Question 131

A total number of 28 applicants have been placed on the various Medical Housing Lists since the answer given to Question 581, as follows:

Date	A+	A	B	C
November 2007 (since 29.11.07)	-	-	-	-
December 2007	2	7	2	4
January 2008	-	-	-	-
February 2008	2	6	3	2
March 2008	-	-	-	-

Answer to Question 132

A total of four applicants have been removed from the various Medical Housing Lists since the answer given to Question 581 of 2007 because a suitable dwelling has been found for them, as follows:

Date	A+	A	B	C
November 2007 (since 29.11.07)	-	-	1	-
December 2007	-	1	-	1
January 2008	-	-	-	-
February 2008	-	-	-	-
March 2008	-	-	1	-

ORAL

NO. 133 OF 2008

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. 582 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. 134 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 134 OF 2008

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. 583 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

No housing applicant has had overcrowding points disallowed because other people who had sold their homes moved in with them. Equally, no housing applicant has had overcrowding points allowed when other people have sold their homes and moved in with them.

ORAL

NO. 135 OF 2008

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. 136 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 136 OF 2008

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 hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested.

Answer to Question 136 of 2008

Answer to Question 135

There are currently 681 applicants on the Housing Waiting List as follows:

1RKB	-	335
2RKB	-	46
3RKB	-	184
4RKB	-	104
5RKB	-	11
6RKB	-	1

Answer to Question 136

There are currently 412 applicants on the Pre-List for Housing as follows:

1RKB	-	281
2RKB	-	19
3RKB	-	81
4RKB	-	31
5RKB	-	-
6RKB	-	-

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 135 AND 136 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

I thank the Minister for the statistics. I have noticed there has been a slight increase in the people waiting for housing on these lists. The applicants on the Housing Waiting List proper is now 681 as given to me in the written form, and in answer to Question No. 136 of 2008 applicants on the Pre-list now stand at 412. Thank you.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Does the hon Member think it is too many? I just ask because I recall they are all surprised when the Government announced the projects for the building of the new houses, that the hon Member responded publicly saying that he thought we were building too many new houses.

HON C A BRUZON:

I do not remember saying any such thing. Maybe it was somebody else. What I did express surprise on was the question of the 700 flats for rental that before the Election it was 700 and after the Election it was 490.

ORAL

NO. 137 OF 2008

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 No. 586 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 138 of 2008.

NO. 138 OF 2008

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 No. 587 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

No housing applicant has been rejected on the grounds that they were homeowners who had chosen to sell their homes since Question No. 586 of 2007.

A total of seven applicants for housing were accepted because in the judgement of the Housing Allocation Committee the sale was necessary. That figure is broken down:

December 2007	-	2
January 2008	-	3
February 2008	-	2
March to date	-	None

ORAL

NO. 139 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – HOMELESS PERSONS

Can Government state how many cases of applications for housing from homeless persons there have been since the answer given to Question No. 581 of 2004, giving a breakdown by month?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 140 and 141 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 140 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – HOMELESS PERSONS

Can Government confirm that all the cases of application for housing from homeless persons have been subject to the procedure explained in answer to Question No. 581 of 2004?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question Nos. 139 and 141 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 141 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – HOMELESS PERSONS

Can Government say, in respect of applications for housing by homeless persons, since the answer given to Question No. 581 of 2004, how many were accepted and how many were rejected as a result of the application of the new procedures?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The information requested is contained in a schedule that I have now handed over to the hon Member.

Answer to Question 141 of 2008

Answer to Question 139

A total of 72 applications from homeless persons have been received since Question 581 of 2004, as follows:

Date	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
January				1	2
February		3	1		5
March		2		2	2
April		1	2	2	
May	3	2		2	
June	1	1	4	1	
July				2	
August			2	3	
September	1	1	2	3	
October	1		1	2	
November	3		2	2	
December	2	1	2	5	

Answer to Question 140

Yes, all cases of application for housing from homeless persons have been subject to the procedure explained in answer to Question 581 of 2004.

Answer to Question 141

A total of 65 applications for housing by homeless persons have been accepted and none rejected since Question 581 of 2004.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 139 TO 141 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

If I can remind the House of what these procedures were in 2004 and then maybe ask a supplementary question. In answer to Question No. 581 of 2004, I was told the following: “the new procedure put in place concerning applications for Government housing by homeless persons is, once it is established that the homelessness has not been self-inflicted, a homeless report for a period of one month must be provided. After the first two weeks, the Housing Inspector will monitor the situation at random and report on the matter for the consideration of the Housing Advisory Committee”. So what I am being told here then is that yes, all cases of application for housing from homeless persons have been subject to the procedure explained in answer to Question No. 581 of 2004. If the Minister could kindly give me more details as to how this procedure is possible and how it has actually worked. First, one has to establish that the homelessness is not self-inflicted. Then a homeless report for a period of one month must be provided. Thirdly, after the first two weeks the Housing Inspector will monitor the situation at random and report on the matter for the consideration of the Housing Allocation Committee. How have they gone about it to establish these various points?

HON F J VINET:

Precisely in the manner just described.

HON C A BRUZON:

The question of the self-infliction, who decides whether or not a case of homelessness is self-inflicted? What are the yardsticks used to measure this?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Usually it is a matter of fact which can be established. If somebody sort of sells their home, banks the cash and then says “I am homeless”, that is self-inflicted, does he agree? There are special provisions in place for people who are obliged to sell their house because they cannot keep up the mortgage payments and then there is a separate investigative process to ensure that that is genuine or not. People could choose to leave a house where they are adequately housed. For example, a young person could be living with her parents in their own bedroom, perfectly well housed, and decide one day that they want to leave home and walk out onto the streets, I half imagine how that might happen being the parent of growing up children, and then say that they are homeless. Well, that is self-inflicted but there may be circumstances in which even that is worthy of consideration, depending on the circumstances. So, whether or not it is self-inflicted is usually the least difficult part of the process. The most difficult part of the process is to decide whether notwithstanding that it is self-inflicted, it nevertheless is meritorious of consideration.

HON C A BRUZON:

Also the question, of course, of the homeless report for a period of one month must be provided. By whom?

HON F J VINET:

Could the hon Member repeat the question?

HON C A BRUZON:

The next step here is that a homeless report for a period of one month must be provided. By whom?

HON F J VINET:

By the person who is applying to be categorised as homeless.

HON C G BELTRAN:

Just for the sake of clarification, I am very clear on that, that the person who is declaring himself or herself homeless, has to report to the counter at Housing saying "I am still in that situation", and actually confirms his or her.....

HON F R PICARDO:

Thirty days of homelessness.

HON C G BELTRAN:

That is correct, that is the procedure as it stands now. I hope it is clear.

HON F R PICARDO:

It is very clear. That the Minister is telling us that this report on homelessness means that the Government's way of promptly dealing with a problem of homelessness, which may not be self-inflicted, in other words, real homelessness, is to require the individual to attend every day for thirty days and say "I remain homeless". Do the Government really expect the people of Gibraltar to believe that that is reasonable?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the Government do because neither this Government nor any previous Government have ever produced homes on tap for people who become homeless instantly. It is entirely reasonable that before one skips the queue in front of people that have been patiently waiting for a home, and before one gets favourable treatment at the expense of people who have been patiently waiting, there should be

a system in place to establish that one is genuinely and permanently homeless and not self-inflicted or temporary. I expect the people of Gibraltar to believe that that is an eminently reasonable system, yes.

HON F R PICARDO:

Well, frankly, I think he will find it very difficult to make them believe that, because would he not agree with me that it is totally unreasonable if it is possible to determine on the first day that the homelessness is not self-inflicted, to require somebody for example in the winter months of December and January, to turn up at the Housing Department on 25th December when it is closed, on 26th December when it is closed, on the 27th, 28th and 29th when it might also be closed if the Chief Minister has decided that the Civil Service will not be working on those days, and for 30 days in order simply to prove that which might easily have been demonstrable on the first day that the homelessness occurred. Is that what he is telling people is the fair and proper way of dealing with somebody whose homelessness could have been seen to have been not self-inflicted on day one?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes and the unreasonableness of my view is not a product of the volume and decibels of which he shouts at me. That is exactly what I believe. The contrary is to me eminently unreasonable. In other words, that the Government should have somewhere, a drawer full of keys of empty flats waiting to see so that the moment somebody becomes allegedly homeless, immediately a key is given and within 24 hours they are installed in their comfortable new home. That is what seems to me to be eminently unreasonable and to the extent that the policy that I am describing now is unreasonable, I want to alert him that if we are unreasonable, all previous Gibraltar Governments before us have also been unreasonable, because as far as I am aware, there is no difference in the way that we deal with homelessness and the way previous administrations have dealt with homelessness. So, if the hon Member is right, and I do not believe that he is, but if he is right then Gibraltar has always dealt unreasonably with homeless people. Perhaps because Governments of Gibraltar, this one and the previous one, have never accepted the challenge of converting themselves into statutory housing authorities, such as local councils in the United Kingdom, have a statutory duty to provide housing for homeless people. The Government of Gibraltar has never accepted to become a statutory housing authority, presumably precisely to avoid the obligation to provide housing for people on a mandatory, statutory basis. So I believe that the position of the Government is not only a continuation of what the policy and the practice has always been, but I believe it to be wholly reasonable in the context of the resources available to the Government.

HON F R PICARDO:

If the Chief Minister thinks I am shouting at him it is because he has never heard me shout. I echo the words of many of the Government Members, "I am on my feet". What I am saying and he does not appear to be able or want to grasp, is that there are instances where on day one an individual's homelessness may be demonstrably not self-inflicted. Now, whether it is on day one or day 31, what the Government are asking people to believe is that they have no way of determining, without that intervening period, whether the homelessness is or is not voluntary or involuntary,

self-inflicted or not self-inflicted. In those circumstances, when it is determined that the homelessness is not self-inflicted the Chief Minister seems to suggest that he is able to resolve the problem of homelessness. Why should somebody wait 30 days when the involuntariness of his situation is provable?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the hon Member of course is entirely entitled to his views and to express them at whatever decibel he chooses. The hon Member needs to understand the difference between homelessness of the sort that results from a person's simply not having a home, and emergency homelessness, in the sense of somebody having a home and losing it, for example, in the context of a fire. The Government do not have houses instantly available because there is a fire as opposed to there not being a fire, but when there is a fire then the usual practice, I understand, is that people get put up in a hotel. If the Government were to stop putting up in hotels everybody that came and declared themselves homeless, and presumably in his more reasonable version of the policy, presumably he is not racist about these things. So anybody that turned up on the Government's doorstep, even if they had just arrived the day before yesterday on the aeroplane or just walked across the border, presumably on the basis of the Government immediately providing a house for everybody that we know to be, we would have to do it on the grounds that it is a moral requirement for the Government to provide an immediate house to everybody who is homeless. Or is he suggesting that this would just be for Gibraltarians?

HON F R PICARDO:

No, I am suggesting that this issue should be dealt with by the Government in relation to entitled persons, persons who are entitled to Government housing, not Tom, Dick or Harry who might come across our frontier from the wider European Union with the right to travel into Gibraltar and declare themselves homeless in Gibraltar. Or as homeless in Gibraltar as they are anywhere else in the European Union. My question, and mine are questions they are not views or anything else, is about entitled people who are involuntarily homeless. I would ask the Chief Minister to deal with that question and not ascribe to me any views simply because of the questions that I am putting. We have had quite enough of that this session already.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the hon Member needs to keep a little bit more control. I realise he is terribly upset about many things and I fear that by this time tomorrow he will be even more upset. But listen, the hon Member needs to accept and understand that the Government's ability to provide housing is dictated by the amount of housing stock available. He has already heard from the Minister the number of people on the waiting list. Many of those people are also homeless in the sense that they are only not homeless because somebody is accommodating them badly. Almost everybody can do that and the difference between somebody who asserts that they are homeless but really mean that they want to avoid resolving that homelessness in the way that so many hundreds of others do it, that is by being accommodated at huge inconvenience by family members, that is not something that is possible for the Government to distinguish. Of course, if the word got out that if one is homeless, meaning an adult without their own home and that the parents do not have enough spare bedrooms in their house to accommodate them, they are therefore homeless,

of that definition of homelessness which anybody can bring about, there would be hundreds of people. Most people on the Housing Waiting List indeed fall into that category. They are all living somewhere, under-housed, over crowded, they could easily walk out of the door and say "well I have left because that house is over crowded". Correct. "And therefore I am technically homeless". It would just be a way where people who are waiting on the Waiting List would just get priority over and above people who are in the same position as them, except that they have not walked out into the streets from wherever they are sleeping at the moment and declared themselves homeless. I do not think that that is a sensible way. Of course, we would all like to have enough houses available to be able to do it differently, but this Government has not had them, the previous one has not had them either and the one before that. I suspect that the next one, which hopefully will not be him, will not have them either.

HON F R PICARDO:

He might be very wrong.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The original question dealt with allegedly new procedures which were being applied. The Chief Minister says that the procedure that has just been described and that we have been debating for a considerable time, apparently has always been there and is not a new procedure. Can he tell the House what is the new procedure? Is this 30 day rule a new procedure or not a new procedure?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Minister next to me explained the procedure. I said that there had been no change.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

I have not finished. The question was in relation to the 30 days when somebody goes to the Housing Department and says "I am homeless". The Chief Minister says that that person is dealt with in the way it has always been dealt with by every previous Government.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Perhaps he can tell me the difference then.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

What I said was dealt with in the same way now as has always been dealt with, is the Government's non giving immediately of a house to somebody who becomes immediately homeless, even though Governments have known that the homelessness is genuine. No Government of Gibraltar has ever been able, as a matter of policy or resource availability, to say to everybody that becomes homeless, however genuine they might accept their homelessness to be, yes here is a key go move into it straight away within 24 hours. What I was saying there had been no change of practice in relation to was his Colleague's suggestion that it was unreasonable that the Government should not make immediately available a house to somebody that they immediately accepted was genuinely immediately homeless. That was what I said.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The Chief Minister thinks that there are only two alternatives. Either one gives the guy the key in five minutes or make him a xxxxxx. There is no in between. Either he waits 30 days, and if we think waiting 30 days is unreasonable, he deduces from that that the alternative we are suggesting is instant re-housing. To criticise the 30 days does not mean that one said because 30 days is wrong, it means it should be instant.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I agree but he said that.

HON F R PICARDO:

I have not said that.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The Chief Minister said that dealing with homeless people after 30 days was one policy and that the contrary policy, which was eminently unreasonable, was immediate re-housing. Those were his words. Now, I have to tell him if he has only introduced the 30 days in the last six months, how long has the 30 days been in place? Perhaps he can answer that question, that is a simple question.

HON C G BELTRAN:

Well, certainly it was there in my time as Minister for Housing which started in 2003 or 2004 and it was there already.

HON J J BOSSANO:

If we get told in the House in answer to Question No. 581 of 2004 that the cases are being dealt as a result of the application of the new procedures, and we question the wisdom and the success of new procedures, which we are entitled to do, what they cannot tell us now is that the new procedures have always been there. Well then

they are not new procedures. Now, are they new procedures or not? If they are new procedures and it is eminently reasonable to do this and eminently unreasonable not to do it, why has it taken him nine years of being eminently unreasonable before he decides to be eminently reasonable? Twelve years, even worse.

HON F J VINET:

These procedures have not been described as new procedures by anyone on the Government side today, rather by his Colleague the Hon Mr Bruzon. They were described as a new procedure in answer to Question No. 581 of 2004.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Yes this is a follow up to the answer. If we are told in Question No. 581 of 2004, these are the procedures that are now being applied, just like we were told before that there is a procedure now which has never existed before that is applied to somebody that moves into his parent's house. That is a new procedure because before if one moved into one's parents house, it did not mean that the Department would not measure the house and give one points. Before they did now they do not. That is a new procedure. So now we ask, well how many people have moved into people's houses and have not received extra points of overcrowding. That is a new procedure. So everything that the hon Members have told us are new procedures, we then put questions to monitor how these new procedures are functioning in practice. Now, if the 30 day rule on homelessness is a new rule that says if one goes to the Housing Department and one claims to be homeless.....

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The new rule is 2004.

HON F R PICARDO:

New from 2004, not from 1996.

HON J J BOSSANO:

So the hon Member was being eminently unreasonable for eight years before he started being reasonable in 2004 then. It says the absence of the rule. I agree, there was probably no procedure at all. People just dealt with the cases on what they judged to be the merits of the case and now there is a rule of 30 days which may be more than justified in some cases and totally unjustified in others. Is there no flexibility in this rule?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is a different issue. The last five minutes is because he stood up to say the fact that 30 days we say is not reasonable does not mean that the alternative is immediate. Fine, but he cannot say that to me because I was responding to the Hon Mr Picardo's statement, which of course he now denies saying, except does he not

remember shouting "if the Chief Minister really thinks that the people of Gibraltar will accept that it is reasonable that somebody whom they know to be homeless does not get it", well he is wrong. Of course, now he denies saying anything about instant immediacy when the Government know that the housing homelessness is genuine. Of course everybody listening in this room, and everybody listening on the radio know precisely that that is what the Hon Mr Picardo said. We live with the fact that immediately after he says it, it no longer suits him, he then denies it. That is a matter of systematic style in this House. But I agree with the Leader of the Opposition that there is nothing scientific about the 30 days. It is a system to which a timetable has been attached designed principally, to establish the genuineness of the homelessness as has been heard, and I suppose also, although it has not been said, to try and find a place, to try and find a home for people that are found at the end of that process to be genuinely homeless. It has got to be rooted out, there might be some emergency repairs that need to be done there and then, it might be one of the houses waiting in this list that we have heard about to be fixed, there are any number of things that means that the house cannot be provided immediately. But there is nothing magical about the 30 days, it could be three weeks, or five weeks, it could be delayed. Absolutely right, I agree with the proposition in the last supplementary but, of course, every system, the purposes of timetable is not so that it cannot take less, it is a matter of discipline, so that it does not take more usually. In other words, the system is geared up to at least providing an outside cap. The alternative is that there is no scheme and the bureaucracy takes as long as it chooses to take to establish genuineness, to establish availability of a home. Now, wherever one has a system with a timetable there is a timetable attached to it. The timetable is never compulsory in the sense that it cannot be done in less time. It may be that genuineness can be established in less than four weeks. Fine, if genuineness can be established in less than four weeks and, also, a house can be found in less than four weeks, the system does not then say, "well alright, I have established that you are genuine in two weeks. I have identified a home, here is the key but I am not giving it to you for another fortnight because I have got to wait for the four weeks to elapse". No one has suggested that that is the system.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can I also ask the Government, is it not the case, in fact, that even then after the 30 days or if they manage to do it before 30 days, what is actually given to people in that situation are pre-war dwellings that are given to social cases. So, to give the impression that they can jump over the heads of all the people on the waiting list is not correct, is it? They do not get given post-war houses that are allocated to people on the waiting list.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes to the last and no to the first bit of what he said. Yes, it is not the case that the Government now only use pre-war houses for social cases. This was part of our attempt to end the, people started using ugly words like "ghettos" in respect of some parts of the Upper Town, which is where most of the Government's pre-war properties happen to be located, and there was a sense developing that the Upper Town was just getting full up of what are called, again a pretty unpleasant sort of phrase, "social cases" and it was true. So it is not true, indeed, most of the old pre-War houses are now sold where possible rather than repaired. So it is true, contrary to what he has suggested, it is true that post-war houses are also available to social cases.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is it not the case, in fact, that the last time we asked that in the House we were told, I think it was when Mr Netto was responsible, that it was only in exceptional cases that post-war houses were given to people who were homeless or on the social waiting list. So when has the new policy come in, then?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There was a date, obviously, when it happened for the first time, I do not remember, but it was some time ago. It is not recent as in post the last Elections.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, I think we have been operating on the basis that the policy had not changed because we had had no knowledge of that change coming in. I think it would be useful to know when it happened.

HON F J VINET:

In answer to a previous question, in fact Question No. 128 of 2008, it was revealed that there were seven flats that had been handed over to so-called social cases since November of last year. In fact, five of those seven are post-war properties.

HON J J BOSSANO:

We have been given to understand that the post-war allocation to such cases was the exception to the rule where there were special circumstances. We could have somebody, for example, that has got disability or something, or a particular illness, and therefore one cannot put them in a pre-war house. That is how we understood the system was still operating because that is how it used to operate in the past.

HON F J VINET:

There has been a shift away from that approach but it has been a gradual one.

HON C A BRUZON:

I am the hon Member who asked the question and I would like to ask one more supplementary. The whole point of the question was that I wanted to understand the new procedure that was introduced by the Hon James Netto in 2004. My third supplementary on this new procedure consists of asking a question on step No. 3. After the first two weeks the Housing Inspector will monitor the situation at random. Now, I do not know if the present Minister for Housing can answer me how does the Housing Inspector at random monitor the situation of a homeless person?

HON C G BELTRAN:

In my experience, that means that Housing Inspectors in these cases go out at random to make sure that these people are homeless, genuinely homeless, and not actually living in a flat. The point is that we have to make sure that he or she is not living in a house, in a flat. If we phone somebody we do not know where they are, obviously, which is what the hon Member is suggesting.

HON S E LINARES:

It is logical, the person is homeless.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The person says that they are homeless.

HON S E LINARES:

It is not know where they are living, how does one go randomly to where they are living if it is not known where they are?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Does the hon Member really believe what he has just said?

HON S E LINARES:

Yes.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Just as well he is not likely to find himself with the responsibility.

HON C A BRUZON:

With respect to all my colleagues here and the Ministers, what I would like to do is to make it possible for the people of Gibraltar to understand Government procedures, that they really have practical meaning and that they work. It seems to me that some of these requirements are a little bit difficult to implement or to monitor, the methods that they are suggesting. How do we monitor somebody who is homeless? Do we go to the Alameda Gardens at 3.00 a.m. to see if they are sleeping on a bench? Or do we ask the Police to report on the matter?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

We ask them. "Where are you sleeping? Where are you living?". "Well. I am sleeping in a car", and then we go and we find out. Absolutely. The alternative, does the hon Member not understand, that if there were not systems of this sort, however

irrational he may believe them to be, everybody would simply allege that they are homeless when they are not, or make themselves homeless when they are not, and then there would be no waiting list. There would be a new list, all the other lists would end and there would be one new list called the social homeless list on which everybody would be. Does he not understand that what he calls as xxxxxx, this crusade that he is on to make sure that people understand the system, people believe me understand the system. The only one who has got lack of clarity about it is him. He has to be very careful.....

HON C A BRUZON:

On a Point of Order. The Chief Minister is again kind of making a political speech. My question was genuine, I wanted to understand how the thing worked in practice and that is it. By way of concluding, if I may just make a small statement, if there had been adequate provision for homes for our people, many of these homeless cases would not exist.

ORAL

NO. 142 OF 2008

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 November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

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

Answer to Question 142

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

- (a) 118 phone calls have been received
- (b) 65 were found to be correct.

A breakdown as from November 2007 is as follows:

Month	Calls	Correct	Incorrect
November 2007 (since 29.11.07)	2	-	2
December 2007	1	1	-
January 2008	3	2	1
February 2008	6	3	3
March 2008	4	3	1
TOTAL	16	9	7

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 142 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

Who is, in fact, responsible for checking the correctness of these calls and how does it happen? There are seven incorrect reports, nine correct and in total 16 calls.

HON F J VINET:

The Housing Inspectors are the ones who are informed of the information received and will go out to these properties and check for themselves that the information provided is indeed true or otherwise.

HON N F COSTA:

Of the incorrect number of cases, there are seven, out of those seven how many of these people have been subjected to court proceedings?

HON F J VINET:

If it is found that the information provided is incorrect, then the Housing Department does not take any steps to evict the person concerned.

HON N F COSTA:

I do not think that the question is at all funny because I have personally had cases where people have been subjected to court proceedings, court proceedings have been started, they have been at fear of losing their houses and halfway through the case it has been discovered that the information was incorrect. So I do not think that is anything to laugh about, people are afraid of losing their houses.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

One is not laughing at that, if one is laughing at all it is about the fact that that is not the question that the hon Member has asked. Look, the hon Member has asked the perfectly sensible question, we have a hotline system where people report things that they think are the case. There have been 16 of those, they are investigated, the Housing Department gets 16 calls of allegedly empty houses or this and that in their view and they are investigated. If upon investigation seven of those 16 are found to be incorrect. In other words, "el chivatazo no era verdad", well obviously then it does not go to litigation. Now, amongst the ones that are correct there might be legal action which the court then disallows, and the cases to which he is referring, by definition, can only be amongst the nine not the seven.

HON J J BOSSANO:

It is because the Cordoba Agreement Institute did not arrive. When we get the Institute here we will all understand his lapses into Castillian.

NO. 143 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

HOUSING – EXPENDITURE ON MATERIALS

Can Government state whether the sum of £1m for materials approved in the Housing Estimates of Expenditure for the last financial year has been used up, and if so, by what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

The original sum of £1 million for materials was spent, used up to use the hon Member's phraseology, by the 1st March 2008. However, I should add that a request to the Financial Secretary for supplementary funding was initiated beforehand in mid-February this year, in order to maintain productivity.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 143 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it that the implication is that the request that was submitted was actually approved and the funds were increased for materials in March, is that correct?

HON F J VINET:

Correct.

NO. 144 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – WAITING LISTS (RE-INSTATEMENTS)

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 774 of 2007, can Government state how many persons, if any, have in fact been re-instated in the Housing Waiting Lists because of a genuine inability to complete the purchase within any of the Government's home ownership schemes?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

A total of 34 applicants have been re-instated in the Housing Waiting Lists because of a genuine inability to complete the purchase within the Government's home ownership schemes.

ORAL

NO. 145 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – LETTERS OF ALLOCATION NEW RENTAL ESTATE

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 785 of 2007, how many of the 490 applicants who received letters of allocation in the proposed new Government rental estate have since been offered an existing Government flat and how many have accepted?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Answered together with Question No. 146 of 2008.

NO. 146 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – PRE-LIST APPLICANTS NEW RENTAL ESTATE

With reference to their proposed new rental estate, can Government state how many letters were sent to applicants on the pre-list for housing out of the 490 that were actually issued?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR HOUSING

Since the answer given to Question No. 785 of 2007, a total of 24 applicants have since been offered an existing Government flat and have accepted.

Out of the 490 letters that were actually issued, 71 of them were sent to applicants on the pre-list for housing.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 145 AND 146 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

With reference to the answer given to Question No. 146 of 2008 concerning letters sent to applicants on the pre-list, when I asked the question in December about who had allocated these homes and the Government told me that it was in fact the Government and not the Housing Allocation Committee, but they did this with reference to the Housing Waiting Lists. Of course, I assumed that they meant Waiting Lists proper and not the pre-list. Now those 71, can the Minister for Housing confirm that they wrote these letters to these people who really are not entitled to anything until the period for the pre-list, which I think is two years still, has passed, or whether these 71 letters were written to people who were in fact special cases, like social or medical cases?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I do not know the answer to that question and I doubt if my hon Friend knows that either. In any case, by the time the houses are ready the pre-list qualification period will have elapsed.

HON J J BOSSANO:

I take it that what the Chief Minister really means is that the concept of having a pre-list would have been terminated because if there is still a pre-list, somebody that joins that pre-list a day before the houses are ready would still have two years ahead? It will elapse for the people who are there today he means.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the hon Member asked whether in respect of the people, the recipients on the pre-list, at the time that they got the letter, I assumed him to mean at the time that they were written to, whether they were on the pre-list without entitlement to housing, otherwise they would have passed from the pre-list, and he asked implicit in his question does it mean that they would get a house to which they were not entitled? Since being on the pre-list means that one is not yet entitled. To which I answered that I did not know how many of them, they are all on the pre-list and therefore none are entitled theoretically at the time that they get the letter, but by the time the houses are built.....

HON J J BOSSANO:

They will have moved.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, yes, they will have two years. I suppose that it is possible that somebody came on to the pre-list and if the project does not take a full two years to build, they could theoretically get a house before they had been built, highly unlikely. We can find out where these 71 came from. The other thing that he asked was whether it was just the top slice of the pre-list or whether they were selected by special circumstance. The answer is I do not know but I doubt it, I suspect it is just the top slice of the pre-list because people are ranked in the pre-list by the date in which they entered into the list. So I suspect all that's happened, but I am not aware that any selection process has taken place. So it is just the top, however many flats are available of the pre-list.

ORAL

NO. 147 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NEW AIRLINES

Can Government say whether any of the six new airlines which they were in contact with in December 2007 are interested in flying to countries that are not presently served by flights to and from Gibraltar airport?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 148 and 149 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 148 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NEW AIRLINES

Can Government say whether they continue in contact with the six airlines that were interested in flying to Gibraltar in December 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 147 and 149 of 2008.

NO. 149 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

AIR LINKS BETWEEN GIBRALTAR AND MOROCCO

Can Government say whether they are in discussions with any airline that is interested in establishing air links between Gibraltar and Morocco?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Yes, Sir, three of the six airlines with which the Government were in contact with in December 2007 are interested in flying to countries that are not presently served by flights to and from Gibraltar airport.

All six airlines continue in contact with the Government.

Government is not in discussion with any airline that is interested in establishing air links between Gibraltar and Morocco. That is not in discussion.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 147 TO 149 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to the six airlines that are interested in flying to three new countries, are they three new countries or are they three different ones?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

To clarify, three of the six airlines are interested in flying to other countries not necessarily three countries.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Other destinations in the same country or are they different countries? If the Minister could say which countries they are it would be more helpful but I am assuming he may not want to do that.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The information that I have in front of me, which is not very explicit, is two of them are interested in one country and the third one in a different country.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say which countries they are?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I would not like to go into detail for the same reasons that I gave the last time, because these are commercial negotiations which are in progress and it is not advisable to give away too much at this stage.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

When the Minister says that the Government is in contact with these airlines, what contact is that? An e-mail, a letter or have there actually been formal meetings where the Government have sat down with these airlines and actually met with them face to face, what kind of contact is this?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Various stages of discussion, probably including all of those. Remember some of these go back before I took over, on-going but all still formal and serious on-going negotiations.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

On the question of air links with Morocco, is this something the Government would like to advance or to see as a matter of policy or is the Government leaving it up to individual airlines who might be interested to come and make the first approach?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Government is interested in principle in establishing air links with Morocco. It is doing both things, looking for opportunities to establish this but also waiting for others to come forward. At the moment there is nothing on the horizon.

ORAL

NO. 150 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – OCCURRENCE REPORTS

Can Government say whether any of the fifteen mandatory occurrence reports into incidents at Gibraltar Airport whose status was shown as “open” in answer to Question No. 592 of 2007 have now been closed and if so with what conclusion?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question No. 151 of 2008.

NO. 151 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – OCCURRENCE REPORTS

Can Government say how many mandatory occurrence reports have been raised in relation to incidents at Gibraltar Airport in 2008 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**

The statistical information requested by the hon Member is in the schedule which is being handed over to him. I would like to add on a cautionary note the same caveat that I made when I answered this question previously, that the Government do not have any responsibility for preparing these mandatory reports. The information provided has been provided to us by the MOD. I say this 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 151/2008

Date	Aircraft Type	Airline	Occurrence
01/01/08	Airbus 320	Monarch	Aircraft taxied past the holding point to which he had been cleared by ATC resulting in a runway incursion.
15/02/08	Airbus 319	Iberia	Radio communications between ATC and the Airport Fire Service/mobile Bird Control Vehicle failed for 2 minutes. This lack of communications resulted in runway being not secured and aircraft having to abort landing
17/02/08	Airbus 320	GB Airways	Aircraft taxied past the holding point to which he had been cleared by ATC resulting in a runway incursion
22/02/08	Airbus 320	Monarch	Notification by Met Office to ATC of change in weather did not conform to agreed procedure due communication equipment failure
22/02/08	Airbus 320	GB Airways	Large cruiser entered runway undershoot during aircraft approach causing aircraft to abort landing
26/02/08	Airbus 320	GB Airways	Tall masted yacht entered runway undershoot during aircraft approach causing aircraft to abort landing.

27/03/08

2008 total Occurrence reports to date: 6

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Contd. Answer to Question 151/2008

Date	Airline/Aircraft	Details of Incident	Action Taken	Status
04/01/07	Monarch/B757	Vehicle entered runway without clearance whilst aircraft was landing.	Driver re-briefed on airfield driving procedures	Closed
27/01/07	Iberia/A319	Aircraft experienced bird strike after take-off. Aircraft diverted to Malaga for inspection.	Review of bird control procedures initiated	Closed sufficient data available from previous bird strike reports, review of bird control procedures ongoing.
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
15/06/07	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
13/08/07	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.	As above	Closed X
12/07/07	GB Airways/A320	Bird strike on departure. No damage reported.	As above	Closed X

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Contd Answer to Question 15/1/2008

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	Closed X
19/07/07	GB Airways/A320	Bird strike on landing, some damage to engines discovered.	As above	Closed X
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
10/08/07	GB Airways/A319	Evidence of bird strike found after landing. No damage reported.	As above	Closed X
21/09/07	GB Airways/A320	Bomb threat received by City Fire Brigade.	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.	Closed X
13/10/07	GB Airways/A329	Evidence of bird strike on parked aircraft. No damage.	As above	Closed X
19/10/07	GB Airways/A329	Bird strike on take-off, flight continued. No damage.	As above	Closed X
30/10/07	Monarch/A320	Aircraft entered runway without clearance.	Fault admitted by aircraft crew. Review of taxiway marking initiated.	Closed X

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 150 AND 151 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In any of these reports and any of the corrective measures that might need to be taken as a result of them, will any of them apply to the Government? In other words, does the Government itself have to take any action as a consequence of any of these reports, or is it entirely the MOD, given that the Government are now taking a bigger role in the airport?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

It is always possible that there may be an occurrence in which there is action required by the Government. On these reports there is close liaison with the Government through Air Terminal Management. On the lists that have been provided there have been no occurrences that have required direct action by the Government. They are occurrences in relation to the operation of the airport for which the MOD is responsible and therefore the actions are taken by the MOD.

ORAL

NO. 152 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – PASSENGERS GIBRALTAR/MADRID ROUTE

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 November 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 153 to 155 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 153 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – TRANSIT PASSENGERS FROM MADRID

Can Government say, of the passengers who arrived in Gibraltar by air from Madrid since November 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. 152, 154 and 155 of 2008.

NO. 154 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – FLIGHTS DELAYED

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 November 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 152, 153 and 155 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 155 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – FLIGHTS TIMETABLED AND CANCELLED

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,

from November 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

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

Answer to Question 155

Answer to Question 152

Passengers carried by airlines on the Gibraltar-Madrid route

<u>Month</u>	<u>Inward</u>	<u>Outward</u>
November 2007	510	680
December 2007	772	716
January 2008	343	408
February 2008	460	448
March 2008 (up to 23 rd)	481	512

Answer to Question 153

<u>Month</u>	<u>In Transit</u>	<u>Stayed</u>
November 2007	359	151
December 2007	666	106
January 2008	235	108
February 2008	338	122
March 2008 (up to 23 rd)	406	75

Answer to Question 154

<u>Delayed Flights</u>	<u>To Gatwick</u>	<u>To Luton</u>	<u>To Madrid</u>
November 2007	1	1	-
December 2007	10	5	-
January 2008	12	-	-
February 2008	6	3	-
March 2008 (up to 26 th)	3	3	-

Answer to Question 155

	<u>Time Tabled</u>		
<u>Cancelled Flights</u>	<u>To Gatwick</u>	<u>To Luton</u>	<u>To Madrid</u>
November 2007	-	-	-
December 2007	-	-	-
January 2008	-	4	-
February 2008	7	2	-
March 2008 (up to 26 th)	11	-	-

NO. 156 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

OESCO

What progress has been made in respect of the noise insulation of the building at Europa Business Park which is occupied by OESCO?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The contract to provide sound attenuation of the building housing the OESCO power station was awarded earlier this year. The contractor is currently mobilising and works will commence on site shortly.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 156 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

Who is the contractor that has been appointed?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO::

The contract has been awarded to Profield Limited in the sum of £1,216,933.14.

HON F R PICARDO:

How many other tenderers were there?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I have no idea, I would need notice of that question.

HON F R PICARDO:

Does the work envisage the full noise insulation of the facility or not?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am not familiar with the minor detail of the specifications of the contract. The hon Member may have noticed that he uses the words “noise insulation” and I have used the words “sound attenuation” in my reply. I suspect that in a building of this kind and of age and characteristics, it may be impossible to completely insulate sound 100 per cent, but that is an opinion I am giving on my feet without technical back up to support it. So, the Government have taken the role of doing as much as they think is necessary, with a view to a building that has a limited life in its present use but will be expected to be used subsequently for other functions. So the attempt will be to make it as sound insulated as possible but if the hon Member wants more information I would have to go back and find out the minor details.

HON F R PICARDO:

I think two questions arise. The first is, is this confirmation from the Government that they are changing their policy as set out, I believe, in their manifesto and repeatedly stated by them that they would insulate the noise emanation from the OESCO facility into a policy simply attenuate that noise; and secondly, can the Minister tell us what it is that the Government believe their contractor is going to do in that building? I know he is not going to tell me the detail but what is it that the Government believe they have contracted?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The building or sound needs to be insulated or attenuated to meet the statutory levels. Insulation, in my understanding of the word, means a complete removal of any sound leaving the building. Attenuation means lowering the level of sound. So the Government’s policy is to lower the level of sound to levels acceptable environmentally and statutorily. That is what the Government expect the contractor to do.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is this now a commitment from the Government in the House that once the works are completed in respect of that building the noise emanation, whether it is insulated or attenuated, will comply with the statutory criteria, which is what the Minister has suggested in his answer?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, that is the objective.

ORAL

NO. 157 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

SANDY BAY – ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

What is the Government doing about the environmental impact of the loss of the beach at Sandy Bay?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 196 and 202 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 158 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

BUNKERING

What official notification if any has been received by the Government in respect of an investigation by the Commission of the European Union into bunkering in the Straits of Gibraltar?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 159 and 160 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 159 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

SHIP CALLS

How many ships have called at Gibraltar since November 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. 158 and 160 of 2008.

NO. 160 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

BUNKERING LICENCES

Can Government say whether any new bunkering licences have been issued, or whether any application for such a licence has been made since the last Question Time in this House?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

No official notification has been received by the Government in respect of an investigation by the Commission of the European Union into bunkering in the Straits of Gibraltar.

In respect of applications for or the issue of new bunkering licences, the situation remains as given in answer to Question Nos. 606 and 607 of 2007.

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

Answer to Question 160

Answer to Question 159

MONTH	BUNKERING	CARGO	REPAIRS	TOTAL
NOV 2007	538	21	14	573
DEC 2007	481	18	9	508
JAN 2008	493	11	11	515
FEB 2008	334	14	10	358
GRAND TOTAL	1846	64	44	1954

MONTH	BUNKER FUEL SOLD (TONNES)
NOVEMBER 2007	365,496.41
DECEMBER 2007	399,208.17
JANUARY 2008	949,585.08
FEBRUARY 2008	56,376.30

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 158 TO 160 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

Dealing first with Question No. 158 of 2008, the Minister will be aware of press reports suggesting that an investigation of the one described in the question put has been commenced in respect of the environmental impact of bunkering in the Bay. Is the Minister aware of those reports?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes.

HON F R PICARDO:

Has he done anything to follow up in respect of those reports to determine whether such an investigation is taking place?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, communications with the European Union are done through the Chief Secretary and No. 6 Convent Place, not by me.

HON F R PICARDO:

I do not necessarily ask him questions to see what he himself has done. Has he or his Department sought to have determined whether in fact such an investigation is in place?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, other than asking No. 6 whether any such investigation is taking place and being told that no notification has been given to us, I find it unnecessary to follow it up until we are told that an investigation is taking place.

HON F R PICARDO:

Is the Minister saying that he finds it unnecessary to ask whoever it is in the scheme of Government is responsible for communications with the European Union, to ask them to determine for him whether or not such an investigation has been commenced?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am sure that that contact takes place on an established basis. What the hon Member, I thought, was asking me is whether I was going to react to press reports in the Spanish media? Of course, I have no intention of doing that.

HON F R PICARDO:

Certainly, I have absolutely no intention of asking him to react to press reports in the Spanish media. But if it is suggested that an official of the European Union has confirmed that an investigation into something in respect of which Gibraltar has an interest is taking place, does he not agree with me that it would be reasonable for him to seek to determine the veracity of that with the Commission, through whatever branch or wing of Government it may be, that he has to direct his enquiry.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, and that is exactly the thrust of the answer, I have done that and I have been told there has been no confirmation or notification by the Commission.

HON F R PICARDO:

What he said in the House, unless I am misinterpreting him, is that it has been confirmed to him, from dare I say central Government, that no notification has been received. But has he asked central Government to seek from the European Union confirmation pro-actively of whether such an investigation is going to take place. To ensure, as I am sure we would all want to ensure, that our voice is heard in any such investigation.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

To avoid confusion about innuendo or sarcasm, the enquiry that I made I made through the Chief Secretary's office from the Chief Secretary. The answer to the second half of the question where I have then gone back and told the Chief Secretary how to do his job, then the answer is no.

HON F R PICARDO:

It is not a question of telling the Chief Secretary how to do his job. Has the Minister asked whoever it is that is responsible for that to enquire of the European Union whether such an investigation is in place, or has he simply asked the Chief Secretary whether he has received any notification? Which of the two is it? It appears to be that the Minister did so himself, as he said "I have asked".

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, I would have thought that the answer was already obvious from what I said. I have asked whether there has been any notification, for the avoidance of doubt, I have been told there is no notification, I have not followed it up by telling the Chief Secretary, or anybody else at No. 6, "go and ring up Brussels or the Commission and ask them". I would have thought that this is part of the normal course of action.

HON F R PICARDO:

Could the Minister, therefore, reconsider the issue and go back and ask whoever it may be necessary to ask to determine from Brussels, whether they do so in the normal course of events or not, whether such an investigation actually exists? So that we can make sure that the Gibraltar view, expressed by its Government, is in at the Commission as soon as possible on this area which they describe as important to the economy, and I am sure it is.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, if I have not felt it necessary to do it up to now I certainly do not find it necessary to do it because the hon Member is suggesting it. It would be to do what I said before, to react to what has appeared in the Spanish media and to go running to the Chief Secretary and say, "go and ring up the Commission and ask them whether it is right". We have not been notified and, therefore, as far as I am concerned, it does not exist. When it exists then we will take action. We are talking about my Department.

HON F R PICARDO:

The Minister does not expect us to believe that things only exist when they are notified to him, does he?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I think I have exhausted the limits of my patience on this.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am sorry, he may have exhausted the limits of his patience but I put my question, I would be grateful if Mr Speaker could ask the Minister to answer it or not answer it if he wishes. But I have another supplementary to come.

MR SPEAKER:

Well, the question has been asked, I think the answer is quite apparent. I cannot order a Minister to answer a question.

HON F R PICARDO:

With respect, Ministers answer or do not answer if they wish or do not wish. They do not decide not to answer because one has exhausted the limits of their patience. With the greatest respect to the Minister, he is usually quite good at answering questions.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The limit of my patience is exhausted because I have already answered the question and this is about the third time he has asked the same question in different words. So my patience has been exhausted in answering the same question. If he asks a different one then I will try to answer it. But he has asked me several times in different words whether I have asked or what I have not asked. I have told him quite explicitly so I do not see the need to answer.

MR SPEAKER:

The Minister's answer is abundantly clear to me. Perhaps if the hon Member asks another question.

HON F R PICARDO:

Does the Minister not think it is prudent, given the importance that they attach to this sector of the economy, to determine objectively whether there is such an investigation or not?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I have already said what I have done and why I have done it and, obviously, what I have done is what I think is prudent to do and I do not find it necessary to do anything else at this stage.

ORAL

NO. 161 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT DEPARTMENT – VTS SYSTEM

Can Government say on what date they purchased a VTS system for the Port Department, at what cost, and on what date it became fully operational?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 162, 163 and 165 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 162 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT DEPARTMENT – VTS SYSTEM

Can Government say whether there is now an effective VTS vehicle traffic service system in place at the Port Department to monitor ship movements in Gibraltar waters?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 161, 163 and 165 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 163 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PORT DEPARTMENT – RADAR COVERAGE

Can Government say whether the Port Department now has live radar coverage of the East Side in order to be able to monitor ship movements in Gibraltar waters?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 161, 162 and 165 of 2008.

NO. 164 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

REGULATION OF ANGLERS

Can Government say whether they have any plans to regulate the activities of anglers from the North Mole or from any other part of Gibraltar?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Government is considering the implementation of Port Rules to regulate fishing activities from the North Mole.

Independently, the introduction of legislation to regulate the activities of anglers in all of Gibraltar's shoreline is also being considered by Government.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 164 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is it still the position that anyone with a maximum of two fishing rods and an ID Card can access the North Mole in order to fish?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The position is as it has been for the last few years, there have been no changes subject to what is being looked at now.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

This happens irrespective of nationality or residency in terms of the people who want to go and fish from the North Mole.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, that is my understanding.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are the Government satisfied with the way in which the system is working, the present arrangements for the North Mole?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, hence that is why we are considering implementing Port Rules which will regulate the system and make it clear for everybody what the system is. At the moment there is an element of free interpretation, if I may call it that, by the people on the spot who may change from time to time, at the physical barrier. That is why we are looking at Rules in order to give as much facility to the anglers as possible without putting at risk the security of the Port. The two have to be balanced very finely.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In answer to Question No. 300 of 2005, the Chief Minister told me that the plan then was to extend to the whole of Gibraltar, or something that could be considered if the situation merited it, extended to the whole of Gibraltar by some law, what we have done in the Port through the enforcement of Port Regulations. He suggests that is the system that existed in 2005 and as still exists today. Is that still the same system, these Port Regulations?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, the hon Member has to understand that there are two issues which overlap. Firstly, there is the control of fishing on Gibraltar's shoreline, which includes the Port. Now, my hon Colleague, the Minister for Sport is leading in that aspect of it, on looking at angling in general, with a view to being as community minded as possible but at the same time stopping visiting anglers from abroad, as they say in a certain television programme, from arriving with half a dozen rods and taking up miles of shoreline. That is the overall issue which will look at regulating. He is better qualified to answer questions on that, that will regulate number of rods, size of fish, locations et cetera. I have no involvement in that at all. Within that overall policy which applies and which will apply to the Port when it is changed, or should I say when it is implemented, there will have to be superimposed on it additional rules which apply to fishing from within the Port area. They are going to be mainly rules of access rather than anything else. It is not going to mean that if one can fish with three rods at Catalan Bay one can only fish with one rod at the Port, that will not happen. The number of rods will be uniformly the same. What will be imposed in the Port will be extra rules, if extra rules are necessary to what is there now, in terms of Port security and in terms of meeting international requirements for a port visited by cruise ships.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I appreciate the answer but what I was trying to get at was, the Minister said that the system in place now which depends on the discretion of the person standing in the portacabin whether they are let through or not.....

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Not depending on the discretion, depending on the interpretation.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are those the Port Regulations the Chief Minister referred to in 2005 and are those the same ones that we still have today in 2008?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The hon Member will have to ask the Chief Minister that question, I do not know what he was referring to. What I am referring to is the Port Rules that we are intending to produce now. So, if he was referring to the situation in 2005 they are not the same situation. If he was referring to possible changes in the future then they are the same situation. I do not know what he was referring to.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In 2005 the Government was not minded to do anything about this problem. It has been allowed to escalate. The complaints that have been reaching us about areas like, for example, Europa Point, some of the beaches, the problem is that there are too many people wanting to fish and a limited number of fishing spots in different parts of Gibraltar. It is compounded by, for example, in areas like Europa Point the residents who come to complain to us, the fact that the anglers who come from Spain primarily, tend to park their cars all over the place, camp over the weekend and have a large number of fishing rods et cetera, and that they feel that their complaints have not been listened to by the authorities, which is why they have come to us and why we have raised the issue in this House. What I am saying is, this problem still existed in 2005 and it has carried on until the present day, why has it taken the Government so long to actually consider doing something about it, given that they were also being pressed by the fishing clubs themselves to introduce a licensing system as far back as 2005?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, I well remember the problem at the time that I was Minister for Sport and that goes back now earlier than 2005. It is not an easy problem to solve because as Community nationals, the visiting Spanish anglers have the same rights as the Gibraltar angler. So any restrictions that are imposed on a visiting Spanish angler, de facto is imposed on the local angler. What has been tried and has not yet been successfully achieved, is my understanding although I have no direct involvement in it, is producing a set of regulations that meets local aspirations, controls the influx and dare I say abuse, although they would not call it abuse because they are quite used to doing it. What the hon Member has to do is go along the road past Chullera Beach and he will see dozens of rods along there. It is common practice where there is plenty of space. So, what is being tried is to find a balance. But that is the overall coastlines, where that is I am not certain, it is not my area of responsibility. But in terms of the Port itself, the situation or the issue becomes compounded because of Port security. If one goes to similar ports elsewhere, then the situation is that there is no fishing. There are those who advise

that in order to meet some of the requirements, that is what the Gibraltar Port should be doing, excluding all anglers. The Government have not wanted to do that, have not wanted to exclude the Gibraltar angler from fishing from where is traditionally a popular and good fishing area. So they have tried to find a compromise and that compromise is the 2005 situation the hon Member refers to of the two rods and the identity card. Not a satisfactory situation from my point of view. That is why, and I have already met with my colleague, or he has met with me, we have had meetings together with senior officials in both departments to discuss how we can take this forward. That process is on-going. My objective is to allow anglers to fish within the Port, the North Mole really is what we are talking about, to fish from the North Mole because there are less difficulties about the Detached Mole or the South Mole, to give them maximum flexibility but at the same time not compromise Gibraltar's position in the international cruising world. There is a fine balance to be struck.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The EU point made by the Minister is really not relevant in the sense that the angling clubs have been asking for a licensing system, so really one would give a licence to whoever applies for one, there would not be discrimination but if it gives a greater measure of control of where people fish and how many people can fish. But per se there would not be any discrimination on an EU basis, I think that point is not really relevant. Coming back to the Port, in relation to one of the specific complaints made to us has been that the time between when a ship leaves port, the cruise ship or whatever, and the anglers are allowed in to fish, is actually too long and maybe that is something which the Government should consider reducing. Is that on the Minister's agenda?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, that is one of the issues not just the time they are allowed to come in after the ship has left but up to what time they are allowed to come in before the ship arrives.

NO. 165 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

SAMOTHRAKI

Can Government say whether they have acted on any of the findings of the Gibraltar Maritime Administration into the reasons why the Greek tanker Samothraki run aground one mile off Europa Point in March 2007, and if so, list the findings they have acted upon?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The Port's VTS System was purchased in May 2001 from SML Technologies Limited at a cost of £32,066.40 and became operational in that same month, May 2001. This system continues in operation but the decision has been made by the Government to upgrade it.

The radar coverage the Port Department has on the east side is dependant on that provided via a link from the MOD Windmill Hill Signal Station.

The Gibraltar Port Authority has acted on the recommendations made by the Gibraltar Maritime Administration following the incident involving the Greek tanker Samothraki in March 2007. Details are as follows:

1. The recommendation requiring all vessels anchoring within three miles off Gibraltar in the Eastern side to report to Gibraltar Port Authority with anchor position and basic ship information has been accepted by the Gibraltar Port Authority and is currently in practice.
2. The recommendation that Port Control Policy aimed at providing a navigational assistance service has been accepted by the Gibraltar Port Authority and will be provided when the upgraded VTS system is fully operational.
3. The recommendation to establish a southerly limit to the eastern anchorage has been accepted by the Gibraltar Port Authority but such a limit cannot be effectively monitored until the upgraded VTS system has been installed.
4. The recommendation to establish an exclusion zone in the vicinity of Europa Point and to require off-port limits transfers to be completed further offshore, to the South East of Europa Point, are both still under

consideration by the Gibraltar Port Authority and are the subject of on-going consultation processes with stakeholders.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 161, 162, 163 AND 165 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

A consultation process with who?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Stakeholders.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The Minister says that the Government purchased the system in 2001, then they decided to upgrade the system, that is what I have understood. Now, is that upgrade not what they purchased in 2005 or are they upgrading it in a different way? In 2005 they purchased an upgrade for the system and I want to know whether this is the same upgrade that we are talking about or whether it is a different one.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am not sure I understand the question, let me give him the facts and then he can ask it again if I have not answered it. The system was bought and installed and implemented in 2001. As a result of the Samothraki incident, one of the recommendations was to upgrade the system and the system is currently in the process of moving towards that upgrade. I am not aware of an upgrade in 2005 but if there was one then it has got nothing to do with the upgrade that is happening now.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The upgrade in 2005 was given in answer to Question No. 314 of 2006. What happened after that is that the Government, this is my understanding of the situation, needed the operatives to man the upgrade or be trained in using the upgrade. That took them from 2005 until August 2008. Now, that is why I am not sure whether this is that same upgrade which is now being put in place or whether it is a different one.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, the 2005 upgrade to which the hon Member is referring, included the employment and training of the new operators and that is past and history. What is happening now is a further upgrade on the upgraded system.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to the two issues under consideration, basically, recommendations 4 and 5 made in the report, can the Minister say how long this period of consultation with stakeholders is expected to take?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I have not asked for a forecast of that but I know it is on-going.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

One of the conclusions of the report into that incident was that there was a lack of an effective VTS system in use by the Port at the time, capable of providing accurate monitoring and control of shipping movements and effective navigational assistance. That is only one of many conclusions. Now, given that system was purchased in 2001, upgraded in 2005, that in August 2006 the Government trained employees were put in place to monitor the system, what made it ineffective?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I do not agree that it is ineffective, it is as effective as it has always been. What the report says is that it needs to be.....

HON DR J J GARCIA:

A lack of an effective system.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Well, lack of effective enough is my understanding of the lack of an effective system.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

But the lack of an effective system, if the system is not capable of providing accurate monitoring and control of shipping or navigational assistance, then what on earth does the system do?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

My understanding is that it needs to provide more navigational assistance than it is providing already. But these are technical subjects, the bottom line is that the system has been there since 2001, it was improved in 2005, after the recent incident a new report highlights that it needs to be improved and it is being improved. What the technicalities are, what extra buttons it needs, or the updating to the software, that I would need notice of the question.

HON DR J J GARCIA;

It is not the case that the system was not being used when this incident happened, is that the case? This system is called a, let us go to the technical language used in the report itself. In the list of definitions it is defined as a Vehicle Traffic Management and Information System. It was purchased in 2001, upgraded in 2005, in March 2007 this incident happens with the Samothraki, a list of recommendations are made to the owners and a list of recommendations are made to the Government. The Government accept three of the recommendations, five recommendations are made to the Government, they accept three and are considering two. But the criticism made under the heading of Safety Issues in the Report by the Government's own Maritime Administration, is that the system that they have is not effective, the lack of an effective system capable of providing accurate monitoring and control of shipping movements and effective navigational assistance. What I am asking is, if the Government spend £30,000 odd on this system in 2001, then train people in 2005, put them in place in August 2007 and it still was not providing accurate monitoring and control of shipping movements and effective navigational assistance to this vessel, which the author of the Report feels may have prevented the accident among other factors, then what exactly is the system doing? That is what I cannot understand.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I am not qualified to describe to the hon Member what the system does or does not do. I understand the Report to be saying that it is ineffective in providing a navigational assistance service. Not ineffective, full stop, which is what the hon Member is implying, and because it recommends that the Port consider a port control policy which provides a navigational assistance service. This is what the upgrade will do, to take a system which is effective for other purposes and to make it more effective by providing an additional service which is a navigational assistance service. That is my understanding but I am not qualified to give a technical description of what the system does.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The system is called a Vessel Traffic Management and Information System, it is for traffic management and for information, that is all it does. That is what it is called.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is what the hon Member thinks it does.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

That is the name of the system. It would be called something else if it did something else. I would logically assume. The safety issue raised in the Report, and I am quoting from it, says, "the lack of an effective VTS System for Gibraltar waters capable of providing accurate monitoring and control of shipping movements and effective navigational assistance". So the system as it was in March 2007 was not capable of providing accurate monitoring and control of shipping movements, apart from the navigational assistance which the name of the system says it should be able

to do. Then in addition to that, the same Report, when the author in his summary lists the factors that contributed to the accident, he says one of those factors is the limited availability of effective monitoring of shipping movements within the territorial waters of Gibraltar. The next one is a limited shore based facility able to provide navigational assistance or advice to vessels approaching Gibraltar. So in both those points, in the factors that contributed to the accidents, two of the factors refer to a system purchased by the Government in 2001, upgraded in 2005, which was not working properly or not doing its job properly. Can the Minister say whether whatever upgrade it is they are talking about now, and I am not sure it may not be the 2005 upgrade, we need to make sure.....

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

On a Point of Order, I have said specifically that it is not the 2005 upgrade. To say that he is not sure implies that I am misleading the House.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

No, I have not said he was misleading the House. I tell him why I am not sure, because the time it took from 2005 until August 2006 to bring the 2005 upgrade into effect, to start using that upgrade. But if the Minister tells me this is a new and different upgrade, then I will take his word for it. What I am saying is, does the Minister not accept that the fact that the system was not effectively monitoring shipping movements within the territorial waters of Gibraltar contributed to the accident?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, the Minister will say nothing of the kind. What the Minister is saying is that the Report made certain recommendations and the recommendations have been accepted and are in the process of being implemented.

NO. 166 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

Can Government state the number of new registrations of:

- (a) private; and
- (b) commercial

road vehicles for each month from November 2007 to February 2008?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

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

For the avoidance of doubt, I notice that in the supplementary information I have been provided it tells me that the figures that I am giving the hon Member do not include motor cycles. For some reason the officials who prepared this decided that they were not interested in motor cycles, they were only interested in four wheeled vehicles. If the hon Member is interested in the figure for motor cycles I can provide it for him as well.

Answer to Question 166/2008

	Private	Commercial
November 07	118	23
December 07	109	15
January 08	128	14
February 08	86	8
Total	441	60

Supplementary to Question 166/2008

The figure stated above does not include motorcycles of which 228 new motorcycles were registered from November 2007 to February 2008.

Below is a table of the monthly breakdowns:-

	Motorcycles
November 07	58
December 07	49
January 08	56
February 08	65
Total	228

There were also 347 new private motor vehicles, 48 goods vehicles and 179 motorcycles registered in the same period last year.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 166 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

What we are interested in is establishing a trend or monitoring a trend and this is a question that has been asked on previous occasions. Am I to assume, therefore, that the answers given to previous similar questions include or do not include motor cycles? If they do and these do not then I am not comparing like with like. Is the Minister telling us that consistently the answers to these questions have been the same as regards the information that is given, and is missing from this particular question?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I do not know the answer to that, I have volunteered the information purely to be helpful, but I can certainly find out for the hon Member and let him know. I do not know whether it is an exception in this case, what I can certainly do is if I can ask the Gentleman Clerk to photocopy this and give me back the original and give the hon Member the copy of it, at least for this session it will give him the information including motor cycles and I will find out for the hon Member what the information has been in the past. Can I ask him whether he wants the motor cycle information or whether he does not want it?

HON G H LICUDI:

Now that it has been brought to our attention, perhaps the way we will ask the question in the future will be to give the numbers but to differentiate between motor cars and motor cycles.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

In all fairness to the hon Member, the question is perfectly well worded. When one speaks about motor vehicles it does include motor cycles. That is why I have given him the information, I do not understand why it has been separated. A motor vehicle includes a motor cycle so it should have been provided, let me put it that way. Can I suggest that I investigate this and find out and then I will get in touch with the hon Member because I am not sure how difficult it would be to obtain information going back, but I think if he wants it I will try and find out whether it can be provided. I will make contact with the hon Member.

HON G H LICUDI:

Yes, from the information which is now being provided it appears that it would not be very difficult because the last comment at the bottom says, there were also 347 new private motor vehicles, 48 goods vehicles and 179 motor cycles registered in the same period last year, which suggests that that differentiation has been applied going back as well. Although there was a reference to 347 new private motor vehicles, that seems to have been taken as reference only to motor cars because then motor cycles is given separately. But I would be grateful if the Minister could find out.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, I will do that and before doing anything further I will make contact with him so that we can decide, because even if it is it does mean people going back. I know the information is available at the Department, they need to go back to central IT and it does take a little time. So if he wants backdated information I would be grateful if he keeps the backdate as recent as possible rather than go back but we can speak of that off line.

HON C A BRUZON:

Just as a matter of interest, could I ask the Minister if he has details of registration numbers that have actually been removed? It is a little bit like the births and deaths statistics, we are talking about new registrations, what was the total number of new registrations and what is the total number of cars registered in Gibraltar as a whole? Does he get my drift?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I think I do but I think the hon Member is linking registration numbers to registrations. The question talks about how many new vehicles are registered and these are the number of new vehicles that are put on the roads. But if the hon Member is asking me how many registration numbers there are, I do not know what word he used, written off or deleted or whatever, then I have no idea. I would assume that the Department does not keep a separate tally because if the hon Member buys a car, registers it and then takes it across the border and as far as the Department goes if the vehicle never comes back there is no knowledge of what has happened to the vehicle. I am speculating not trying to be accurate, I am trying to be helpful. If the hon Member is interested, if he would like to write to me I will try and follow it up and give him the information.

ORAL

NO. 167 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LTD – ACCOUNTS

Can Government state when the accounts for the last three years for Gibraltar Bus Company Limited will be published?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 168 and 169 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 168 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LTD – SUBSIDY

Can Government state the level of subsidy given or due to be given to the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited for the yearly periods from March 2005 to February 2006, March 2006 to February 2007 and March 2007 to February 2008 in respect of passengers paying either part or nil fares giving a breakdown by categories of passengers and routes?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 167 and 169 of 2008.

NO. 169 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

GIBRALTAR BUS COMPANY LTD – FARES COLLECTED

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 November 2007 to February 2008?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The audited accounts of the Bus Company for the year ending 31st March 2005 and 31st March 2006 are already filed at Companies House and were Tabled in this House on 26th February 2007 and 31st May 2007 respectively. The question is therefore asked on the false premise that publication has not already taken place. The accounts to 31st March 2007 will hopefully be filed and Tabled in this House hopefully during this meeting.

The reduction and exemption in fares offered by the Gibraltar Bus Company to certain classes of passengers are currently borne by the company itself. No policy decision has yet been taken by the Government as to whether there will be any compensation payments by the Government to the company, although the company's accounts describe them, in a note, as recoverable from the Government.

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

Answer to Question 169

Paying Passengers

November 2007	151,019
December 2007	137,588
January 2008	143,136
February 2008	145,804
TOTAL	577,547

Revenue Collected

November 2007	£ 62,063
December 2007	£ 57,252
January 2008	£ 57,468
February 2008	£ 59,054
TOTAL	£235,837

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 167 TO 169 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

As regards the notes in the accounts that the Minister is saying, Government is filing, Tabling accounts in respect of a company that it owns in this House and it appears that some of the information in the accounts is not accurate, because there is a note saying it is recoverable from Government when Government has made no such decision. Can the Government state whether this is a matter that has been discussed with the company and the accountants and whether changes will be made?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

It is a matter that was brought to my notice as a result of the question. In the opinion of the directors and of the company, I am told that they believe that this amount was going to be, it is a paper exercise at the end of the day, but that this amount was going to be recoverable. Therefore, that is what the company accounts show. On further scrutiny, the Government have to make a decision on how to deal in accountancy terms with the situation. On whether to deal with it as a payment, even if it is a paper payment to the company, or whether to deal with it as a loss incurred by the company. As a result of my consultations arising out of this question, he will find that the treatment in the accounts for the current period will be different to what they have been in the past. That slight technical difference will be ironed out.

HON G H LICUDI:

Does the Minister not agree that we are not just talking of a paper exercise. Whether the Government actually give a subsidy to a company when they happen to own it is irrelevant, but to a company to a private company is or cannot simply be dismissed as a paper exercise, the money has to be voted out of Government coffers and has to be paid over to the private company. So we do not agree that that is a paper exercise. Does he not further agree that it goes beyond this question of a paper exercise, in that if a subsidy is given to an operator of a bus service and not another, then a level playing field is not provided by the Government for all operators. Does he not agree with that statement?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

When I called it a paper exercise I was talking about the accountancy treatment of it in the sense that a cheque will not be written out and handed over. My understanding of it, anyway, is that. But that is the actual treatment of the payment which has nothing to do with the principle which he poses in the second half of his supplementary question. All I will say is that it is an interesting point and one which Government is conscious of and that is why they have not made the decision as yet.

HON G H LICUDI:

So the Government are conscious of the possibility that it could give rise to problems in the lack of a level playing field and for that reason they have not decided whether

or not they will provide a subsidy. Can the Government say whether in the past they have ever provided a subsidy in respect of these particular aspects, the nil fares or the part payment of fares?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Not as far as I am aware, but I have only had responsibility for the Gibraltar Bus Company recently. But as far as I am aware, as a result of my investigations, there has been no subsidy.

HON G H LICUDI:

Do the Government not accept the principle that when subsidies are given to companies it does not matter whether a company is Government-owned or not, it is a private company which ought to be treated the same as any other private company?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

It is an interesting point that the hon Member raises that maybe through his own legal background and profession he would like to investigate the matter further. But if he does so, he will come across some interesting information which in EU terms and in terms of subsidies, bus companies are specifically isolated and dealt with separately from other private companies.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am not seeking to enter into a discussion or debate on legal principles and the purpose of this question is not to look at the legal issues which arise. The purpose of this discussion is simply to look at Government policy and how the Government propose to deal with this particular situation where there are two operators. Can the Government tell us when they expect to be in a position to give us this information?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am tempted to say shortly. No, I would not attempt to put a target date on it. Suffice it to say, as I have already said, that the Government are conscious of the issues and will need to make a decision but I am not sure how long it will take to make that decision.

HON G H LICUDI:

If I could just have a moment, there was another question which was answered, statistical information has been provided.

ORAL

NO. 170 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BUS STOPS – MARKET PLACE

Can Government state why the bus stops in Market Place have been designed in such a way that it is impossible for buses operated by the Gibraltar Bus Company Limited to use the northernmost bay?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 171 to 175 and 179 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 171 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BUS SHELTER – MARKET PLACE

Can Government explain why the bus shelter on the southern side of the bus stops at Market Place is on the wrong side of the road?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 170, 172 to 175 and 179 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 172 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BUS STOPS – MARKET PLACE (DISABLED ACCESS)

Can Government state why it has failed to provide proper access for disabled users to the islands at the bus stops at Market Place from where access to the buses is generally gained?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 170, 171, 173 to 175 and 179 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 173 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BUS SHELTERS

Can Government state whether it proposes to install bus shelters at all the bus stops in Gibraltar?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 170 to 172, 174, 175 and 179 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 174 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BUS SHELTERS – STATE OF DISREPAIR

Can Government state how it proposes to redress the state of disrepair and neglect of most bus shelters?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 170 to 173, 175 and 179 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 175 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BUS STOP – NEAR FRONTIER

Can Government state whether the existing bus stop near the frontier with Spain will remain where it currently is once the new air terminal and roads are built?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 170 to 174 and 179 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 176 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BUS SERVICE – BEACHES TO UPPER TOWN

Can Government state whether it proposes to restore a bus service from the beaches to the Upper Town?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 177 and 178 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 177 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BUS SERVICE – NEW BUSES FOR ROUTE 2

Can Government state whether the two new Mercedes Benz buses for route number 2 previously announced have now been ordered?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 176 and 178 of 2008.

NO. 178 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BUS SERVICE – ROAD TEST UPPER TOWN

Can Government state the result of the road test carried out in the Upper Town on or about 4 February 2008 using a Spanish registered Iveco bus?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The Government does not have any plans to introduce a bus service from the beaches to the Upper Town.

There is an on-going tender process for the purchase of new buses by the Gibraltar Bus Company. The road test carried out using a Spanish registered vehicle, made available by a local vehicle supplier, was an evaluation carried out as part of that tender process. At this moment the Government is not in a position to supply any further information until the tender process has been finalised.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 176 TO 178 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

Could I ask the Minister to repeat the answer to Question No. 177 of 2008 if I may?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The hon Member has pre-empted me because as I was reading it I was conscious of the fact that there was no reference in the answer to the two Mercedes Benz buses. He will have to forgive me, I am not sure how this has happened. The answer here, the way it is phrased, the on-going tender process is intended to refer to both Question Nos. 177 and 178 of 2008. Somehow I do not think that can be correct. I will need to revert to the hon Member with a clarification on whether that is correct or not. It would appear that the two Mercedes Benz buses are part of the tender process of the other bus as well. If so, they may not have been ordered but I am afraid my answer is insufficient if it does not answer his question. I apologise.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am grateful for that. As regards this tender process the Minister talks of the other bus and not being sure whether these two Mercedes Benz are part of that. What is the reference to the other bus?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The reference is in answer to his question about road tests carried out in the Upper Town in February using a Spanish registered Iveco bus. That is the answer I have given him on that road test.

HON G H LICUDI:

Was the road test in respect of the Upper Town, that was as I understand, in relation to route No. 2. The Mercedes Benz are in relation to route No. 2, so are we not talking of the same buses for the same routes?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

To be perfectly honest, I am not sure, that is why when I read the answer, which I have to admit I read before and I had assumed we were talking about the same buses. But somehow reading it now it did not seem clear to me whether it was. If it is the same bus then the answer applies and it is part of the tender process, and that is why I do not want to give any further information. If it is not, then I will need to provide the additional information.

HON G H LICUDI:

I note that the Minister does not have the information, I will not press him further on that. The first question related to the bus service to the beaches and the answer was that there are no plans to provide that at present. Do the Government recognise that it creates inconvenience, particularly for families in the Upper Town who want to use the beaches and want to use the public service, not to be able to do so directly, as they used to for many, many years in the past, when route No. 2 went all the way down to Eastern Beach and into Eastern Beach, as I understand it. So does the Minister not accept that the loss of that service, which was previously provided, is causing inconvenience to many families, and again, does not foster the use of public service as the Government should be encouraging, particularly for environmental reasons?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That service has not been available for many years. I have not been made aware of any demand for this service, or in fact, is the Bus Company aware or anybody connected with this issue that there is a demand. If a demand were to be identified then the situation might be reversed. I would also add that I have asked for a complete survey of all bus routes and of all the service provided, not just by the Gibraltar Bus Company but by the Calypso Bus Company as well. Then that review, which I intend to be in-depth in terms of not just where bus stops are but also the

actual routes, where the routes go, that may throw up a need and then we will address it. My feeling is that that is not the only route where a link might be necessary. What is to say a link from another part of Gibraltar to the beaches is not also necessary? That is why I say that I will certainly look at it, if I am in a position to look at it, at a later date as per the results of that review.

HON G H LICUDI:

With regard to Question No. 178 of 2008, which talked about a road test on or about February 2008, the answer was that this apparently was carried out with a bus which was loaned or made available locally, and the Government are not in any position to give any information. The question asked what the result of the road test was. What was the result of the road test? Was that vehicle found to be suitable? If not, why not?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is precisely what I do not want to go into because that could affect the tender process. In any case, I do not know what the results are because I am not part of the tender process. But to help the hon Member, what I can tell him is the purpose rather than the result. The purpose of the test was to enlarge the vehicle on the particular route. Or to test whether the vehicle can be enlarged rather than to enlarge it. At the moment the vehicles using the particular route have a capacity, I think it is, of nine passengers and experience shows that these vehicles by the time they are halfway along the route are already full. So there is a demand either for more vehicles or for a larger vehicle. What this road test was designed to do, with a vehicle that carries a larger number of passengers, I think in the order of 18 if I remember rightly, was to test whether this larger vehicle was feasible for use in the Upper Town area going all the way up to Moorish Castle Estate. That was the purpose of the exercise, to carry out this test. Now, I do not want to, apart from the fact that it would be improper for me to do it if it is part of the tender process, I do not want to dwell on the results because the results themselves might lead on to a different tender or to a different process. But the purpose was that, evaluating whether we need more smaller vehicles or larger vehicles.

HON G H LICUDI:

I do not want to accuse the Minister of being less than candid with the information he is providing in this House, but is it not in fact the case and can the Minister confirm that the result of that test was a complete and utter disaster? Is it not the case that that bus could not make it up the hill and the Minister who was present on that bus had to get off the bus and unceremoniously walk, because the test was a disaster?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, the test was not a disaster. It is true that the bus that was tested had difficulty negotiating the hill. The reasons for that were that the bus that was loaned was not of the same characteristics as the bus that was the subject of the tender. Therefore, the engine was under-sized. It was the only vehicle that was available to carry out the test and the test was more in terms of width and length rather than engine power. The second cause was that, unfortunately, the vehicle had a moribund clutch and the

reason why it could not get up that particular corner was because the clutch could not take it, not because it could not get up the hill. We all walked, but I was glad to have been there because it gave me a hands on approach to what was going on. Other lessons were learnt and as a result the line of the road or the line of the curb has also been modified, because of that road.

HON G H LICUDI:

We now seem to be getting somewhere and getting some information. Is it not the case and can the Minister not confirm that the Government was in fact aware before the test took place that that vehicle could not make it up the road because they were told by the driver?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I saw the driver at the front of the bus when driving and I saw him when I got off the bus to walk up, but she certainly did not come to my office to inform me of anything and I doubt whether he visited any of my Colleagues in Government. So, the short answer is no, there was no communication from the driver and secondly, no, it was not known that the vehicle was not going to be able to go up that hill, other than because the clutch was suspect. But although I am happy to talk about the technicalities of this, I do not want to talk about the tender process.

NO. 179 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

BUS STOPS – FREQUENCY INFORMATION

Can Government explain the lack of proper information about bus frequency given at many bus stops?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The hon Member needs to understand that the facility provided at Market Place was not designed as or is intended to be for individual bus stops, but rather that it is a terminal suitable for the combined use of a variety of public service vehicles. I would suggest that we keep that principle very much in mind because this is where the misconception about not just the question here but also with the comments in certain parts of the press, also the Opposition Members' own leaflet which they hand out, is based on the misconception about the fact that it is not for bus stops but that it is a terminal for different types of public service vehicles. Consequently, the configuration of this terminal has been arrived at by taking into consideration all the factors involved, including the needs of the operators and the users, the physical area constraints, traffic flows, public service vehicles routes and is dictated by the turning circles of the vehicles accessing it. The southernmost bays were therefore designed for use by the Gibraltar Bus Company, that should read by large buses but at the moment only the Gibraltar Bus Company uses that route but that does not mean it cannot change in the future, the mention of a company means large buses, whilst the northernmost ones were designed for use by the smaller coaches operated by the tourist trade. I stress that at no time were the northern bays intended to be used by the large buses.

The bus shelter on the southern side of the terminal is not on the wrong side of the road, because Market Place operates as a terminal, the two bus shelters, the one on the north and the one on the south, are therefore not assigned to a specific bus stop but are designed and intended to serve the area as a whole.

Access is available to disabled persons to cross the vehicular traffic lanes via the raised pedestrian crossings onto the islands. Ramps then provide access onto the demarcated pedestrian lane which links all the bays.

Government is currently carrying out a feasibility study on bus shelters in general. It should be noted that it might not be possible to install bus shelters at all stops. Given the physical characteristics and actual location of a bus stop, decisions will be made on a case by case basis.

The Government has implemented a scheduled programme of repairs to maintain bus shelters. The repair of bus shelters has been included as part of the highways term maintenance contract and has been awarded to AMCO as from January this year.

The whole of the traffic arrangement in the area of British Lines will change as a result of the planned works in that area. The detailed design is currently being finalised but I am able to confirm that the location of the current bus stops will change from their current locations.

Bus schedules and timings are displayed inside bus shelters. Unfortunately, they are vandalised regularly and, although replaced with new ones, they continue to be vandalised.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 170 TO 175 AND 179 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

Can I just simply, really on a Point of Order in relation to the Minister's answer but I thought I would let him finish his answer before I took it. I am not intending to make a supplementary but to bring to his attention that this Party has no leaflet that we distribute door to door, that there is a registered newspaper that is sympathetic to the views of this Party. In fact, there are two registered newspapers that are particularly sympathetic and most of the registered newspapers in Gibraltar are starting to become even more sympathetic. If he wishes to describe any one of those particular ones as a leaflet, simply because it is free and delivered door to door, then perhaps the 7-Days might also be described in that way as their leaflet, but I do not ascribe that description to it, if the Minister will agree. Although I will not ask him to agree with anything I am just making a Point of Order.

MR SPEAKER:

It requires no ruling from me, I imagine.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Let me clarify what I said and ask the hon Member whether he thinks the Point of Order is still valid. When I was referring to leaflets I was not referring to newspaper style sized periodicals that are published in Gibraltar, which may or may not be sympathetic to the Opposition, depending on which way the wind is blowing. I was referring specifically to the small sized A3 issued leaflet called "The Key", I understand, which I do not normally see because I see it being put into letterboxes around my residence but whoever takes it studiously avoids my letterbox, which does me a favour because as Minister for the Environment it keeps the level of my refuse down if I do not have to put extra paper inside my rubbish bin. Having said that, in relation to the bus stops, this particular issue of "The Key" was made available to me because it made the same allegations about bus stops being on the wrong side of the road et cetera, and that is what I was referring to specifically and I say again what I said. That leaflet is associated with the GSLP and if it is not so maybe the hon Member would like to try and convince all those people listening out there and

listening here in the Gallery, that that particular leaflet has nothing to do with the GSLP.

HON F R PICARDO:

On a Point of Order.....

MR SPEAKER:

Now let us put a proper Point of Order because the hon Member told me that was not a Point of Order previously.

HON F R PICARDO:

I told Mr Speaker that it was not a Point of Order? It was a Point of Order not a question Mr Speaker.

MR SPEAKER:

A Point of Order requires a ruling by the Speaker and I am told by the hon Member it does not require a ruling.

HON F R PICARDO:

It does not require a ruling in the sense that if the Minister had simply accepted what I had said, then there was no need for a ruling. But as he has replied to the Point of Order I would like to say to the Minister.....

MR SPEAKER:

But does a Point of Order not require a ruling?

HON F R PICARDO:

Yes.

MR SPEAKER:

Then I am told it is a Point of Order, the hon Member makes a statement, then he says it does not require a ruling, so what is my purpose in this proceeding?

HON F R PICARDO:

It is obviously not our week.

MR SPEAKER:

It is my week certainly, every day I wake up is my day.

HON F R PICARDO:

In terms of agreement it is obviously not our week. I was making a Point of Order....

MR SPEAKER:

Which required no ruling.

HON F R PICARDO:

To which, as I was simply providing the information for order in the House by way of information.....

MR SPEAKER:

Is that xxxxxx practice according to Erskine May?

HON F R PICARDO:

I think it is, according to Erskine May and our own Rules, because on a Point of Order an hon Member can provide to the House information. I provided information and in doing so I required no ruling. The Minister has taken up the issue that I raised by way of information in the Point of Order, and attempted to reply to it. I would simply retort, in asking Mr Speaker for his ruling, that the Minister check that public document which is the Register of Newspapers in Gibraltar and he will see on the register of newspapers in Gibraltar, not a leaflet, but a publication called "The Key". Whether or not it is deemed to be associated with this Party or not is not the issue I was taking by way of Point of Order, I was simply saying it is not a leaflet but whatever paper it is printed on it is a registered newspaper. I would ask Mr Speaker to rule.

MR SPEAKER:

Yes, I have no difficulty ruling. If an hon Member, regardless of whichever side of the House he sits on, chooses to call a document a leaflet, it is certainly not unparliamentary. Let us get on with supplementaries please.

HON F R PICARDO:

It is a newspaper.

MR SPEAKER:

Alright, he can call it what he likes.

HON F R PICARDO:

Of course he can call it what he likes.

MR SPEAKER:

So what are we arguing about?

HON F R PICARDO:

With respect, there are as he knows and as he has heard in this House, great arguments and even legal actions dependant on whether something is a newspaper or not a newspaper, or a leaflet.

MR SPEAKER:

I have not come across a single case of legal action on leaflets.

HON F R PICARDO:

Mr Speaker may or may not have come across it but I am telling him that they exist because it is part of the argument it is the ploy of the Government in relation to other proceedings. Therefore, when something is a registered newspaper, it is entitled to be called a registered newspaper. Or at the very least, this House is entitled to know that that which might be described as a leaflet is actually a registered newspaper. I stand on that.

MR SPEAKER:

Thank you very much.

HON G H LICUDI:

There were a number of questions taken together and I will try to take it issue by issue. With regard to the designing of, what the Minister describes as a terminal, he says it is not designed for individual bus stops but as a terminal for different public service vehicles. Does he not accept that where whatever was in place before, which was the clock tower is demolished and a blank piece of paper is before the designers and we have buses operating in Gibraltar of certain dimensions, that where a terminal, and we do not know whether other routes will stop at that bus stop in the future, that is not probably something under consideration, does the Minister not accept that where a terminal is being designed it ought to be designed taking into account the public service operators which exist in Gibraltar with the size of buses that exist in Gibraltar and be designed for that purpose?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is exactly what has been done and is exactly what the answer says.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister has confirmed that at least two of the bays are unusable by the public service vehicles, by bus operators in Gibraltar. Therefore, that is certainly not what has been done. As regards the question of one of the bus shelters being on the wrong side of the road, I am not sure when the Minister was there on the last occasion but I pass by the terminal four or five times every day, and there is a bus shelter which is most definitely and most certainly on the wrong side of the road. One expects, when one is at a bus shelter waiting for a bus, that the bus stops in front of the bus shelter with the entrance to the bus in front of one. In this particular case, there is a bus shelter facing northwards on the southern side of the terminal, the bus stops and the door to the entrance of the bus is on the other side so the person has to cross the road to get into the bus. Has the Minister ever seen in Oxford Street or anywhere or in any bus terminal, someone sitting in a bus shelter, a bus arriving and having to cross the road to get into the bus?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The answer to the final question is yes Sir. He has asked three different questions all in one, let me try and deal with them. In terms of the design of the terminal, again the hon Member misses the point. He raises it as a criticism that the two northernmost bays are not usable by large buses – they are not intended to be. The bus terminal has been designed taking into account the needs of all the users. The fact that not more than two large buses, at this moment in time or in the foreseeable future, are expected – this is not Oxford Street, to use the hon Member's example – we have not got buses queuing up one after the other to get into the bus stop, they arrive at 15 minute intervals. So the provision of two bus stops for large buses is more than enough for the current operator that uses it, the Gibraltar Bus Company, and for any future operator that may need to use it in the future if it were due to change of routes or otherwise. So, the design has been done that way on purpose.

Now he repeats again the fact that geographically the bus stop is on the wrong side of the road. I say again and I will not repeat myself for a third time, I say again what I have said already. There are four stops and there is a shelter at one end and there is a shelter at the other end. One can sit in the shelter at the northern end or one can sit in the shelter at the southern end and take any of the vehicles that stop anywhere along the line. Or is the hon Member thinking that those bus stops are only for the large buses? They are meant for anybody who uses those stops, be it a coach, be it a taxi or be it any other people who are given the concession in the long run. When he asks me whether I have come across it again, of course one comes across it, anywhere where there is a terminal, of course one does not come across it in a street. Just as one does not come across it in a street anywhere else in Gibraltar. Where the bus stop is alongside the road where the bus stops and one comes out of a shelter into the bus, because that is the way the bus shelters are designed. He might as well tell me that bus shelters elsewhere in Gibraltar are the wrong way round, because one has to come out of the bus shelter and go around them. They are not the wrong way round, they were designed and done that way so that if they are facing south or west, the rain does not come into the bus shelter, the people standing in there are protected. If one moves away from the street and one goes to a

terminal, then the people, the waiting passengers are normally in a waiting room and to access the coach or the bus they have to leave the waiting room, which may be 50 metres away or 10 metres away, and they may have to go down a pavement, or up a ramp, or down a set of stairs in order to get to the bus. The access to the bus may be on the other side. So, fundamentally, the hon Member has to clear his mind on this point. If he thinks, like obviously one of his Colleagues sniggering in the corner thinks, that what I am saying is rubbish, right, if both himself and the Hon Mr Linares who is sniggering in the corner think that what I am saying is rubbish and that the terminal has been wrongly designed, then let it be clear that what they are criticising are the efforts of the technical people who have designed the terminal, and not the Government who do not. Or are they thinking that my predecessor as Minister sat down with a piece of paper to design the terminal?

MR SPEAKER:

Order, Order.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I will not give way, they will have a chance to ask supplementaries in a moment. So, he has only two courses of action. Either he thinks I am talking rubbish and therefore what he is doing is criticising the officials and the technical officials who have done the job. Let us be clear, that is what he is doing. Or, alternatively, he has to accept that it is a terminal and he has to accept that the shelters are designed for the use of all users. Which one is it? I ask a rhetorical question.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am not criticising any technical person, I am criticising Government policy. The Minister, what he cannot do and what he knows he cannot do, is hide behind officials that are faceless and do not appear in this House and are not publicly accountable to the people of Gibraltar, they are accountable to the Minister and it is the Minister that has to face the music in this House. It is out of order, completely, for the Minister to say, "well what you are doing is criticising other people and therefore you should shut up and not snigger". Well, that is not the point that is being made here. In respect of who designed the terminal, well we have been given no information, and it would not be unreasonable for the Opposition to consider that the Government Ministers themselves, or even the Chief Minister, had a hand in designing this. The Chief Minister has prided himself and publicly announced that he was the Clerk of Works, the Project Manager and Assistant Architect to the Leisure Centre. Why can he not take responsibility for this terminal, which has been clearly wrongly designed for the wrong type of bus with the shelters clearly on the wrong side of the road? I have never, ever, seen anybody in a bus shelter having to cross the road to get into a bus.

If I can come back to the supplementary. As regards the question of disabled access, maybe I have missed.....

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Mr Speaker, with your leave, the hon Member, on a Point of Order, can I ask for a clarification? The hon Member.....

HON G H LICUDI:

I am on my feet.

MR SPEAKER:

It is a Point of Order.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I ask for Mr Speaker's ruling. The hon Member has made a statement which requires answers but he has not followed it by a question and he is now going to move on to a different subject. I need to make clarification of fact to what he has said. Is he going to be allowed to make statements and not ask questions?

MR SPEAKER:

Wait, I have to rule on that. Does the hon Member wish to respond?

HON G H LICUDI:

Yes, I do wish to respond. All the Minister has to do, where I prefaced certain questions with some comments, which I understand we are allowed to do.

MR SPEAKER:

Not really.

HON G H LICUDI:

We have to put the question in a certain context, that is all that we are doing. All the Minister has to do if he wants to clarify anything before I move on to the final question, is simply get up and say would I give way. I will be happy to sit down and give way to the Minister, so I give way to the Minister. He does not have to make a Point of Order for that.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The hon Member should know it is not customary to give way in Questions and Answers, it is in debates.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am happy to do that.

MR SPEAKER:

The hon Minister wishes to seek clarification of any point arising?

HON LT-COLE M BRITTO:

All I want to say in answer to erroneous statements that have been made, far be it for me to deny political responsibility, I accept political responsibility for everything that is done by any of my Departments, so let that be absolutely clear, that what I said did not in any way imply denying political responsibility. I do not want to repeat it but it is simply a question that if there is a criticism, one can criticise the Minister as having the political responsibility, but when one talks about a terminal being wrongly designed then that is not political responsibility, that is technical responsibility for the design. Therefore, he is criticising a different person.

HON G H LICUDI:

I assume when the Government say they take political responsibility, that when a design is approved by the Government they accept that it is ultimately their responsibility and they should not blame..... If there is a problem which is highlighted they should not blame others.

MR SPEAKER:

May I interrupt the hon Member? I must apologise, I have allowed far too much latitude in terms of supplementaries. In the last three and a half years I have treated supplementaries as the opportunity for hon Members to probe as much as they can matters of Government policy, information, whatever is arising, because I am conscious of the fact that Question Time only occurs about three times in a year. There are Rules about questions being posed and I have mentioned privately to the hon Member that some of the questions are rather preceded by very lengthy preambles, which he must know from his reading of Erskine May are not permissible. There is a danger that we are seeing answers provided by Ministers leading to a response to the answers as opposed to a further question. I would simply remind the hon Member that answers given by the Ministers are not or do not carry an entitlement by Opposition Members to comment on the answers in terms of political statements or speeches, they have to be followed by a question. The question may be preceded by a very short factual background to establish the point that the question is posing. Subject to that, can we please get on with it?

HON F R PICARDO:

Can I say on behalf of all of us in this House that we look forward to very even-handed sticking to the Rules in respect of this, as I am sure we can look forward to from Mr Speaker, and ensuring therefore that every question that is put from the Opposition is in fact just that, a question, and that every answer that comes from the Government is in fact just that, an answer. I am sure Mr Speaker is fully aware that Erskine May also provides that answers in Question Time must be that, answers. They must not be political speeches, inasmuch as questions must not be political speeches, they must not go off the point insofar as questions must not go off the point. When we see Government Ministers breaching those Rules over and over

again and using this Question Time to make political speeches in respect of answers, as we have seen in many other Question Times and I am sure we will see the minute that we get to some other people who will be answering. We shall look forward to Mr Speaker's even-handed control of that to ensure that both sides of the House comply with the Rules as much as he has asked us to ensure we do in respect of questions.

MR SPEAKER:

Yes, certainly, absolutely. Hon Members on both sides can count on a more rigid adherence by me to Erskine May and, hopefully, we can avoid some of the issues that have arisen in the week that has not happened.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The Government side of the House welcome that ruling.

HON F R PICARDO:

As do the Opposition.

MR SPEAKER:

I am grateful to everyone then, let us get on with the supplementaries.

HON G H LICUDI:

Let me just say that sometimes it is difficult, particularly when answers are bunched together and we have a long statement by the Minister and we have to separate each aspect and then answer the supplementaries on each individual question that has been asked. Going back to the questions, in respect of Question No. 172 of 2008, which had to do with proper access for disabled users. As I understand the Minister's answer, he is saying that there is access for disabled users to all the islands. Is that what he is confirming?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I did not say that. What I said was that there is access across the vehicular lane. Let me look back at the answer. I said that access is available for disabled persons to cross the vehicular traffic lanes via the raised pedestrian crossings onto the islands. There is one ramp onto the first island, the southernmost part. From there, there is access onto, I think it is the northernmost, but not to the two central ones. The hon Member is right in that there is not disabled access to the two central islands.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am grateful for that and that was precisely my point. There is access for disabled users to the northernmost island where the shelter is, which is actually not used

because the buses do not stop there, and to the southernmost island where the shelter is on the wrong side of the road and therefore it is unusable, because any disabled user who is waiting on that bus shelter will not be able to get into the bus. Having regard to the answer given by the Minister, can the Minister confirm why there is a problem with access to the central islands from which access is actually gained onto the buses? The buses stop with their doors adjacent to the centre islands, that is how the Gibraltar Bus Company buses actually stop, on the first two lanes near the southernmost shelter. Those two islands do not have access and, therefore, disabled users are not able to gain access to the bus that actually stops there. Can that be looked into and redressed? That is all I am asking.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The hon Member is firstly wrong in the first half of what he said. The question is about disabled access not where the bus stops. There is disabled access to the two islands on which the bus shelters are constructed. So his statement that it is unusable for disabled people, whichever one he said, is not accurate because there is disabled access to the two outer islands where the shelters are. It is true that the two inner islands, if the hon Member bears with me I will give him a full answer.

HON G H LICUDI:

Will the Minister give way for clarification? If I can ask him to refer to the actual question, the question says it is a question of access to the bus stops at Market Place, from where access to the buses is generally gained. So I am clearly not talking about the northernmost island because no bus actually stops there. I am not talking about the southernmost island because no access to the bus stop is gained from the southernmost island, it is on the wrong side as the Minister will remember. Access is generally gained from the centre island, that is what the question refers to and that is the question that needs to be answered.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

To access the bus one does not need to get on the island, one can access the bus by getting off the two extreme islands and coming round the front of the bus and accessing the bus. The question is about disabled access, right. The answer, as I have already said, is that the two central islands do not have disabled access. He has asked me the reason and I am trying to give him the reason. The reason is that due to the physical constraints of the footprint of Market Place, I am getting confused, sorry. This point applies to bus shelters. In order to provide, I might as well deal with it because I am sure he will come up with a supplementary on it, in order to provide bus shelters or shelters for the two central islands, which are physically too small for a shelter. I know he has not asked for it but let me just volunteer the information to avoid him asking it. In order to provide a bus shelter for the two centre islands, the islands would need to be made bigger and the effect would be that the four lanes for stopping would need to be redesigned and made into three. So that is why bus stops were not put onto the centre island. Access to the two centre islands by disabled people is not currently in place. I am told it was decided not to put it in but the use is being monitored and it is still possible to put it in if it is found that it is necessary. So it has not been ruled out, it is not there at the moment, it is believed that disabled people who are using the shelter, because one does not have to use the shelter to get on the bus, can get off the bus and get off the shelter and go round the bus,

which is not necessarily convenient I accept, but the bus is accessible without accessing the centre island by disabled people. However, if use shows that the centre islands need to be provided with disabled access, then that will be done. At the moment I agree it is not there.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is quite alarming to hear the Minister say this will be monitored, this will be done if it is necessary. This was constructed from a blank piece of paper and the Minister acknowledges that a decision has been taken not to allow access to the centre islands by disabled users. The Minister also acknowledges that if a disabled user wants to get access onto the bus, he or she has to sit in an area where the bus does not actually stop and then cross the road, possibly in front of the bus, and let us hope that the bus driver actually sees the disabled user, particularly if going behind the bus. That is certainly not convenient. So when the Government have public responsibilities, does he not accept that part of that public responsibility is ensuring that access is gained to the people that need to use it? Not monitored over a period of time and then we will see, but something is designed, disabled users have rights and that is apparently not something that has been taken into account sufficiently by this Government. Does the Minister not accept that?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

What the Minister accepts is that access to all the vehicles in the area is possible from any point in the area. There is no essential need for a disabled person to use the centre islands, but it is something that the technicians themselves and the Government are conscious of, and if experience shows that it is necessary, it will be provided. Whether it should have been provided from the beginning, look, quite honestly I think the hon Member is right. Maybe it should have been provided from the beginning. It has not been provided and to provide it now would be to unnecessarily upset the workings of it. The technical people decided it was not necessary so let us test it and see. Then if it is necessary it will be provided but at the moment we are in a holding situation.

HON G H LICUDI:

At least we have an acknowledgement that this ought to have been done.

MR SPEAKER:

No comment please, question if the hon Member does not mind.

HON G H LICUDI:

With regard to Question No. 173 of 2008...

HON F R PICARDO:

That type of comment is allowed. It is allowed every week in Question Time in Parliament in London.....

MR SPEAKER:

With respect, we have wasted, spent most of this morning and have not done much progress. I have ruled just five minutes earlier, let us get on with the questions. I do not feel it necessary for a comment to have been made and a question should follow.

HON G H LICUDI:

We do not necessarily agree that time has been wasted.

MR SPEAKER:

Wasted is the wrong word, so much time has been spent.

HON G H LICUDI:

As regards the installation of bus shelters at bus stops in Gibraltar, the answer given by the Minister, as I understood it, was that it was not possible to install bus shelters in all bus stops. That is certainly correct. Is the Minister aware that there are numerous bus stops in Gibraltar where there are no shelters and would he agree that there is no excuse for this? Does he know, for example, that in Europa Road there are six bus stops without bus shelters? In Glacis Road there are two bus stops on either side of the road without bus shelters, where there is plenty of room on both sides of the road, particularly beside Glacis Kiosk for a bus shelter. Does he know that in that area in particular there are elderly ladies and children that often wait for buses in the rain without a bus shelter? Will the Minister commit himself, his Department and his Government, to look into where it is actually possible to put up bus shelters in the bus stops that do not have it, so that that facility can be enjoyed by everybody who uses buses in Gibraltar?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I have already answered that in my main answer to the question. I have said there is a feasibility study on-going, that we will decide on a case by case basis if it is not possible to install a shelter. The objective, of course, is to have shelters on all stops, it is just a caveat in case it is not possible. I have said that there is a programme for repairs and maintenance and there is also a programme for replacement of the current bus stops. It is not a good idea and not good governance and not good management of taxpayers money, to put in bus stops now piecemeal, to plug holes that exist where there are not bus stops, when one is looking at a programme in the forthcoming financial year of removing all the existing bus stops and putting in new ones. That is what the programme is and that is what is being done.

HON G H LICUDI:

Is the Minister aware, having regard to that answer and with regard to the answer given to the other question which the hon Member answered together, which was a question of information, is the Minister aware and the answer was that information is given at bus shelters, that in all the bus stops around Gibraltar, where there is no bus stop, there is no information whatsoever. What is the excuse for that?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That if there is not a bus stop one cannot provide the information. It is not an excuse it is a reason.

HON G H LICUDI:

There is a bus stop with a pole where one can place a placard with clamps properly insulated against water ingress, should not be beyond the realms of imagination how it can be done. So can the Government state why, where there is no bus shelter, and in some places the Minister has said it cannot be done because there is a lack of room, are we then to expect a perpetual situation of lack of information at those bus stops?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The policy is to provide information on all bus stops and all bus shelters and this will be done, wherever possible and whenever possible.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister does a great disservice in failing to commit the Government and his Department to providing the information, simply saying "whenever possible". With regards to the state of disrepair, which was Question No. 174 of 2008, does the Minister accept that there are many bus stops, bus shelters which are shoddy and run down, which are totally filthy and that some of them are in an utterly disgraceful state? Does the Minister accept that disgraceful is an adequate word to describe the bus shelters at the frontier, the two bus shelters at the frontier? Where tourists coming in to Gibraltar for the first time are greeted with an utterly disgraceful bus shelter. Does the Minister not agree that that is not good to give confidence to the public and to tourists to use the public service in Gibraltar?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

What the Minister accepts is that his Department has placed a bid, which I expect to be in the Estimates, for over £250,000 in order to replace all bus shelters by modern and more efficient new ones.

HON G H LICUDI:

We are certainly very glad to hear that and that those answers are prompted. I note also from the answer given to the question, I have lost track of which particular question, it may have been this one, that there was a contract awarded in January of this year. Can the Government give details of what has actually been done in pursuance to that contract? Certainly, from my visit to all the bus shelters in Gibraltar and the bus stops, which I do quite regularly, I have seen no change at all in the last few months.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Well, considering that it is intended to replace the existing shelters, what has been done and what will continue to be done is just routine maintenance of a minor nature. There will be no major replacement of individual bus stops or no major replacements of any angle.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Government then state when the replacement of the bus shelters, which is really something Gibraltar is in dire need of, when that will actually happen?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

During the next financial year.

ORAL

NO. 180 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

LORRIES ENTERING GIBRALTAR

Can Government state how many lorries came into Gibraltar during the six-month period ending on 29 February 2008 and, of these, how many had their National Type Approval Certificate and cargo manifests checked by the Royal Gibraltar Police?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 181 and 182 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 181 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

WEIGHT LIMIT EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

Can Government state how many weight limit exemption certificates were granted during the period March 2007 to February 2008 giving a breakdown by month and stating who made the relevant decision?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 180 and 182 of 2008.

NO. 182 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

WEIGHT LIMIT EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES

Can Government state how many applications for weight limit exemption certificates were turned down during the period March 2007 to February 2008 giving a breakdown by month and stating the reason why each application was turned down?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The total number of goods vehicles that came into Gibraltar during the six month period ending 29 February 2008 was 28,422. Random checks have been carried out by the Royal Gibraltar Police on those vehicles suspected of contravening the Vehicles (Construction, Equipment and Maintenance) Regulations, and a total of six vehicles were found not to comply with the respective documentation, which includes the National Type Approval Certificate and either the cargo manifest or the weight and dimensions exemption.

A reduction on these types of offences has been achieved. Before actually driving onto our roads, most local and Spanish haulers are now complying and are requesting a weight and dimensions exemption certificate. This permit is issued by the Department of Transport after consultation with the Highways Division and the Royal Gibraltar Police.

The statistical information otherwise requested by the hon Member is contained in the schedule which is being handed to him.

Answer to Question 182

Answer to Question 181

	Cranes	Goods Vehicles (lorries & trucks)	Fork Lifter	Motor Vehicles designed for excavation or shovelling work	Total
March 07	21	43		7	71
April 07	14	56		6	76
May 07	12	47	1	3	63
June 07	19	38		8	65
July 07	19	44		4	67
August 07	17	24		1	42
Sept. 07	7	18		1	26
Oct. 07	11	26		1	38
Nov. 07	7	21		1	29
Dec. 07	9	14		1	24
Jan 08	16	21		1	38
Feb 08	15	28			43

Answer to Question 182

Month	Vehicle	Reason for Rejection
April 2007	Mobile Crane	Exceeding max weight allowed for Line Wall Road (29 tonnes)
May 2007	Articulated vehicle (1) carrying container	Not allowed other than on a heavy traffic road
May 2007	Articulated vehicle (2) carrying container	No allowed other than on a heavy traffic road
August 2007	Excavator	Length of vehicle

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 180 TO 182 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

With regard to the information given about the number of goods vehicles that came in, can the Minister confirm, that is what the question relates to, that of the 28,442 vehicles all of these are of the type that carry a National Type Approval Certificate and cargo manifests?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I cannot confirm that. He asked me how many lorries came into Gibraltar and how many had the National Type Approval Certificate and cargo manifest checked. So, presumably, out of the 28,000 there may have been some that did not need to, I do not know, that information is not what he asked for. But those that were checked, if they needed it and did not have it or did not comply, were otherwise processed.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is again surprising that the Minister appears not to be properly briefed and not to have sufficient information and apologised for making that comment. But the question specifically relates to the lorries coming in which had their National Type Approval Certificate and cargo manifest checked by the Royal Gibraltar Police. Now the answer that has been given is that so many goods vehicles have come in, not necessarily lorries, the question specifically relates to lorries and the answer related to goods vehicles not to lorries, that is the first point. The second point, the Minister has said random checks have been carried out by the Royal Gibraltar Police. Well, the question asked how many of all those lorries had those checks carried out.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I suspect the information is unavailable. If a check is carried out and it does not lead to any process, then presumably there is no record of the check having been carried out. But I certainly have not been given a number, I have been told how many have come in and as a result of these checks those that were found to be contravening. The question does apply to lorries, that is the way he phrased it. The question asked how many lorries.

HON G H LICUDI:

Lorries not goods vehicles. Lorries, it is not the same. Goods vehicles could be a small van.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

When I read the answer I said the total number of goods vehicles and in brackets I have got here lorries and trucks. So it does apply to lorries and trucks. It was 28,422. I omitted the words because I thought they were superfluous.

HON G H LICUDI:

I am glad for that clarification. We still do not have the number of random checks being carried out by the Royal Gibraltar Police. But we now learn that these are, in fact, random checks and not routine checks. In answer to Question No. 615 of 2007, which was “can Government state what steps are routinely taken to check the laden weights of lorries coming into Gibraltar?” the answer was “the laden weight of vehicles coming into Gibraltar is determined by roadside checks that are carried out by the Royal Gibraltar Police. In these checks the vehicles’ National Type Approval Certificate is requested and the cargo manifest”. So the question, Question No. 615 of 2007, asked about routine checks of all the lorries that came in and the answer was that that routine check is carried out by the Royal Gibraltar Police. Are we now to understand by this answer that those routine checks are not in fact carried out for the lorries that come in?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I think he is confusing the meaning of the words “routine” and “random”. The tests are routinely carried out, I understand to mean that the Royal Gibraltar Police on a regular basis check vehicles. Now, the random testing comes into the methodology. It does not mean that every vehicle that comes in is checked, it means that those vehicles that are suspected to be in contravention are those that are checked, if I remember what I said. The hon Member will surely accept that if the Royal Gibraltar Police were going to have to check to the level of 28,000 vehicles, they would be very, very involved in checking vehicles and not doing other things.

HON G H LICUDI:

I agree, that is why I was surprised by the answer given to the question which was what steps are routinely taken, which I understood meant that every lorry that comes in is checked and that clearly cannot be the case. What I was trying to ascertain is the level of frequency of that routine nature of the checks but we are no wiser after the question that has been asked today. With regard to the weight limit exemption certificates, I am not sure because three answers were given in one, whether the Minister did answer this part of the question, Question No. 181 of 2008, stating who made the relevant decision.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The Department of Transport after consultation with the Highways Division and the Royal Gibraltar Police.

HON G H LICUDI:

So can the Minister explain what the procedure is? Does a particular person or operator make a formal application to the Department of Transport? Is it done at the time that the lorry is in Gibraltar or is it before? How is this actually carried out?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I actually gave it as part of the answer. I said before actually driving on our roads, most local and Spanish haulers are now complying and requesting the permits. So they do it before they arrive. They are supposed to do it before they arrive.

HON G H LICUDI:

Presumably those who do not do it and exceed the weight are prosecuted. The Department of Transport, is this decision taken by officials at the Department of Transport in consultation as the Minister has suggested?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Presumably so. Not in consultation with me certainly, at officials level in consultation with the Royal Gibraltar Police and the Highways Division, in terms of weight.

ORAL

NO. 183 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

TRANSPORT ROAD

Can Government explain why Transport Road 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

Answered together with Question Nos. 188 to 192 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 184 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL

Can Government state whether the works at Dudley Ward Tunnel have commenced and if not state the date they will start?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 185 to 187 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 185 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL

Can Government state when the estimated completion date of the opening of Dudley Ward Tunnel is?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 184, 186 and 187 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 186 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL

Can Government state what will be the estimated cost of the works to be carried out to Dudley Ward Tunnel for it to be opened to the general public?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 184, 185 and 187 of 2008.

NO. 187 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

DUDLEY WARD TUNNEL

Can Government state whether it has now drawn up a shortlist of contractors to be invited to 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**

The tender evaluation process for this project has only just begun given that tenders were received on the 28th March 2008. It is therefore not possible to give a start date until the contract has been awarded.

At this stage of the tender process it is inappropriate for the estimated cost of the project to be made public.

After due assessment of the expressions of interest originally received for the Dudley Ward Tunnel project, all five contractors were invited to tender.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 184 TO 187 OF 2008

HON S E LINARES:

Does the Minister not agree with me that it was this Government, when all these projects around Gibraltar were to be started, that actually said that access to the Dudley Ward Tunnel would be imminent?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The hon Member might like to say so, I could not possibly comment.

HON S E LINARES:

Does the Minister not agree that the Dudley Ward Tunnel should have been opened about four years ago before all these projects were in hand?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The hon Member is asking me to give an opinion, is he not?

HON S E LINARES:

I am not here to answer questions, I am here to ask them.

MR SPEAKER:

Well, the answer I have heard was that the hon Member is asking me for an opinion. That was the answer that I have heard.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, which is not the question that is in order.

MR SPEAKER:

Was he asking me then? Perhaps the hon Member will rephrase the question which leaves it beyond all doubt. Perhaps the hon Member will rephrase the question so as to remove the question of doubt as to opinion or otherwise.

HON S E LINARES:

Will the Minister confirm with me then that the Dudley Ward Tunnel should have been opened four years ago and that it was promised that it would be done before the big constructions were to start?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, this Minister cannot confirm that.

ORAL

NO. 188 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

RESURFACED PUBLIC HIGHWAYS

Can Government state the areas of Gibraltar's public highways that were resurfaced during the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 183 and 189 to 192 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 189 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EUROPA ROAD – WORKS

Can Government state when the contract for replacing and repaving the balustrade and footpath along Europa Road was awarded?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 183, 188 and 190 to 192 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 190 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EUROPA ROAD – WORKS

Can Government state what was the estimated cost quoted by the company awarded the works of replacing and repaving the balustrade and footpath along Europa Road?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 183, 188 to 189 and 191 to 192 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 191 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EUROPA ROAD – WORKS

Can Government say what was the estimated date of completion given by the company awarded the works of replacing and repaving the balustrade and footpath along Europa Road?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 183, 188 to 190 and 192 of 2008.

NO. 192 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

EUROPA ROAD – WORKS

Can Government confirm whether the works for replacing and repaving the balustrade and footpath along Europa Road were put out to tender and if so whether the contractor awarded the tender are the same contractors currently completing the said works?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

In order to avoid unnecessary expenses to the taxpayer, Transport Road is being monitored and kept in a safe condition until full resurfacing of all roads in the area is undertaken. The full resurfacing works are targeted for late 2008 by when it is anticipated that the main bulk of the heavy traffic to the construction sites in the area will have stopped and any works to utility services required will have been completed.

The following roads were resurfaced during the months of December 2007 to March 2008:

- Green Lane
- North Mole Road (in front of the Port Offices)
- Cannon Lane
- Little Bay Car Park
- Lower Scud Hill Car Park
- Camp Bay Road (between the small tunnels)
- North Pavilion Road (lower section)
- Nuffield Pool Car Park (north section)
- Cumberland Terraces
- Tarik Passage

Major patch work repairs and reinstatements were also carried out along Prince Edward's Road, Devil's Tower Road and Cumberland Road. Cracks in the road surface along Line Wall Road have also been sealed.

The contract for the current Phase 3 of the replacement of the balustrade and repaving of the footpath along Europa Road was awarded on the 4th February 2008.

The contract sum for the current Phase 3 of the works is £617,499.50.

The programmed completion date for the current Phase 3 of the works is estimated as mid October 2008. However, this may vary if the contractor encounters problems

of the type associated with works of this nature involving excavations and buried services.

The works to replace the balustrade and repave the footpath along Europa Road have been divided into three phases. Phases 1 and 2 were put out to tender and awarded to AMCO Ltd and Profiel Limited respectively. Phase 3 was awarded to Profiel as an extension to Phase 2, at the same rates with minor increases for material costs and inflation.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 183 AND 188 TO 192 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

I will deal with the very first question that the Minister has given the answer to, Question No. 183 of 2008, concerning Transport Road. The Minister has said that Transport Road is in a safe condition. Can the Minister tell us how that question of safety is determined?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

It is ascertained and certified by the technical people in the field, by the Highways Section of the Department of Technical Services.

HON G H LICUDI:

Is the Minister aware that there are regular potholes on that road, that there is a great deal of unevenness on that particular road, that there is no pavement at all for pedestrians and that every time it rains there is a gush or rush of mud coming out from the adjoining Anchorage development? Is the Minister aware that that is now used as a main thoroughfare since Rosia Road was converted into a one lane system going down past what used to be the RSPCA? Does the Minister consider that that environment, particularly on rainy days, is safe for pedestrians and in particular for motor cycles, or does he not consider that adequate alternative arrangements ought to be made?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The Minister is aware of all the issues he has mentioned with the exception of the mentioned gush of mud from the Anchorage, which I have not seen or been brought to my attention. The Minister acts on the advice and information that he receives, and that is that that road or parts of it needs to be dug up, new surfaces need to be provided, I am told that it is in a safe condition. I am aware that it does not have a pavement, it never has, I am also aware that it is not a particularly busy pedestrian lane or road. The answer to his question is yes, I am aware of all these things and the decision based on the technical advice is that it is in a safe condition and that it is prudent financial management to maintain it. It is not that nothing has been done, it is being monitored and maintained with minor repairs until the major resurfacing works in the area are carried out later this year.

HON S E LINARES:

Just one supplementary. I asked in Question No. 190 of 2008, “can Government state what was the estimated cost quoted by the company awarded the works for replacing and repaving the balustrades and footpaths”, the Minister has given me figures of how much the Phase 3 would cost, but the question really is directed to the whole project.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Well, then he will deduce from my answer that it is not possible to give him a simple answer to his question. He asks in the question what was the estimated cost quoted by the company in the singular, awarded the works of replacing and repaving the balustrade and footpath along Europa Road, I have gone to pains in my answer to explain that it is divided into three phases and I have given him the cost of the third phase. However, if he is interested in the cost of the first two phases I can give them to him without any problem. If he asks the question I answer the question. There is not a cost. The question is what is the cost quoted by the company. There is not such a thing. The question is the estimated cost quoted by the company.

HON G H LICUDI:

On a Point of Order. I am making a Point of Order having regard to the ruling which Mr Speaker gave earlier on, particularly with regard to questions and answers. The supplementary question that was asked specifically referred to the other phases, the Minister had the answer and instead of giving the answer went ahead to make a statement, trying to ridicule the hon Member, and then said “oh by the way I have got this information”. Is it not correct that if the Minister had the answer he ought to have given the answer straight away without rambling?

MR SPEAKER:

Yes, I think it is right and imperative that a straightforward answer should be given where possible.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

This Minister attempts to give straightforward answers whenever he can but he gives straightforward answers to the questions that he is asked. In the supplementary the hon Member repeated his original question. He said what he was interested in was the overall cost of the project. I gave him an explanation why I had not given it to him in the answer and then I went on to say, however it is available. He can have it, does he want it?

HON G H LICUDI:

Of course.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

With all the rambling on the Opposition side I am beginning to think they are more interested in rambling than in getting the answer. Phase 1 AMCO £306,237.32; Phase 2 Profield £715,935.80.

HON S E LINARES:

I am very grateful for the Minister to give me these, thank you. That is all.

NO. 193 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

EMERGENCY VEHICLES ACCESS TO NORTH AND EAST SIDE OF GIBRALTAR

Can Government state what measures it proposes to take to ensure that emergency vehicles have access to the north and east side of Gibraltar when the roads are gridlocked as a result of the traffic attempting to cross into Spain at peak times?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

In any circumstances, when the situation is such that the traffic is stationary, Police escorts are provided for any emergency vehicles travelling north or east, by going against the flow of traffic at Winston Churchill Avenue and/or using Glacis Estate. This course of action is well tested and has been used when dealing with air crash disaster exercises.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 193 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

Is the Minister confirming, I would be grateful if he could confirm, that this is an established plan that is available for dealing with emergencies? The question does not specifically refer to air crash disasters but emergency vehicles that need access to the northern and eastern side of Gibraltar. For example, the ambulance that needs to go round to Devil's Tower Road or the Fire Brigade that needs to attend an accident in Sir Herbert Miles Road, that is what the question is designed to do.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I understand that and I can confirm it. I can confirm both halves of the supplementary. It is established planning and that is why it is used in exercises, but it is also used in the circumstances described in the second half of the question by the hon Member, for normal emergencies for the ambulance, the Fire Brigade or anything else.

HON G H LICUDI:

Is the Minister aware of any difficulties which might have been created, particularly as a result of the gridlock which we are experiencing on our roads on a daily basis now? Can he confirm whether he knows that as a result of an accident which happened at the black spot in Sir Herbert Miles Road junction with Devil's Tower Road on 20th December, whether reports of difficulties to the emergency vehicles getting to that particular accident as a result of the gridlock took place?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Firstly I am not aware or have not been informed about any particular difficulties about the incident referred to on 20th December, so I cannot answer that part of the question. In terms of general difficulties arising, by the way I do not accept that it is gridlock on a daily basis but that is a different issue. That difficulties arise, obviously, there are parts of our roads system that are narrower than others and, even with a police escort and even with moving cars onto the pavement, there are difficulties of access. I think I dealt with these aspects in a different way in an answer to a previous question in the previous Question Time, when the hon Member was asking what immediate measures we were going to take to relieve the traffic problems, and I said that in the short-term, none, because simply there is no answer in the short-term other than in the provision in the longer term of providing greater parking and changing the buses and a number of other issues. But the short answer is that so far the system seems to have worked, so far I am not aware of any serious delay and, certainly, I asked the Police specifically and they are satisfied that it is working as well as can work under difficult circumstances that can emerge on particular days.

HON G H LICUDI:

Does the Minister not agree that working as well as the circumstances allow is not really good enough, because the circumstances apparently do not allow for the system to work very well? Therefore it is a qualitative measure. Can he guarantee to this House and to the general public that the system will work well, that whatever changes will be made, and can he guarantee access to the northern and eastern side of Gibraltar for all emergency vehicles at all times?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The hon Member well knows that it is not possible for me here in this House to say I guarantee what he is saying. What I can guarantee is ensuring the best efforts by all the people concerned to do what needs to be done. That is happening and will continue to happen.

HON G H LICUDI:

Does the Minister accept that sometimes best efforts are not good enough?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No. Once again we are entering the realms of speculation. I do not accept that best efforts are not good enough from the point of view that that implies that there could be a better effort. If it is the best effort it is the best effort, and if it is the best effort it is as good enough as it can be. If what he is saying is that the best effort is not the best effort, then we need to analyse what could be done better. What I am saying is that in the circumstances, my understanding is that we are doing as well as we can and all the Agencies concerned are doing as well as we can and we cannot ask for more than that.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can I clarify the possible insinuation that I may have suggested that not enough effort is being made? That was not the use of "best effort", what I was saying was that sometimes we have the best effort that is available and sometimes it is simply not good enough and we have to look at alternatives. That was simply the point.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Well, if the hon Member has alternatives I am quite willing and interested to listen to them, in the interests of public health and public safety.

HON G H LICUDI:

We will assist wherever we are able to assist but we are not in Government, the responsibility is theirs.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Absolutely, I agree, but if he is saying is that he thinks that what is being done is not good enough, then he should put his money where his mouth is and say what should be done better.

MR SPEAKER:

Order, order, there was no question in the last statement the hon Member made, I assume there is no more supplementary. Next question please. Order, order, the Hon Neil Costa is on his feet, I do apologise.

HON N F COSTA:

If I understood the Minister correctly he said that he does not accept that there is gridlock on a daily basis, but does the Minister accept that there is gridlock between Mondays and Fridays every week?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am not sure what the difference between Mondays and Fridays every week and a daily basis is, maybe the hon Member would clarify?

HON N F COSTA:

Of course. Having said that there is no gridlock on a daily basis, that would be from Monday to Sunday, but does the Minister not accept that there is gridlock between Monday to Friday, which is when road users are particularly inconvenienced when going from work to and travelling into Spain?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Maybe I can excuse the hon Member's younger years for being inexperienced in traffic throughout the world.

HON N F COSTA:

Point of Order, surely that is an inference to the fact that my younger years would qualify inexperience, which surely does not.....

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I withdraw the comment, it was meant to be a compliment but I withdraw the comment if it causes offence. The point I was trying to make is, gridlock in my understanding of the word means everything stopped for a long period of time. Now I challenge Opposition Members to tell me when the traffic in Gibraltar is stopped on a daily basis, or on a Monday to Friday, whichever definition they want to put, by implication on a regular basis or the length of time is important. That it takes time for me to drive or to ride on my motorbike from the south end of Gibraltar to my office in Town at 9.00 o'clock in the morning, or if I go home which I do not, or if I were to go home for lunch at 1.00 o'clock, of course it does but that is what I was saying initially about traffic everywhere. Of course there are peak periods but peak periods and lots of traffic on the road is not gridlock. That is rush hour traffic under any other definition. Now, if that rush hour traffic stops and is stopped for half an hour because at the north end of Gibraltar there is an additional problem with the frontier, then that I would accept is critical. What I am saying to hon Members, that I do not accept that traffic stops for half an hour every day at a given time of day, that it moves slowly along the roads in rush hour traffic, accepted.

ORAL

NO. 194 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

LOADING/UNLOADING BAYS AND CAR PARKS – DEVIL’S TOWER ROAD

Can Government say what provision they have made for loading/unloading bays and car parks on the south side of Devil’s Tower Road in their plans for the redevelopment of the area as the main access road to Spain?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 195 and 197 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 195 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

PARK AND RIDE FACILITIES

Can Government state how the proposed park and ride facilities in the Northern area of Gibraltar will operate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 194 and 197 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 196 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

SANDY BAY – PARKING FACILITIES

Can Government state how and when it proposes to increase the parking facilities for residents and users of Sandy Bay?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT

Answered together with Question Nos. 157 and 202 of 2008.

NO. 197 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

NEW ROUTE TO AIRPORT – USE BY PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

Can Government state whether all public service vehicles will use the new route to the airport via the tunnel under the runway?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Such loading and unloading bays and street parking as will be available immediately to the south of Devil's Tower Road will be off Devil's Tower Road itself.

No Sir, it is not appropriate to provide information about how the car park will operate until closer to the date of commencement of that operation. However, it will be a paying and public car park.

The Government do not consider it appropriate to provide information about operational matters relating to the new tunnel until closer to the date of operation of the Terminal.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 194, 195 AND 197 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The Minister said, if I heard him correctly, "such parking as may be available on the south of Devil's Tower Road will be off Devil's Tower Road", is that correct?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, to be pedantic I said, "such loading and unloading bays and street parking as will be available".

HON DR J J GARCIA:

How do the Government intend to provide additional street parking off Devil's Tower Road, given that the streets are already there, what additional street parking are they going to provide?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Good question. An attempt is being made to look at the real estate and see how this can be done. But it is more in terms, I know we are laughing but I realise that this is a serious problem for businesses in the area, so do not think I am underestimating the issue. The study that is being done is more in terms of loading and unloading bays. In terms of parking, it is obviously not going to be possible to create additional parking, because there is no additional space on which to create the parking. But I remind the hon Member that there are going to be two large car parks in the area. One next to the Cross of Sacrifice, which will house a thousand odd cars if I remember rightly, and another one in what is the Government Hostel at the moment. The number of cars there escapes me at this moment in time. So, Devil's Tower Road will become no more different than other shopping areas that are pedestrianised. Although, obviously, Devil's Tower Road is not going to be pedestrianised. But if he is intending to visit a particular establishment along Devil's Tower Road, he may need to park in a car park rather than outside the front door. But that is no different to other commercial premises elsewhere. I could not access commercial premises in, say, Irish Town, other than during those times when traffic is open, other than by parking, say, in Queensway then walking. So this is not going to be very much different. I would urge hon Members, and I stress again that I accept that this is a very serious issue for businesses in the area, but I would urge hon Members to look at the overall picture and, to put it bluntly, that one cannot make an omelette without breaking eggs. This is a re-alignment, well not re-alignment, this is a complete change for circumstances in Devil's Tower Road, for all users of Devil's Tower Road. Believe me, there are other concerns other than just commercial, the Church there has concerns, there are concerns about the Cemetery, about funerals, all these are in the melting pot but this is one of the biggest projects that Gibraltar has been involved in, if not the biggest, if one combines the new Air Terminal, the tunnel and the changes to Devil's Tower Road. It is, I dare to say, impossible to make an omelette that size and not have a few broken shells. But we will, obviously, do our best to address each case and ameliorate each case as we go along. But the impossible we do at once.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The businesses there have come to us. They are concerned because they have been told that there will be no loading bays on the south side of the road, and are concerned that all the car parks will be on the north side of Devil's Tower Road. It also needs to be said that street parking on the road itself will be lost as a result of this project. I assume that is also going to happen.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That is correct.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

So what assurances can the Minister give the businesses in the area that will be able to receive deliveries and make deliveries, especially those that have heavy equipment and if they are involved with heavy equipment, and will be able to continue trading? That is the concern that they have, that they will not be able to continue trading. What guarantees can the Minister offer in this respect?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, the question of loading and unloading, the hon Member is right, on the south side there is not going to be any loading or unloading xxxxxx, at least so far. The whole thing is still but loading and unloading bays and parking along the road itself are not going to be possible. We are seeking to provide loading and unloading bays off south and off Devil's Tower Road, which will meet the loading and unloading needs of the businesses in the area. Pedestrian access, correctly identified, if there are no extra parking spaces, will be on the north side of the road. Obviously, there will be means of crossing the road and there will be pelican crossings and there will be means of getting across. It is what I say again, it is no different to having to cross a road with traffic anywhere else. Although admittedly, this will be a four lane road. But yes, it is not an easy problem to solve.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

When the original plans were drawn up why did the Government not take account of this at the time? It seems to be obvious that if one puts all the parking on the north and all the loading bays on the north side of the road, that it is going to prejudice those who are on the south side of the road.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The questioner implies that this was not identified until a late stage, this is not so. This is part of the overall feasibility study and all the things that are being done leading towards the project. As I said earlier, that is only one of the issues, there are other issues that the changes to Devil's Tower Road will bring about. I mentioned one that affects all of us in one way or another at some moment in time, a funeral. We all know the way a funeral now works. In the future, if there are no crossing points for traffic, this is being looked at so it does not happen, but the hearse needs to go a long way before it gets to the Cemetery. These are all issues that are being studied and weighed up. They have been identified for some time, we are trying to find a solution. Some solutions are easier than others but we have certainly been conscious of them for a long time, since the first studies were made.

HON G H LICUDI:

In relation to Question No. 197 of 2008, which was concerned about public service vehicles and new routes to the airport via the tunnel under the runway. The answer, as I understood it, was that the Government do not consider it appropriate to give any information on this until closer to the opening of the tunnel. Does the Minister accept that the public can be forgiven for thinking that they do not give information simply because they have not got a clue? They have not decided how this is going to work and they are going to deal with issues on an ad-hoc basis and as crises develop, because crises will develop as the Minister has just described. Does the Minister not accept that and they will just deal with issues as they arise?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The public can be forgiven for being misled by inflammatory and inaccurate statements like the hon Member is asking, especially when they are not correct.

HON G H LICUDI:

Give us the information then.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The information is provided by Government when it is at a stage where it can be provided, but the use of public service vehicles on the new road is subject to a number of issues. Not the least of which includes consultations with the stakeholders, the public service vehicles operators, the coaches, the buses and the taxis. Is the hon Member suggesting that the Government should get up today and say, "yes, this is what is going to happen", without having consulted the stakeholders? That is why it is not appropriate to do it, because we are still, like in the case of the subject we were talking about a moment ago, parking bays and so on, until the decisions have been made and are cast in concrete, it is not appropriate to disclose them. Sorry, not disclose, this implies that the decision that has been made, the decision has not been made. If it had been made I would not be withholding it. What I cannot say is, this is what is going to be done when what is going to be done has not yet been decided. Not only has it not been decided, but I still need to talk to other people to make sure they are happy and can accommodate to the new arrangements. When we are in that state of play we will announce it. Does the hon Member think that we can keep quiet until the last minute and then suddenly say, "tomorrow the road is going to be open". It will be announced when we are ready to make the announcement. I do not think this Government can be accused of being reticent in giving information when the information is available.

HON G H LICUDI:

The reason I asked the question was because the answer originally given was that the Government did not consider it appropriate to give the information, which suggests that decisions have been taken, there is information available but they are withholding it. That is what the answer suggests. That is radically different and would the Minister accept that that is a radically different position to that which he has just explained? Which is that the information is not being given because no decisions have been taken. So which is correct?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The answer is not intended to be misleading and if it is, my apologies for inadequate drafting. The situation is as I have said, that final decisions have not been taken and even if in some phases of it you do have a final decision, when we come to a different decision it might affect the previous decision. So until the overall blueprint is ready it is not appropriate to give the information at this stage because it can serve to mislead, it can serve to give the wrong information and it is much better to wait, as we intend to do, until we are ready to provide all the information so that it can be disseminated to everybody at the same time.

HON G H LICUDI:

We now know that it is not a question of the Government having the information and not considering it appropriate to put it in the public domain, which may have been the

impression given from the original answer. So I am glad that that at least has been clarified. With regard to the issues, I understand that decisions have not been taken, but the issues which are being considered, can the Government confirm that as regards public service vehicles the obvious alternatives are that they either use the tunnel or they cross the runway? Can the Government confirm that either of those possibilities are still alive and it is still possible for the runway crossing, which currently exists, to be used in the future, not just for pedestrians as has been announced but also by vehicles, and in particular public service vehicles? Is that a possibility that the Government are considering?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Of course it is, that is why the final decision has not yet been made. There is no other alternative. Either no vehicles cross the airfield or some vehicles cross the airfield or all vehicles cross the airfield. That is what is being weighed up. It is certainly indicative that pedestrians are likely to cross the airfield. Whether there is a need for public service vehicles to do so or not is the \$64,000 question.

HON S E LINARES:

Can the Minister state when the consultation with the stakeholders started in relation to the Devil's Tower Road project?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Way back the day after the Cordoba Agreements finished. In principle anyway.

HON S E LINARES:

What does the Minister mean by "in principle"? That he was thinking about it but never got to consult them or what?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

In principle, because I am sure the hon Member will accept, that I cannot give him a date by date on which this group of people was consulted or that group of people were consulted. I tend to be a bit flippant in my answer. I accept and apologise for that, no offence was intended. What I have been saying is that the process of consultation will have started soon after the Cordoba Agreements finished, soon after the concepts were drawn up, and soon after the stakeholders that are affected were identified. Then the process of consultation will have started and is on-going. Do not ask me to put dates on it because I am afraid I cannot.

HON S E LINARES:

Is the Minister not aware that most of the businesses are actually on the south side of the road?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes.

ORAL

NO. 198 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

CEMETERY WORKS

Can Government state whether works at the cemetery are now complete?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question No. 199 of 2008.

NO. 199 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE

Can Government state whether maintenance is currently being carried out at the cemetery especially between vaults and tombstones where it is most needed?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Yes Sir, the projected works at the cemetery are now complete with the exception of some minor finishing snagging jobs which are on-going.

Maintenance in all cemetery areas, including between vaults and tombstones, is on-going throughout the year.

ORAL

NO. 200 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

NEW INCINERATOR

Can Government confirm whether they have made any further consideration in relation to the new incinerator and whether it will be producing water, electricity or both?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question No. 201 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 201 OF 2008

THE HON S E LINARES

SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

Can Government state whether the Consultant's report in relation to the sewage treatment plant is still under consideration?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The situation remains as given in answer to Question Nos. 624 and 625 of 2007.

NO. 202 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

APES – AREA OF SANDY BAY AND CATALAN BAY

What is the Government doing about the problem of apes continuing to be attracted to open rubbish dumps in the area of Sandy Bay and Catalan Bay?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

It is a known fact that beaches everywhere are subject to changes in their profiles arising from 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.

There is no escaping the historical fact that beaches in Gibraltar are no exception and are also subject to such seasonal changes. We have had instances in the past, for example, of Catalan Bay being all but lost after storms but then, followed by period where it becomes larger. It all depends, as I said earlier, on the frequency and direction of the storms.

Government will, therefore, continue the established practices to react as appropriate to any technical advice that it may receive from time to time. These practices have existed prior to 1996 and were also carried out by Opposition Members when in Government to monitor beaches in Gibraltar.

The Government have no plans in respect of increasing parking facilities in the area of Sandy Bay at this time.

There are no open rubbish dumps in the area of Sandy Bay and Catalan Bay.

The refuse holding facility at the approach road to the entrance to William's Way Tunnel was temporarily provided in an open area. This means that the bins were not within a structure whilst the new facility was being built. During this time the apes were attracted to the area and were the cause of many complaints. The new facility has been operational for some months and complaints connected with it have ceased.

The privately owned holding facility at the Caleta Hotel is not on the public highway but is controlled by the hotel itself. It has bins which are kept closed by lids but are also frequently visited by the apes.

The apes were being attracted to Sandy Bay because it had become habitual for some residents of the Both Worlds Complex to dispose of their refuse in the open

litter bins along the public highway. These litter bins have now been replaced by normal closed ones and are expected to deal with much of that problem or arising from earlier problems.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 157, 196 AND 202 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

If I may start with the first question that was answered, and I confess that I do not see any relation other than a geographical one to the three questions, but so be it. The Minister has given the same answer that he gave my hon friend Dr Garcia in relation to Question No. 602 of 2007 in the preface to his answer to Question No. 157 of 2008. Now, he has said that the Government will continue to react as appropriate to the technical advice it may receive in respect of problems at the beaches. What technical advice has the Government received, if any, in relation to the present state of Sandy Bay?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

None.

HON F R PICARDO:

In that case, the Minister is telling us, therefore, that there will be no reaction to the present state that it is, ironically still called Sandy Bay?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Let me qualify that "none" to avoid the wrong impression. "None" meant in the sense that there was no technical advice to do anything, but the technical advice is exactly that. That the situation of our beaches is, as I have said in the main answer, due to seasonal and cyclical changes which go over many years. I have been a user of Sandy Bay in my younger years and I can remember Sandy Bay being in the condition that it is now, in terms of the size of the beach or very similar, in April or May of the year and I used to be a habitual user of it and also I used to go underwater fishing off the rocks nearby. So I used to take an interest in what was happening. More than once at the approach of summer, I used to think we would not be able to use the beach that year and lo and behold the next levanter storm comes up and the sand that the previous levanter storm removed is brought back. I say that from personal experience but that is the technical advice. That changes occur, not just to Sandy Bay but all three beaches, because the same applies to Eastern Beach and the same applies to Catalan Bay. These beaches have increased and decreased in size over the years and the advice is that there is no evidence to show that there are any new factors involved, other than, and I say this to give more information, other than the possibility of climate change having some effect. Other than that possibility, which nothing has yet been proved to be the case, the technical advice is that, at this moment in time, nothing different should be done. That does not mean that that advice may not change in the future.

HON F R PICARDO:

The state of Sandy Bay is really quite calamitous and that is recognised in the Government's own press release, No. 48/2008, where they issued a press release both in relation to Sandy Bay and Catalan Bay and how hard hit they had been this year by the storms. Can the Minister confirm to the House that at the time that this statement was issued, or thereafter, the Government have actually sought technical advice in respect of the present state of Sandy Bay and not simply relied on the advice they already had?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am not sure I have understood the question, is the hon Member asking me whether subject to the press release the Government have proactively gone and looked for advice from their technical people?

HON F R PICARDO:

I only used the press release to illustrate the fact that the Government obviously share the view that the state of the beaches is seriously deteriorating and not like other years, which is what the Government's press release says, that this year's storms have been particularly bad. But in relation to the Minister's answer, has the Government sought technical advice given the present state of Sandy Bay or is what the Minister is telling us, the established technical advice the Government had already received in previous years? Has the Minister gone out and sought advice this year about the state of Sandy Bay?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I meet with Technical Services Department on a very frequent basis. Some times as frequently as once a week, depending on circumstances. In respect of Sandy Bay there have been several meetings, not only with that Department but with other technical people within the Government, in which I have consulted and passed on advice to central Government on the situation. That advice has been that. Remember that the Government or Agencies of the Government are concentrating on other issues at the moment in the area of Sandy Bay, or at Sandy Bay itself. But the technical advice, and I have had this discussion as recently as two days ago, not only with a view to this particular meeting but also because yesterday I had a scheduled meeting, purely coincidental because it had been postponed at least once, with the representatives of the residential groups in Both Worlds. So, my advice is on-going and in the sense of seeking it, it is proactive in the sense that I ask for it and also it is provided as part of the course of events. So the answer to the hon Member is yes.

HON F R PICARDO:

Just arising from that answer, the Minister says that he receives his advice and considers it and he passes it on to central Government. Perhaps he would be kind enough to tell us in this House what central Government is? Also he said that the Government is presently concentrating on other issues in respect of Sandy Bay, perhaps he could tell us what those other issues are?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, I think the hon Member is being particularly slow in understanding what I mean. The situation is very simple and is the function of democratic Government. If I, or I dare to say any of my Colleagues, or any Opposition Members, if they had been in Government, the situation is very simple. I deal with matters that are within my competence but if I feel that an issue, and I am sure the same applies to other Ministers, if I feel that an issue needs a more centralised discussion consideration of opinion, I refer back to the Chief Minister for consultation with other Ministers. Then the matter is discussed centrally by Ministers and decisions are made. On this particular issue I have not felt the need to do that because the situation has not changed. As far as I am concerned, the technical advice that I have is that the situation is the same as it was 50 years ago, or that it has been for the last 50 years is a better description. Therefore, at this moment in time and subject to different advice emerging in the future, I have not felt the need to consult outside my Ministry at political level.

HON F R PICARDO:

I hope that the Minister intends to take up rambling when he retires, given that his answers suggest that he would do very well at it. I asked a very simple question, I do not think I am being slow in picking up a serious change in the way that Government, apparently, is administered in this small country of ours, that Ministers now appear to consider that the Chief Minister is responsible for central Government and that they must be responsible for something which appears to be devolved Government. I also ask....

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

On a Point of Order, that is not what I said. I did not say the Chief Minister was responsible, I said that I would refer through the Chief Minister to my colleagues for a central decision, which is different to the implication of what the hon Member is saying.

MR SPEAKER:

I think that is the hon Member's way of seeing it. I think nothing arises from it.

HON F R PICARDO:

I will enjoy reading the wriggling once Hansard is published. So be it. I also had asked what were the other issues that apparently the Government were concentrating on in respect of Sandy Bay. Perhaps the Minister would deal with that.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, I shall try not to ramble. Arising from the storms there has been damage to the sewage plant within Both Worlds. A responsibility of the owners, there are various owners there so I use the word loosely, of the owners of Both Worlds to put right.

HON F R PICARDO:

Not of the Government?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, not of the Government. The sewage plant belongs to the Government but the building in which it is enclosed is the responsibility of the owners. A notice was served on the owners to put things right, things did not happen so the Government have stepped in and in the interests of public health and public safety, the Government have stepped in and taken over the work that needs to be done to mitigate the public health and public safety issues, and the legal situation will need to be sorted out in due course.

HON F R PICARDO:

Now, in relation to this issue of the beach, the Minister will know that the residents, he has met them yesterday, the residents of the area have commissioned their own critique of the environmental impact assessment prepared in respect of the whole of the East Side reclamation. I do not know whether what they have prepared is an environmental impact assessment of their own, but certainly it deals with the environmental impact assessment which has been filed in respect of the works to be done on the reclamation for the East Side development. The advice that they have, is that if any sand is extracted from the Mediterranean side for the purposes of the development of the reclamation of the East Side, then we will lose Sandy Bay completely. Regardless of the seasonal problems that we tend to have with it now. Is the Minister committed to ensuring that the East Side reclamation does not involve the taking of sand from the east side because of this issue?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am not aware of what the residents of Both Worlds are doing, have done or intend to do. I have not been made aware by them of what the hon Member has just said, that they are carrying out an EIA of their own. That I do not intend to go into, that is entirely up to them. But it is ironic, when I was sitting where the hon Member is sitting, I asked the Minister. When I challenged the GSLP in Government, and I said exactly what the hon Member is saying, that the loss of Sandy Bay was due to the reclamation for the West Side reclamation, I was told that absolutely not, it had nothing to do with it, by the Government. So it is ironic that he should be asking me the same question. There is no evidence, I have to say that what I was told at the time appears to have been correct, that dredging of sand has the dramatic impact on the beaches that people think that it has. When people talk of dredging it creates the image of a large hole being dug in the sand and then the hole left there a mile offshore and then the sea filling up the hole. In reality, dredging is done by skimming off something like 0.3 of a metre, 2.5 metre maximum, video controlled and technically controlled, of a large area of the seabed. Having said that, the EIA for the East Side development comments, and that is a public document so that is available to the hon Member to look at, on the effects of dredging. The Government are seeking, for other reasons, to avoid dredging and for the developer to use spoil that is already on land and has been created over the years. But in answer to his direct question, I cannot commit the Government, and will not commit the Government to dredging not taking place in the future if it is considered necessary, but only under

very controlled conditions, because there are now other factors that did not exist back in 1990 or whenever, environmental factors for example. Trans-boundary effects come into play and a number of other issues. So it is not something the Government will go into blindly or wily nilly but it cannot be ruled out.

HON F R PICARDO:

Finally in relation to the beach, or what was the beach, this issue of the technical advice that the Minister has taken which we have debated until now relates to the re-sanding of the beaches, if we can put it that way, but has he taken technical advice on what the potential effects could be of the sand not being there to the structural integrity of the properties known loosely as Both Worlds just above what is or was Sandy Bay?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The structural integrity of what he loosely calls Both Worlds is not the responsibility of the Government, it is the responsibility of the owners of the building. It will be interesting for the hon Member to go and take a look and he will see that the sea wall that was originally constructed along the front of the buildings, has withstood the test of time and is not showing any signs of either being damaged or being affected by the storms. On the contrary, if I say the terrace area is the hon Member familiar with what I mean? Then the terraced area was built subsequently mainly within the leased area and that was not provided by the developers with any sort of sea defences, and that is what has suffered over the years as a result of storms. But the integrity of the building is not the responsibility of the Government.

HON F R PICARDO:

I appreciate that but, certainly, the integrity of the adjoining land is the responsibility of the Government and I think the sea wall also is the responsibility of the Government. Is the Minister satisfied, he and I have seen the area of Both Worlds, I have got photographs of it, that the part of the Government's land that adjoins this development are not becoming so undermined so that they might undermine the adjoining leased property?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Perhaps the hon Member would like to define which particular area he is talking about, because if he is speaking about the area to the south of the buildings he may wish to know, if he does not already know, that that is not Government land, and including part of the beach at that southern end, that is all within the leased area of the property.

HON F R PICARDO:

I appreciate that, I am talking in fact about the northern end which is what is shown in the images that I have with me and that are particularly badly affected. It is where there is now no sand left, and we can see in this particular image that I am looking at here, listeners would be able to see it themselves if they went to the beach, the sea

is now coming all the way up to literally the wall, and all of that land which was not as I understand it demised land, has now disappeared and is now sea.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, the hon Member is correct. The land to the north of the development below the steps, because there is a triangle between the development, the road and the steps leading up that is demised land, but below the steps and further north, is Government land.

HON F R PICARDO:

So, the question therefore is, is the Minister satisfied that the present state of that Government, let us call it land because it still belongs to the Government even though it may now be under water, is not such that it might undermine parts of the demised land?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The protection of the demised land, whether we are at the north end or the south end, remains as I said earlier on, remains the responsibility of the developer. Therefore, any effect that the sea is having is for the developer to protect.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is unfortunate that the Minister has chosen to put three answers in one when really they are not connected, because it just creates difficulties for us. In relation to Question No. 196 of 2008 on whether it was proposed to have increased parking facilities for residents and users to Sandy Bay, the Minister has indicated that the Government have no plans to do that, can the Minister say whether he is satisfied with the parking facilities which presently exist?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

When Both Worlds was built the developer at the time, who are not the current owners, made no provision for parking at all other than parking available on the public highway, and that is one of the root causes of the problem. Having said that, this Government back in 1998 created a layby when they widened the road, and created 25 parking spaces right next to Sandy Bay where they did not exist before. As he has heard me say to his colleague, the land to the south is not Government property and, therefore, it is not possible for the Government to do anything there but the hon Member may like to know that the present owners of that land have, over recent years, made more than one building application in terms of providing parking facilities, and I think I am right in saying, one such application was given a building permit by DPC but it was never actually constructed. There is, I think I am right in saying, another application currently in the pipeline which includes a large amount of work.

HON G H LICUDI:

Is the Minister now opening up for discussion decisions made by the DPC?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Would the hon Member like to re-phrase that question?

HON G H LICUDI:

We had a long argument at the last Session about the responsibility of the Minister in relation to the DPC and the Chief Minister got up and said it would not be answerable and would not comment on any matter connected with the DPC. Now the Minister comes and says there are matters which are being considered by the DPC. Does that now mean, according to the Minister, that it is open house and we can ask about those decisions and those applications?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I almost hesitate in answering that, the answer is so obvious. What was said at the last meeting and what was said by the Chief Minister of course applies, DPC is at arms length from the Government, a statutory body, and I am not opening up for discussion, it would be beyond my powers to open up for discussion matters within the DPC. What I have said is a statement of fact, not a matter of procedure within DPC. All I have said is that it is my understanding, and I did qualify it because I said I was not sure, that there is another application in the pipeline, I am not sure where it is, I am not sure whether it will actually get to DPC, but I was trying to provide information to the hon Member not about DPC but about the provision of parking spaces. I will certainly not enter into discussions about matters to do with DPC.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is hard to resist the temptation to say that Ministers ought to be careful about the accuracy of information given to this Parliament, and phrases like "I understand", "it may be", are really not helpful because they do not give concrete information which is useful to the Opposition and to the public in general. Having said that, with regard to the parking facilities and the lack of plans, the Minister has said that the land to the south is not owned by the Government. Can the Minister define what area of land he is referring to?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

All the area bounded by the road, the development, the sea and the cliff on the promontory, I think, up and including the cliff on the promontory where the police post used to be.

HON G H LICUDI:

So that does not include, presumably, the area to the south which is currently being used as a rubble tip?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Correct.

HON G H LICUDI:

So there is area to the south which is Government property and which is currently being used as a rubble tip and there is a parking problem, can the Minister say why no facilities are provided in that area?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Where has the hon Member been living for the last five years? That road has been closed because of the dangers of the cliff face, of rock falls, therefore there is no possibility of that being used for parking, either for that reason or for the reason that it is being used for depositing of rubble on a temporary basis. Certainly and more importantly, the re-alignment of the road and the construction works of Dudley Ward Tunnel.....

HON G H LICUDI:

It is not the question.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

It is not a different matter. In relation to that particular area, until that work is done and constructed and finalised, it will not be clear what is left that can be used or cannot be used. But having said all that, if after the tunnel is constructed and the road been opened there are areas that can be used, then Government will use them for whatever they judge to be the best purpose. If that is parking it will be used for parking, if it is for something else it will be used for something else. To quote his own words, I cannot resist the temptation before I sit down to go back to his opening comments and to talk about qualifying "I think" and "in my opinion" and "maybe" and caveats of similar nature, if the hon Member asks me a question my answer contains no caveats. My answer is factual, to the point and provides the details he requests but if he then goes on, as he is perfectly entitled to do, to ask me a range of supplementaries which are wide-ranging, with the greatest of respect, I have two options. I can either be completely unhelpful and say I need notice of the question and sit down and not give him any answers, or alternatively, I can do what I try to do which is to give him as much information as possible, but where I do not have the information readily at my fingertips, I qualify it so as to make sure that I do not mislead him or other Members of the House.

HON G H LICUDI:

It is unfortunate, truly, when notice of a question is given for the Minister not to be prepared to anticipate reasonable supplementaries, not supplementaries that are off the board and not to do with the question, and to be prepared and to be properly briefed. That applies to Ministers generally because we have seen that even yesterday on supplementaries which were pretty obvious and no answer was forthcoming from the Government.

MR SPEAKER:

May I remind the hon Member about our private conversation yesterday.

HON G H LICUDI:

Yes indeed, I am conscious of that, and I will get back to the question. The Minister has suggested that that area to the south is closed because it is dangerous. Is it not dangerous for the workers who actually go with the lorries and tip rubble on it?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Not dangerous where the rubble tip exists.

HON G H LICUDI:

So if it is not dangerous where the rubble tip exists, why cannot that area be used for parking facilities, because the answer given previously was that the whole of the area was dangerous and therefore cannot be used at all?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I suggest the hon Member obtains a photograph of the area and he will find that before it was created into a rubble tip it consisted of a narrow road, which was not possible for parking because it was narrow road, and then next to it there was a gaping big hole where there used to be an oil tank. So how he would expect that to be used as a parking facility escapes me.

HON G H LICUDI:

Well the problem is obviously for the Government but they have no technical expertise, apparently, to resolve technical problems. I will move on, if I may, to the problem of the apes. It is my hon Colleague's question therefore I will allow him to ask supplementaries first then I will follow up on any matter.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am at their disposal, both of them.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am obliged to the hon Gentleman. In fact, one of the things that has happened as a result of the Minister taking these three questions together is that we are dealing cross-portfolio with his issues, because he has answered in respect of matters which relate to the environment and matters which relate to traffic, as he is perfectly entitled to choose to do. But I think it is unfortunate that now we are so far from the original answer that he gave in respect of this issue of the apes which was complex, and I am grateful for it, as to when in different instances different aspects of the ape management or the rubbish management system in the area have been implemented. Can he tell us on what date it was that the new facility in the area of Sandy Bay came into operation?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Not the exact date, but some time round about February this year.

HON F R PICARDO:

Was that part of what he called the survey, or the result of what he called the survey of refuse collection systems that he told a recent publication for a business entity he had initiated when he became Minister for the Environment?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, that particular site was initiated by, I think probably, yes he is nodding, my Colleague Mr Netto when he was Minister and, as I said in the answer, it was the effect of numerous complaints, especially from residents of Catalan Bay, about the number of apes in the area and the fact that the pack had almost become, I think the correct word is, habituated in the area. But I will encourage the hon Member to visit the particular site, I admired it when I saw it and one could almost build a bedsitter in it. It is very well designed, easy to keep clean, easy to manage and will work as long as, and there have been occasions where this has not happened, the users do two things, or rather do one thing and not do the other. The one thing that they need to do and most do but some do not, is when they get there open the door go inside and dump the rubbish and on the way out close the door again, which not all of them do. The second issue is what they should not do, is when they get to the closed door not deposit the rubbish bag outside, which some do. With those two caveats, the site, the facility is very well designed and works extremely well.

HON F R PICARDO:

What we have seen in this House is that the problem of the apes first originated in the area, of the apes coming down attracted to rubbish tips, first arose in the area of the Upper Town, principally in the area of Calpe, Moorish Castle et cetera. As I ask questions of the Government and ask them to implement closed rubbish systems, the apes have been moving systemically almost to those areas where there are still not closed rubbish collection systems. Why has it taken the Government so long to appreciate that this is what we need to have in all the areas of Gibraltar to ensure that the apes do not go from where they were at Calpe down to Sandy Bay, down to

Catalan Bay and next to whichever area it is that the apes may find, with their usual ingenuity, they can still scavenge from?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I will give him a little titbit of information that was provided to me recently. Studies show that the monkeys spend two thirds of the daylight time foraging for food, irrespective of the amount of food that is provided to them. I am tempted but I will not go back into history about the cause of why there are so many apes. But the hon Member is right that as a refuse holding facility is improved and sealed, that it is less accessible to the apes, although they are very clever in learning new tricks. Unfortunately, it is not always easy, not in every area can that sort of facility be constructed that was constructed at Catalan Bay, for a number of reasons. Be it the physical footprint of the facility, be it the nearest, Crutchett's Ramp or Turnbull's Lane are very good examples, where wherever it is put there are people who live in the area who feel inconvenienced by it. So, any changes always are difficult to manage and difficult to do. The bin holding area that the hon Member is very familiar with along Castle Road, is at the moment part of the study being made and the recommendations are to move it nearby where a larger purpose-built designed facility can be made. But already there are objections from people living in the area, so, in an ideal world, and I always try for the ideal, by the time I finish with this every single bin-holding area will have lids and wire mesh and the apes will not be able to get in, they will be covered and they will be smell-proof. In the real world, unfortunately, I am too much of a realist to realise that it is almost impossible to achieve, but it is the aim and the objective and I realise as much as anybody else the inconvenience that foraging apes cause to the public and we will go the extra mile to try and cure it. On the other hand, the apes are a tourist attraction, they have their value and this is something we have lived with over many years.

HON F R PICARDO:

I am sure he looks forward to debating the issue of ape management with me in a programme where, I think we are both slated to appear, on where the public will be able to hear our views on that. This is a problem not just for the residents of the area, although it is primarily a problem for the residents of the area. We have dealt with Sandy Bay we now have to deal with the problem at Catalan Bay as it may be. Not just the residents but also all of those people who will be visiting the beaches from the summer months, and even before the summer months. Like the Minister, when I was gutless I used to enjoy going to the beach. Now, although the Chief Minister may not see it, my gut is not attractive enough for me to be persuaded to show it at the beach, but everyone who does turn up at the beach will also this year have to deal with this potential issue. Is the Minister satisfied that there is no longer a problem at Catalan Bay?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am satisfied that there are no complaints from Catalan Bay directly of the scale that there used to be. So even if I cannot categorically say there is not a problem, because the problem might not have existed two minutes ago but could exist in two minutes time, because it is a fluid situation, I am satisfied that there has been a tremendous improvement. However, if the hon Member goes back to my answer, he will see that I mentioned in particular the bin holding facility at the Caleta Hotel, and

there, there is still need for further action and cooperation to be taken. In terms of longer term solutions, there are already plans to take action so that the pack that is in the area at the moment stops being in the area.

HON F R PICARDO:

I know that my hon Friend who is a resident of the area wants to follow up, but before he does, can the Minister tell us whether the issue of the Caleta Hotel is in his view an issue of more cooperation, as he suggested, or is it an issue of abatement by the Agency?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, more cooperation, it is a question of making sure bins are closed and all rubbish is inside the bins. This is a matter for the Department and the Caleta Hotel to cooperate. We can make sure that the doors of the Government's facility are closed and we can provide bins outside on the public highway that have lids on them, but we cannot do that except by asking for cooperation. I am not aware of any abatement notice issues.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister has said he is satisfied that there is a tremendous improvement, can he tell us what steps he or his Department have taken to monitor the situation with the apes since the enclosure of the rubbish tip at Catalan Bay? Perhaps before the Minister answers, I should say as my hon Colleague has said, that I do have an interest because I am a resident in the area.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Both the Environmental Agency and the Department of the Environment have ongoing responsibilities for monitoring which are within the normal remit of the normal work. Those include the maintenance of the facilities, monitoring complaints, attending to complaints and taking action arising from them. If the hon Member is asking me whether I have a member of my Department walking up and down Catalan Bay Road or Sandy Bay Road on a daily basis twenty-four by seven, the answer to that is no. But if he is asking me whether frequent visits are paid to the area and attention is paid to complaints and action is taken as necessary, then the answer is yes.

HON G H LICUDI:

I do expect that there is a level of monitoring and there is a level of frequent visits to the area to monitor the situation, which the Minister has confirmed does take place. I must therefore express surprise, given that there are frequent visits to the area that the Minister should suggest the problem has just about disappeared. Does the Minister know that despite the enclosure of the rubbish bins, which has been a very good thing to do, there are still apes almost on a daily basis creating a nuisance at Catalan Bay? It is as serious as that.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Of course I know, but when the hon Member asks me about the problems, I am talking about the subject they have raised, about the bin holding area and the problems associated with the bin holding area. Those have been solved by the creation of the new facility. But if he is saying, or if the question which has not come up until now, if the question were to be asked that has not been asked, are there any apes in Catalan Bay or in Sandy Bay, then of course the answer is yes. But both Members have not taken note of an answer in supplementary that I made a few minutes ago, maybe they have not realised what I said and I will repeat it. That in the near future action is being taken to make sure that the pack of apes that is now habituated in the area, stops being habituated in the area.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Minister speaks of "in the near future", can the Minister be a little bit more explicit and tell us what steps are being taken, what review is being undertaken and when we can expect some action?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

As we speak and I am talking about culling.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Genocide.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I remember when the apes came under the Tourist Board, I remember asking the Hon Mr Holliday, and at the time they culled 25 apes in that particular area. The apes we have now are obviously different ones. Culling is really not a permanent solution to the problem, because obviously, it has not worked in the past. So what is it that the Minister has in mind that that will be a permanent solution?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I will need to ramble again in order to answer the question. The Hon Dr J J Garcia, needs to understand how apes evolve and how packs split to understand why it is a permanent solution. The ideal size for a pack is between 40 and 50. When the size of the pack increases beyond 50 the dominant ape, remember packs work on the Indian tribe system where there is one dominant ape and a number of females and young apes.....

HON F R PICARDO:

We are fully aware how that works.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Okay, so I will not digress except to say that when a pack splits, the smaller split pack needs to move into a different location. That is what has happened in Sandy Bay, Catalan Bay area in the past and that pack was culled as the hon Member says some time ago, and the problem has began to grow again when there has been another split pack and the new pack has moved into the area and has taken up the area as its natural habitat. It is a permanent solution in the sense that once those apes are culled then there is no pack there in the area any more. It is not permanent in the sense that if there were to be another split pack at some time in the future, but it does not necessarily mean Catalan Bay, it is a natural foraging, at one time it used to happen in Moorish Castle. It goes on like that but the numbers are round about 200 at the moment and I have asked for the prognosis, but I expect that after the culling that will take place and following the births that happen in Spring, the number will be more or less static again, subject to any further similar actions that are taken in the future.

HON G H LICUDI:

Static at what level, does the Minister know?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

A total of 206 as at January this year, 196 as at January last year.

HON G H LICUDI:

I understood the Minister to say that the figure was round 200 but once the culling takes place there will be a reduction and it will be static at that new level. Is that not what the Minister said?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No that is not what I said. I said that the current figure is about 200, if one culls 25 obviously one ends up with 175 but then if we have 25 births, the figure for last year was 30 odd apes, so if we cull and then we get births of the same sort of numbers then the figure remains round about 200.

MR SPEAKER:

Can we move on to the next question, we have spent about 25 minutes on three questions?

HON F R PICARDO:

Just to make the point that it was on three questions which, I think, had its own particular controversy attached.

ORAL

NO. 203 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

UPPER ROCK ENTRANCE FEES

Can Government say how much of the money raised in Upper Rock entrance fees in the financial year 2006/2007 has been spent or earmarked for improvements to the Upper Rock, giving a breakdown showing the different sums spent/allocated on the different improvements?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 208 and 209 of 2008.

NO. 204 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

POST OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE/CAPTAIN OF THE PORT (DESIGNATE)

Can Government say how many persons have applied for the post of Chief Executive/Captain of the Port (Designate) which was advertised in February?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

A total of 13 applications for the post of Chief Executive/Captain of the Port (Designate) have been received. A short-list has been drawn up and interviews are currently taking place.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 204 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say whether any applications were received from Gibraltar, from a Gibraltarian?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, of the 13 applications received only nine met with the criteria with regard to qualifications and experience. Of these, two are local applicants.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are these persons already employed within the Port Department or are they people who are not resident in Gibraltar?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

One of them is employed in Port related activity. The other one, to my knowledge is not and the other seven are British nationals working in Port related activities in the UK.

NO. 205 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OIL SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT TENDER AWARD

Can Government say whether the tender award to Elastec, American Marine Inc to supply oil spill response equipment for £120,855 was the lowest bid received?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The tender awarded to ELASTEC was not the lowest bid received.

ELASTEC was awarded the contract in accordance with standard Government procurement procedures.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 205 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say why the tender was not awarded to the lowest bidder in this case?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, as the hon Member obviously knows, I do not form part of the Tender Board or process. I can tell him that six offers were received from four companies and each offer was evaluated on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender, as advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union, and using the criteria and weighting stated in the contract document.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The Minister cannot say whether the quality of the equipment supplied is of higher quality, better grade or whatever and that is why they have gone for that particular tender? Is that right?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I cannot but in order to be as transparent and as open as possible, let me give him some additional information which serves to confuse me and might confuse him as well. It is that ELASTEC actually had two tenders. One of the tenders was the lowest tender but yet it was decided to award it to the second tender which was not the lowest tender, it was third from the bottom. So obviously, it must have been done on the basis of more efficiency or more value to the Port. I do not have any further information but it is obvious that we were not looking for the lowest price, we were looking for value for money, and the difference is not great.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Were Gibraltar companies or businesses any of the six tenderers for this equipment?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

To be honest, I do not know. I think one of them is a Gibraltar registered company, I am not familiar with the names of the others.

NO. 206 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

EIA – NEW ACCES ROAD AND TUNNEL AT EASTERN BEACH

Can Government confirm that the EIA for the new access road and tunnel at Eastern Beach was completed last year and has it recommended any alterations to the proposals?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

I can confirm that the EIA for the new road and tunnel project was published in November 2007, as the hon Member should be aware since this is a public document. Government has accepted the recommendations and will ensure that an Operational Environmental Management Plan and general good practice guidance is developed for the detailed design so that the plans meet the requirements of the relevant legislation and regulatory authorities. In addition, a Construction Environmental Management Plan will be required from the contractor, which will manage the key environmental risks outlined in the Environmental Statement.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 206 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

I am not entirely sure whether that is a yes or a no to the second half of my question, where I say does it involve alterations to the original proposals.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, no alterations.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I wonder if the hon Member would give me this opportunity just to clarify, because there is an element of public misconception about these EIA reports. They could do one of two things. They could, but actually it is quite rare, make recommendations that indicate against the doing at all of the project, or against the doing of the project without modifications to the project itself. That is possible but not very common.

Much more common, to the extent that it is almost always the case, there could be indications about things that one needs to be careful about during the execution phase of the project, they are called mitigating measures, measures to mitigate noise, air particle pollution during the construction phase. Most EIA reports have many of the second kind and this one is no exception, and it is the second kind that this one contains. Mainly mitigation measures relating to the execution phase rather than the doing of the project itself for some permanent damage to the environment.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is there not then a dimension, for example, where there is a question of whether it is compliant with environmental requirements to the extent that a report might say the size or the depth of a route that it is taking is not the best one environmentally and we recommend that it is moved a few yards, does that not come into it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, remember that there is no environmental dos and don'ts rule book. See, there is not a Directive that says one could do this or could not do that. These assessments are not measured against a set of established criteria, so there is not an adjudication of compliance against anything in particular. There is an assessment about the environmental impact in abstract of the development, leaving it to the decision-makers to decide whether the public interest in the doing of the project is outweighed or outweighs the environmental impact that is being done. Many environmental impacts can be, to use the jargon of the EIA Directive, mitigated and that is where most of the recommendations tend to focus, mitigating identified environmental impact. In some European countries there have been some very spectacular cases of the latter, where an environmental impact assessment has been so strong in identifying severe environmental impacts, that it eventually through one process or another, the political process or the planning process, has the effect of abandonment or severe modification. But there is nothing in this EIA report that speaks of anything of that sort. They are mitigation recommendations rather than saying, for example, one of the things one has to mitigate is the new road which will be near the MOD Medical Centre which has already opened. So it recommends mitigating measures against noise and dust pollution, for example, whilst construction takes place.

NO. 207 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

HOSPITAL PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

Can Government say whether the arrangements for hospital users to park at Europlaza have come into effect?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

The Government is currently implementing a policy decision to operate all Government owned public car parks, including the Europlaza car park, through a new Government owned company called Gibraltar Car Parks Ltd. This company has already been incorporated and is currently in the process of being housed, staffed and activated.

When this process is completed the various car parks will become operational.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 207 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

Could the Minister give an indication of when the car parking will be made available to the public?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, I do not have that information available because I am not directly concerned in the issue.

HON N F COSTA:

Would the Minister be able to say how long it may take for the company to be appropriately staffed and for everything to be in place for the car parking issues to be resolved?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

I am told that the company is already fully incorporated, already has a temporary office and one employee. It is expected that a group, and I do not want to give names here because I am not sure whether the people concerned themselves are aware, but a group of other employees are expected to transfer into the company to provide the staffing to run the car park. Interestingly, my last line says I do not have a specific date for the opening of the facility. I can assure the hon Member that this is not something that is technically under review, which means nothing is happening. Let me explain that, when the words are used "under review" or "pigeon holed" meaning nothing is happening. This is not one of those cases, this is very activated and moving and developing as we speak. So it should happen soon.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Minister say whether this will be a pay car park?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

The principle on which all these car parks, I am now talking about the car park at Willis's, the car park at Sandpits, the car park at the New Harbours and this car park and one or two others, the principle is that the parking spaces are not going to be sold and that they are going to be on the basis of pay parking, either short-term or long-term. Again, it is not something I am directly involved in with the process.

HON N F COSTA:

Sorry, perhaps I did not fully grasp or get the Minister's answer. A question therefore to clarify. Will the car park be made available to members of the public and staff? If so, would it be paid by those members, the public and staff, or would it be made available to the general public visiting the hospital for free?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

What I answered to his hon Colleague just now was a generic answer in terms of all car parks. The Europlaza car park falls into a different category. My answer in respect of all Government car parks were that the spaces are not going to be sold, they are going to be made available for short-term and long-term parking, but that the details are not finalised yet. At least, if they are I am not aware of them. But I am not doing the finalising, that is the point. The one at the hospital, I am afraid I do not have any information on that at all. Again, it is not something that I have been involved in, either when I was Minister for Health or now. The car parking company policy is being developed as we speak and it will be controlled centrally by No. 6 and not by me.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can he say how many spaces there will be in the Europlaza car park? Does the Minister have that information?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Speaking from memory, I think we are talking about 100 spaces but I can not guarantee the accuracy of that answer. Speaking from memory. It is of that order, there is a whole floor at Europlaza. I am told there is another question on the Order Paper for next week so there should be more information then.

ORAL

NO. 208 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

REVENUE RAISED – COACH PARK/UPPER ROCK/MUSEUM

Can Government say how much revenue has been raised on a monthly basis from November 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 THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

Answered together with Question Nos. 203 and 209 of 2008.

NO. 209 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

UPPER ROCK ENTRANCE FEES

Can Government list the different entrance fees that currently apply for the different categories of visitors to the Upper Rock showing the mode of transport or whether they go up on foot?

ANSWER

**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORT**

All monies raised in Upper Rock entrance fees are credited to the Government General Account and not allocated to specific projects.

Funding for improvement of the Upper Rock comes from the Improvement & Development Fund. £650,000 was made available in the financial year 2006/2007.

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

Answer to Question 209

Answer to Question 208

(a)

Month	Coaches	Paid	Total
Nov. 2007	537	£10	£5,370
Dec. 2007	331	£10	£3,310
Jan. 2008	293	£10	£2,930
Feb. 2008	456	£10	£4,560
March 2008	507	£10	£5,070 (up to 26-03-08)

(b)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Upper Rock Admissions Fees</u>
Nov. 2007	£194,221.14
Dec. 2007	£141,626.70
Jan. 2008	£91,868.76
Feb 2008	<u>£132,073.33</u>
Total:	<u>£559,789.93</u>

(c)

<u>Month</u>	<u>Museum Admissions Fees</u>
Nov. 2007	£1,706.72
Dec. 2007	£587.25
Jan. 2008	£1,127.92
Feb 2008	£4,825.98

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Contd Answer to Question 209

Answer to Question 209

<u>UK Ticket Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Mode of Transport</u>
Private Adult	£8.00	Private Vehicle
Private Child	£4.00	Private Vehicle
Private Vehicle	£1.50	-
Taxi Ticket	£4.00	Taxi
Public Service Vehicle ticket	£4.00	Coach
Walkers Only	£0.50	On foot (no access to tourist sites)
Walkers Site Adult	£8.00	On foot
Walkers Sites Child	£4.00	On foot
Cable Car Adult	£4.50	Cable Car
Cable Car Child	£4.00	Cable Car
Walkers Discount Adult	£7.50	On foot (issued in exchange for a Walkers Only ticket)
Walkers Discount Child	£3.50	On foot (issued in exchange for a Walkers Only ticket)
100 Ton Gun Only ticket	£1.00	Any of the above (no access to UR Nature Reserve)
100 Ton Gun Discount Adult	£7.00	Any of the above (issued in exchange for a 100 Ton Gun Only ticket)
100 Ton Gun Discount Child	£3.00	Any of the above (issued in exchange for a 100 Ton Gun Only ticket)

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 203, 208 AND 209 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the Minister aware that the entrance fee to the Upper Rock is actually an environmental levy?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Yes, I have memories of the legal wrangle that occurred recently. Yes, I am aware.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The Minister says £650,000 has been spent on the Upper Rock from the I & DF, but given that the monies raised in entrance fees to the Upper Rock is not being spent on the Upper Rock, can the Minister say whether more money is raised in entrance fees to the Upper Rock than the money that is spent from the I & DF?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

Two things, the hon Member may have misunderstood my answer. I said £650,000 was made available, I did not say £650,000 had been spent by the Department. The second half of his question, I do not have that information, I would need notice of that question. I do not have the information of how much money is raised in fees but I am sure that with the number of questions the hon Member asks on this subject, he might have the information himself. But if he has not, if he writes to me or asks me in a future meeting I will provide it.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

What I was pointing out is that more money is raised in entrance fees to the Upper Rock than is being spent on the Upper Rock.

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

That may be so.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does the Minister not think it is appropriate, given that the entrance fee to the Upper Rock is an environmental levy, that all that money should be spent on the Upper Rock?

HON LT-COL E M BRITTO:

No, when I said I did not have it available, I said I did not have the figure of how much was received in entrance fees in front of me. It is not Government policy to

allocate entry fees to a particular xxxxxx, like in this case. It goes into the General Fund and the funding comes out separately. That is the policy so it is not up to me to comment whether I agree or not.

ORAL

NO. 210 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

WATER – AMOUNTS COLLECTED/BILLED

Can Government state what were the amounts collected and the amounts billed in respect of water in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 211 to 216 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 211 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

WATER – NUMBER OF DOMESTIC PRIMARY UNITS INVOICED

Can Government state the number of units of Domestic Primary Units of water invoiced in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos.210 and 212 to 216 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 212 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

WATER – VALUE OF DOMESTIC PRIMARY UNITS INVOICED

Can Government state the value of Domestic Primary Units of water invoiced in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos.210, 211 and 213 to 216 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 213 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

WATER – NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS INVOICED DOMESTIC SECONDARY UNITS

Can Government state the number of customers that were invoiced for Domestic Secondary Units of water in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos.210 to 212 and 214 to 216 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 214 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

WATER – VALUE OF STANDING CHARGES INVOICED

Can Government state the values in respect of Water Standing Charges invoiced to domestic customers in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos.210 to 213 and 215 to 216 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 215 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

WATER – VALUE OF DOMESTIC SECONDARY UNITS INVOICED

Can Government state the value of Domestic Secondary Units of water invoiced in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos.210 to 214 and 216 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 216 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

WATER – NUMBER OF DOMESTIC SECONDARY UNITS INVOICED

Can Government state the number of units of Domestic Secondary Units of water invoiced in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 216

Answer to Question 210

Amounts collected and the amounts billed in respect of water in the months of December 2007 to March 2008

	Collected (£)	Billed (£)
December 2007	351,842.76	372,614.99
January 2008	517,864.19	422,738.94
February 2008	<u>418,187.06</u>	<u>401,513.89</u>
	<u>£1,287,894.01</u>	<u>£1,196,867.82</u>

Answer to Question 211

Number of units of Domestic Primary Units of water invoiced in the months of December 2007 to March 2008

December 2007	369,357
January 2008	385,522
February 2008	<u>383,387</u>
	<u>1,138,266</u>

Answer to Question 212

Value of Domestic Primary Units of water invoiced in the months of December 2007 to March 2008

December 2007	£77,564.97
January 2008	£80,959.62
February 2008	<u>£80,511.27</u>
	<u>£239,035.86</u>

Answer to Question 213

Number of customers that were invoiced for Domestic Secondary Units of water in the months of December 2007 to March 2008

December 2007	5004
January 2008	5784
February 2008	5296

Answer to Question 214

Values in respect of Water Standing Charges invoiced to domestic customers in the months of December 2007 to March 2008

December 2007	£35,817.00
January 2008	£36,876.00
February 2008	<u>£36,639.00</u>
	<u>£109,332.00</u>

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SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 216 CONTD

Answer to Question 215

Value of Domestic Secondary Units of water invoiced in the months of December 2007 to March 2008

December 2007	£83,661.97
January 2008	£121,545.33
February 2008	<u>£97,015.43</u>
	<u>£302,222.73</u>

Answer to Question 216

Number of units of Domestic Secondary Units of water invoiced in the months of December 2007 to March 2008

December 2007	160,888
January 2008	233,741
February 2008	<u>186,568</u>
	<u>581,197</u>

ORAL

NO. 217 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

AQUAGIB CUSTOMER SERVICE

Can Government state whether AquaGib's customer service starts its service at 8.30 a.m. as stated by the answering machine?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Yes, Government can confirm that AquaGib's Customer Service Department starts its services at 8.30 a.m.

ORAL

NO. 218 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS COLLECTED

Can Government state what were the amounts collected in respect of electricity in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 219 to 226 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 219 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

ELECTRICITY – AMOUNTS BILLED

Can Government state what were the amounts billed in respect of electricity in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 218 and 220 to 226 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 220 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

ELECTRICITY – VALUE OF FUEL COST ADJUSTMENT INVOICED

Can Government state the total value invoiced to domestic customers in respect of Fuel Cost Adjustment (FCA) in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 218, 219 and 221 to 226 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 221 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

ELECTRICITY – VALUE OF STANDING CHARGES INVOICED

Can Government state the total value invoiced to domestic customers in respect of Electricity Standing Charges in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 218 to 220 and 222 to 226 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 222 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

ELECTRICITY – VALUE OF T3 (DOMESTIC) UNITS INVOICED

Can Government state the total value invoiced to customers in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 218 to 221 and 223 to 226 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 223 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

ELECTRICITY – NUMBER OF T3 (DOMESTIC CONSUMERS) UNITS INVOICED

Can Government state the number of T3 (Domestic Consumers) units of electricity invoiced to customers in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 218 to 222 and 224 to 226 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 224 OF 2006

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

ELECTRICITY – NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS INVOICED T3 (DOMESTIC) UNITS

Can Government state the number of customers invoiced in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 218 to 223, 225 and 226 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 225 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

ELECTRICITY PURCHASED FROM MOD

Can Government state the number of units and the value of electricity purchased from MOD in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question Nos. 218 to 224 and 226 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 226 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

ELECTRICITY PURCHASED FROM OESCO

Can Government state the number of units and the value of electricity purchased from OESCO in the months of December 2007 to March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The information requested by the hon Member is only available up to the end of February 2008 and is set out in the schedule that I now hand to him.

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 226

Answer to Question 218

Amounts collected in respect of electricity

	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
Collected	£928,769.09	£1,655,382.74	£1,395,427.43

Answer to Question 219

Amounts billed in respect of electricity

	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
Billed	£1,211,600.17	£1,562,066.46	£1,443,642.69

Answer to Question 220

Amounts invoiced to domestic customers in respect of FCA

	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
Invoiced	£132,734	£188,521	£170,980

Answer to Question 221

Amounts invoiced to domestic customers in respect of Electricity Standing Charges

	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
Invoiced	£50,540	£52,944	£52,528

Answer to Question 222

Amount invoiced to customers in respect of T3 (Domestic) units of electricity

	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
Invoiced	£480,502	£663,616	£606,380

Answer to Question 223

Number of T3 (Domestic Customers) units invoiced

	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
Units	4,016,587	5,704,744	5,173,951

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SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 226 CONTD

Answer to Question 224

Number of customers invoiced in respect of T3 (Domestic) units

	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
Consumers	12,968	12,955	12,970

Answer to Question 225

Units purchased from the MOD

	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
Units (kWh)	246,013	574,118	1,052,589
Value	£25,491.67	£59,280.90	£107,973.29

Answer to Question 226

Units purchased from OESCO Ltd

	December 2007	January 2008	February 2008
Units (kWh)	5,974,780	6,746,460	6,150,950
Value	£860,540.04	£957,478.43	£935,156.56

ORAL

NO. 227 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

POWER CUTS

Can Government state the number of power cuts that affected whole districts in the months of December 2007 to March 2008, 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. 228 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 228 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

POWER CUTS

Can Government state how many power cuts there have been during the months of December 2007 to March 2008 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 until 28th March 2008 and is set out in the schedule which I now hand to him.

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 288

YEAR 2007

1	Fri 7 Dec 07 01.48 hrs	4 mins to 12 mins	Six districts supplied from WPS, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18. Two districts supplied from OBDC, 1, 9	WPS No. 1 generator emergency shutdown due to burst fuel pipe
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YEAR 2008

2	Sat 12 Jan 08 23.01 hrs	2 mins	Ten substations within the Westside area.	Planned switching schedule caused operation of protection relay having wrong setting (at S64 Eurotowers substation)
3	Tue 22 Jan 08 07.39 hrs	3 mins to 5 mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18.	WPS generator set No. 3 Lub oil temperature trip elec. Fault
5	Mon 24 Mar 08 13.40 hrs	3 mins to 6 mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18.	OESCO No. 5 generator tripped on load, due to excitation failure.
6	Tue 25 Mar 08 18.50 hrs	3 mins to 4 mins	Five districts supplied from WPS, 10, 13, 14, 15, 18.	OESCO No. 5 generator tripped on load, due to excitation failure.

The districts fed from Waterport Power Station comprise 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) comprise 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) comprise 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. 229 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CONFERENCES SPONSORED OR CO-SPONSORED

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.

NO. 230 OF 2008

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 have been away from Gibraltar on Government business on the following occasions since the last Question Time in Parliament.

On 14th and 15th January 2008, to attend the UKGTA meeting in London in the London Office in the UK and to attend the London Boat Show. (Excel Exhibition Centre in London).

On 29th and 30th January 2008, in FITUR in the IFEMA Feria de Madrid in Spain.

Then on 31st January and 1st February 2008, meetings with airlines in the London Office in London.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 230 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The Minister was not in the Parliament last week on Thursday and Friday, I do not know whether that was Government business or not because we have not actually...

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, I was away on personal holidays.

ORAL

NO. 231 OF 2008

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 15 June 2007;
- (b) the Port Advisory Council since 2 May 2007;
- (c) the Business and Commerce Advisory Council since 21 March 2007;
- (d) the E-Business Advisory Council since 17 May 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

None of the Councils have met since these dates.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 231 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Were not the meetings of these Councils supposed to be quarterly?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, that is correct but after the Elections it has taken time to organise the appointments on the various representatives on the Council and, in fact, those for which I hold Ministerial responsibility today have had meetings organised now for the 24th April.

NO. 232 OF 2008

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 2007 inclusive, 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 the statistical information he has requested.

Schedule to Question 232/2008

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
Sept 2007	1342	9	9	6.2	-	-	-	-
Oct 2007	1255	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nov 2007	1000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dec 2007	999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 2008	1006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

(b) Not stayed at hotel:

	Total Interviews Not Stayed At Hotel	Airport	Port	Frontier	Waterport	Marina	Coach Park
Sept 2007	1333	18	1	1273	-	2	39
Oct 2007	1255	-	-	1255	-	-	-
Nov 2007	1000	-	1	999	-	-	-
Dec 2007	999	-	-	999	-	-	-
Jan 2008	1006	-	-	1006	-	-	-

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 232 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The answer given to Question No. 232 (a), in relation to those who had stayed at a hotel, there is information given for September in respect of 1,342 interviews, nine stayed at a hotel, nine were interviewed at the airport and the average length of stay but nobody seems to have been interviewed anywhere else. Can the Minister say why that should be the case?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, it is just the fact that those who were interviewed had not stayed in a hotel, so they were not responding to that.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The question was about (a), which was those who had stayed at a hotel. If for September we are told nine, there were 1,342 interviews nine of whom stayed at hotels, nine were interviewed at the airport but it does not say where the rest of them were interviewed in terms of the location. The number of interviews at each location is what the question asks.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

This is the format that has always been presented to the hon Member. On looking, it is slightly confusing because, in fact, the first column, the total number of interviews should not really appear there. What has happened is that of those that have stayed in a hotel in September, nine happened to be staying at the hotel from the 1,342. In the rest of the months everybody that was interviewed had not stayed in a hotel so really one should eliminate the first column. If one looks at the first column and then under (b) it will be realised that they are the same, if one adds up the 1,342 minus nine leaves 1,333 in the table just below. So, in actual fact, it was only in September that interviews were carried out that actually picked up on people that had stayed at a hotel. Is that clear?

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Just to clarify then, the ones that stayed in a hotel from October to January, basically nobody was interviewed who stayed at a hotel, that is why the figure shows zero and the locations are shown in terms of the ones that did not stay at a hotel because those were the majority of respondents in this case.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct.

NO. 233 OF 2008

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 hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested.

Schedule to Question 233/2008

ERDF PROJECTS

Project No.	Sponsor	Status	ERDF	GOG	Purpose of Grant
128	Charles A Linale BDS	Active	£33,084-07p (30%)	-	Building Works, Equipment & Payment of Import Duty
129	J.J. Holdings Ltd	Active	£8,838-48p (30%)	-	Equipment, Import duty 12% & Transport & Civil Works
130	J.J.B. Amar Ltd	Active	£34,107-90p (30%)	-	Equipment, Import Duty 12% and freight, Renovation works, Project management fees & Advertising
131	Signtalk 2000 Ltd	Active	£5,980-64p (30%)	-	Equipment, Import Duty 12% & Renovation works.
132	M.H. Bland & Co Ltd	Active	£68,408-16p (28%)	-	Building works & Fitting-out costs.
133	Compo Holdings Ltd	Active	£66,381-30p (30%)	-	Building works, Equipment, Restaurant furniture & Advertising

ESF PROJECTS

Project No.	Sponsor	Status	ESF	GOG	Purpose of Grant
ESF 44	Focus 5507	Active	£20,070-00p (45%)	£24,500-30p (55%)	Wage Subsidy Scheme

NO. 234 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Can Government say how many cases there have been in 2007 and 2008 to date of applications for EU funding that were considered positively by

- (a) the Appraisal Group; and
- (b) the Joint Local Advisory Group,

were such funding was not approved by the Gibraltar Government as the implementing authority?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

In 2007 there were six applications and in 2008 there have been three applications for EU funding received and considered by both the Appraisal Sub-Group and the Joint Local Advisory Group. All applications received were successful in obtaining the said funding.

NO. 235 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU FUNDING – COMPOSITION OF GROUPS

Can Government say what is the current composition of:

- (a) the Appraisal Sub Group;
- (b) the Joint Local Advisory Group,

in relation to EU funding and list the dates when they met in 2007 and 2008 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The current composition of the Appraisal Sub-Group and Joint Local Advisory Group in relation to EU funding and the dates when they met in 2007 and 2008 is as follows:-

The Appraisal Sub-Group is a contributory committee of the Joint Local Advisory Group. It consists of representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the Federation of Small Businesses, the Environmental Agency and is chaired by the EU Programmes Secretariat. The Appraisal Sub-Group met on the following dates:-

16 th March 2007	25 th January 2008
15 th May 2007	15 th February 2008
30 th May 2007	5 th March 2008
4 th September 2007	
20 th November 2007	
4 th December 2007	

The Joint Local Advisory Group partnership for the implementation of EU funded programmes comprises the Government of Gibraltar represented by Government Departments and Agencies, the private sector and NGO partners as follows:

Government Ministries

The Ministry with responsibility for Enterprise
The Ministry with responsibility for Town Planning
The Ministry with responsibility for Technical Services
The Ministry with responsibility for Education and Training

Government Agencies

The Gibraltar Tourist Board
The Employment Service
The Environmental Agency

Trade Representative Bodies

The Gibraltar Chamber of Commerce
The Gibraltar Federation of Small Businesses
The Gibraltar Trades Council
The Gibraltar Business Network

NGO

The Gibraltar Ornithological and Natural History Society

The Joint Local Advisory Group is chaired by the EUR Programmes Secretariat.

The Joint Local Advisory Group met on the following occasions:

22 nd March 2007	6 th December 2007
17 th May 2007	31 st January 2008
20 th June 2007	19 th February 2008
7 th September 2007	14 th March 2008
21 st November 2007	

NO. 236 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

EU FUNDING – ERDF PROJECT NO. 127

Can Government say in respect of project number 127 ERDF which is a grant of £65,472.05 to Bransford Projects Ltd for “Restoration Works”, what exactly is being restored?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Bransford Projects Ltd was granted £65,472.05 of EU funding for the restoration of the Charles V Wall.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 236 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is there a particular part of the wall that has been restored or is this a project which includes all of it? Is there a particular part of the wall that is being restored?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

My understanding is that it is part of the project, the first phase of the project which covers part of the wall and not its totality.

NO. 237 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

CATALOGUE 20TH CENTURY ARCHITECTURE OF SPAIN ARCHXX-SUDOE

What was the nature of the contribution of the Government, and the cost if any, to the first catalogue of the 20th century architecture of Spain ArchXX-Sudoe which lists the Government of Gibraltar in its credits?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Staff at the Town Planning Office and the Gibraltar Chief Architect formed the body representing the Government as partners with the Spanish and French counterparts. A database has been established and compiles details of the most significant buildings of the 20th Century and shall provide information to the public once the Spanish (which are the leading partner) completes the process of the project with the authority in Santander. The cost of the project was 30,869.46 Euros.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 237 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Who is bearing that cost?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well the Gibraltar Government's contribution to this is 15,434.73 Euros, which is 50 per cent of that total. The total actual project cost is in the region of 644,000 Euros, out of which 50 per cent is being paid for by the EU and then each partner is paying a section of 50 per cent of the cost in relation to their own participation.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

So eventually, is it correct to assume there will be a list of Gibraltar 20th Century architecture included in this database as well?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct.

NO. 238 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DPC MEETINGS

How many meetings of the Development and Planning Commission have taken place since 29th November 2007 inclusive and on what dates?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Since 29th November 2007 the Development and Planning Commission has met on 12 occasions. The dates are as follows:

29th November 2007
13th December 2007
10th January 2008
24th January 2008
25th January 2008
28th January 2008
6th February 2008
14th February 2008
21st February 2008
6th March 2008
12th March 2008
26th March 2008

NO. 239 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Can Government list the main issues of concern made in the 171 letters of representation received by the DPC in respect of the Draft Development Plan?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The main issues of concern raised in the representations received were the lack of specific proposals for the protection of Sandy Bay from storm damage; and (b) the general view that there was an over-emphasis on the plan on accommodating the use of private transport rather than trying to reduce it.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 239 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The letter of objection which is still available on the website in relation to the Plan, actually asks respondents to fill in the number of the reference of the specific policy that they are objecting to. Can the Minister say which of these policies was the most objected to in terms of numbers?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am thinking on my feet here now but I think that the biggest one by number was definitely the one in respect of the protection of Sandy Bay, where I think all the residents decided that they would object on an individual basis. Obviously, that applies to quite a big number and it actually constituted quite a big chunk of the 171 letters that were received.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Did people tend to reply using the official form or did they just write a letter saying what it was that they were objecting to?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, they used the official form to reply.

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THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DRAFT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Can Government say whether the DPC has now completed its consideration of the 171 letters of representation received in respect of the Draft Development Plan and if so with what result?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The DPC has now concluded its consideration of representations and is preparing for the next step in the process. This requires the DPC to notify those persons who made representations as a result of which a change to the draft Plan is proposed, of the nature of the proposed change. The person concerned, if satisfied by the proposed change, may confirm to the DPC that the representation is now withdrawn.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 240 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

If I am correct in what I have heard the next step is that the DPC will write to those objecting and inform them whether the objections have been upheld or not, is that the case?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct, every single one has been considered by DPC and a reply is now in the process of being issued to each one individually.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Would the Minister be in a position to say whether as a result of these objections there will be any changes made to the Plan which will require it to be re-exhibited or not?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I do not believe that there are changes of substance that require that, but that is up to the Town Planner under the Act to decide whether that is the case or not. It all depends what the response is of these objectors to what we actually come back with. Some of the proposals that have been put forward to the Commission have been considered and not supported in its totality. We may have accommodated part of their representation and it is then up to the applicant to decide whether they wish to continue objecting or not to it.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the Minister in a position to say how long the process is expected to take before the draft Plan is finally approved as the Development Plan?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I would not want to commit myself to any dates so that the hon Member continues raising questions and holding me back for what I may have said. The reality is that the process is much longer than I anticipated. It is the first time I have gone through this process and actually going through 171 objections, by the number of DPC meetings that we have had in the last two months, one can see that we have been dealing with a lot of these issues in a very thorough way. I think we are months away but I would like to see this put in place as soon as logically possible.

ORAL

NO. 241 OF 2008

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

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

For each application the decision, applicant's name, description and site address is given.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BETWEEN: 07/12/07 AND 27/03/08

App.No	ApplicantName	Description	Decision	SiteAddress
10803	Victor Requena	Drive-in to property	Pending	5 Humphrey's Bungalows Engineer Road
10804	Mr & Mrs M.Weigold	Refurbishment and renovation existing residential property	Pending	mount Barbary Mount Road
10805	Sasrock Trading Co Ltd	Minor alterations to shopfront	Pending	246 Main Street
10806	Dino Martinez	Static/mobile pen press structure	Refused	John Mackintosh Square
10807	John S. Langdon	Alterations: 1) Re-build the fire protection wall between the staircase and entrance hall to open up the staircase to the living room. 2) Extend the gallery in the living room on two additional sides and create a 'crows nest'. 3) Re-arrange the master bedroom suite.	Approved	Block 6, Apt 801 Europlaza
10808	Charles Carreras	Proposed removal of the plasterboard stud partition between the kitchen and the living room.	Pending	8.2.1 Waterport Terraces
10809	M.E.Bellio & Partners	Proposed conversion of an existing window opening into a doorway.	Pending	13c North Mole
10810	M E Bellio & Partners	Construction of a timber sun deck and concrete base to support a jacuzzi	Pending	39 Naval Hospital Road
10811	Space Interiors	Fitted out of new ground floor commercial unit as an estate agent.	Approved	20 Ocean Village Promenade
10812	Joseph Karim Lopez	Construction of garden fence, additional new doorway, repair of existing door	Pending	Bella Vista Cottage Mount Road
10813	Toppem Ltd	External upgrade, new doors, windows and painting/internal modifications and new fit out	Pending	34/A/2, 34/A/3, 34/A/4 Devils Tower Road
10814	Linnus Limited	Conversion of 181 Main Street (old C. Canama) clothes shop into new retail outlet for 'oesie' franchise.	Pending	181 Main Street
		Change of use and conversion of 1st floor apartment (3/1 Cornwell's Lane) to office accommodation		

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<u>App No</u>	<u>ApplicantName</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>SiteAddress</u>
10815	Gibraltar Electricity Authority	Construction of under ground at and install new feeder pillar.	Approved	Main Street
10816	Gibraltar Electricity Authority	New substation and infrastructure for all new projects in the area	Pending	Windmill Hill Road Lathbury Barracks
10817	Andrews Kent & Stone	Proposed construction of a traditional styled balcony on the front facade of the building.	Approved	338 Europe Road
10818	Rosia Plaza (MGMT.)Ltd	Proposed balconies	Pending	Rosia Plaza Rosia Parade
10819	GJBS Ltd	Single storey building - scout hut - demolition	Government Project	Scout Hut Line Wall Road
10820	Andrews Kent & Stone	Subdividing if existing store room into a substation / Store room	Pending	Caseta Hotel Sir Herbert Miles Road
10821	Mr A Massias	Proposed building of lift enclosure & installation of lift & removal of one car parking bay.	Pending	1d Europe Road
10822	Shoe Ltd	1. New Canopy - Pale cream with black logo (see plans) and sign in wrought iron of logo. 2. Restoration of current window and door painted black satin finish. 3. Stone work surrounding window and door cleaned and sealed to protect - natural, not painted. 4. Repainted in white of rendered areas. 5. Small standard potted bay trees either side of door (see plan for size)	Pending	178 Main Street
10823	Mr J Dawson	New openings through walls	Pending	251/3 Main Street
10824	R J Benzaken	Proposed extension to building for additional accommodation.	Pending	1 Boeschett's Steps
10825	Louise Marie Sarnoe	Proposed Balcony	Pending	2 Collingwood Tower Brympton
10826	B. Schembri	To replace existing metal railings with timber fencing. To requirements by yourself.	Approved	1 Africa View Europas Road
10827	Patty Ganiting Plc	Change of use shoop to offices and internal partition	Pending	Unit 1.0.06 Eurotowers Europort Road

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Schedule to Question 21 - contd

<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
10828	CADX Ltd	1. The relocation of the outside a/c unit and pipe run. 2. The vertical increase of size to the existing window (structural opening). 3. All finishes are to match the existing building. 4. The removal, change and installation of signage (shop front)	Pending	8 Bell Lane
10829	Mr Eric & Mrs Sue McIntosh	Extension to building within existing footprint below the present residence and new pool.	Pending	1A Humphrey's Bungalows Engineer Road
10830	Ocean Village Developments Lt	Proposed construction of commercial plus residential over 17 storeys in total	Pending	Lucas Imoasi Motors Site Waterport Circle
10831	Mr Daniel Canepa	New window, new doors, plastering, refurbish kitchen & bathrooms and re-wiring of main fuse box	Pending	6/3 Gavino's Passage
10832	Paul Victor	Conversion of current ground floor workshop into vehicle garage space. Current workshop to be moved by demolishing north wall and middle wall and building a wall to west side. Two windows facing glacie road need to be boarded up to improve security. New proposed area to be used exclusively by M.C.M. Ltd.	Pending	37 Glacie Road Marina Court
10833	Mr & Mrs D Cruz	Proposed construction of swimming pool to residence and associated works	Pending	6 Lord Napier Mews Rodger's Road
10834	Space Interiors	Proposed fitting out of new ground floor restaurant/bar unit	Approved	13 The Sails Ocean Village Promenade
10835	Space Interiors	Proposed fitting out of new ground floor commercial unit as an estate agent.	Pending	Unit R1 Bayside Road Trade Winds
10836	I.C. Products Ltd	Proposed structural opening to merge Munchies with rear Shamiyana Restaurant.	Approved	22A Main Street
10837	Mr & Mrs Ellenbout	Conversion of utility/store room into 1 No. bedroom at basement/garage level. Works involved - opening of floor at ground level to make way for a new staircase and increase existing window opening at basement/garage level to the west facade of the building.	Pending	1A Sunset Close Windmill Hill Road
10838	Jyake Bank (Gibraltar) Ltd	Demolition of internal partitions and construction of new internal partitions together with internal refurbishment.	Pending	74/3 Main Street Jyake Bank Old Canton
10839	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed demolition of a single storey masonry	Pending	Guard House Four Corners Road

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Schedule to Question 24, contd

<u>App No</u>	<u>ApplicantName</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Decision</u>	<u>Site/Address</u>
10840	SBI, Swiss Beet Invest Limited	Proposed minor (structural) works to existing office premises	Approved	1/1B Tuckey's Lane
10841	Andrews Kent and Stone	3 Storey extension to existing motel	Pending	Sunrise Motel Devils Tower Road
10842	Mrs Rose & Janine Clark	Conversion of one residential unit into one	Pending	701B Ocean Heights Queensway
10843	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed demolition of ex-MOD Quarters, property consisting of 3 floors, masonry walls and timber floor	Pending	12 Flat Beeston Road
10844	Andrews Kent and Stone	Proposed demolition of existing two storey residential block	Pending	12 Castle Steps
10845	John M Collado	Construction of swimming pool in K1 form	Pending	47C Europa Road
10846	Harridge Ltd	Re-building of roof extension providing lounge & terrace area	Pending	37/5 City Mill Lane
10847	Andrews Kent and Stone	Ex-MOD Residential Quarters to be refurbished and accommodation for 10 individual apartments	Pending	12 Flat Beeston Road
10848	Jennifer Thomas	Proposed opening of door and window from garage to patio and window on south end of attic	Pending	11 Cablian Gardens Catalan Bay Road
10849	Alexander Norton	1) Demolition of internal wall. 2) Re-Positioning of internal walls. 3) To make a larger living room and still regain two bedrooms. 4) No alteration to exterior elevations.	Pending	Flat No. 21 Sunset Close Windmill Hill Road
10850	Monaco Ocean Village Ltd	Temporary access pointroom to be erected connecting existing pointroom marina bay, adjacent ex-DaPablo Restaurant with Ocean Village	Pending	Ocean Village
10851	J B Engineering Consultants	Proposed new communal swimming pool on existing waste ground	Pending	Windmill Hill Road
10852	Invitations 365 Ltd	New Restaurant & Lounge Bar	Pending	11 The Sells Ocean Village Promenade
10853	Albert Falzun	Proposed balcony on internal void at 4th floor.	Pending	No. 33 Cumberland Road

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Schedule to Question 241 contd

<i>App No</i>	<i>ApplicantName</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>SiteAddress</i>
10854	A & S Valbro Jensen	To enclose an existing terrace by constructing a new wall and doorway on the north facing aspect, on the west facing aspect two 30 cm wide wall will be constructed on the south and north side to be connected by installing new sliding doors. This would leave a small balcony 55cm wide which would be secured by erecting a stainless steel and glass panel balustrade. All walls will be constructed in 8" x 8" x 16" blockwork and render.	Pending	12 Gardiner's Road
10855	Gillian Guzman	Demolition of parapet wall, new parapet wall and columns and roofing over of west elevation terrace.	Pending	5 Shortton Farm Europe Road
10856	Said Management Limited	Change of use and alterations to existing store units to produce 2 No. studio apartments.	Pending	Units 0101 & 1101 Europlaza
10857	Bentley Property Services Ltd	Proposed extension over existing car park to construct office commercial units	Pending	Block 4, 3rd Floor Eurotowers
10858	All Eithery	Refurbishment	Pending	34 Parliament Lane
10859	All Eithery	1 No Retractable Awning	Pending	34 Parliament Lane
10860	Gibtelecom Ltd	Clearing and fitting out of room as a GSM & TETRA Base Station for the area.	Pending	16 Windmill Hill Flats
10861	Tiberius Holdings Ltd	Proposed new roof level office extension.	Pending	237 Main Street
10862	Gibtelecom Ltd	Proposed internal refurbishment alteration to include demolition of non-structural partitions and installing new computer floor and blocking external windows internally.	Pending	First Floor Mount Pleasant South Barmcks Road
10863	Government of Gibraltar	Conversion of old Ex-MOD & Government Housing Units into 10 new self contained 2 storey units	Pending	Calpe Barmcks Calpe Road
10864	Andre De Barr	New nautical clothing shop.	Pending	30 Ocean Village Promenade
10865	Freestyle Leisure	Proposed construction of new bar.	Pending	27 Leisure island Ocean Village
10866	Stanley Prescott	Conversion of large flat into an office and a large room. Conversion of bathroom to toilets and kitchen.	Pending	1/9 Governor's Street
10867	Mr G.A.Gonzalez	Proposed minor alterations and improvements to existing fourth floor flat.	Pending	14 Gibraltar Heights Bishop Raspol's Ramp

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<i>App No</i>	<i>Applicant Name</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Decision</i>	<i>Site Address</i>
10868	GRA	Proposed fitting out new office premises.	Pending	803-804 Building 6 Europort
10869	Andrews Kent and Stone	Residential quarters to be refurbished and accommodate for 2 duplex & 2 individual apartments.	Government Project	12 Castle Steps
10870	Queensway Quay Marina Ltd	Change of use of land from a tennis/baseball court to a ground level car park, providing a total of 84 parking spaces (including existing spaces)	Pending	Queensway Queensway Quay
10871	CTS Gibraltar Ltd	Fitting out of existing unit as a shop front and offices.	Pending	48 Royal Ocean Plaza
10872	Gibtelecom Ltd	proposed demolition of Satellite dish	Pending	Mount Pleasant South Barracks Road
10873	J Guilliano	Conversion from 3 bedroom flat into 2 bedroom	Pending	504 Royal Sunseat Ocean Village
10874	D J Mosquera Ribes	Construction of extra bedroom of each house at existing roof level including installation of new spiral fire escape staircases at west flank	Pending	1-3 Clifton Mews Europa Road
10875	Virginia Beltran	Adding to pre-existing walls and covering with roof to landing area outside main door.	Pending	19C Europa Road Elliot's Battery
10878	Stan James Gibraltar Ltd	Proposed single storey extension to building	Pending	No 1 The Square Marina Bay

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ORAL

NO. 242 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PLANNING PERMISSION ABCO INTERNATIONAL LTD/SHARROCK SHAND DESIGN LTD

Can Government say whether planning permission has now been granted to:

- (a) ABCO International Ltd to build six luxury villas at Sir Herbert Miles Road;
- (b) Sharrock Shand to build an office and storage building at 91 Queensway,

and if so on what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

In respect of (a), a decision to approve the application has been taken by DPC but the Planning Permit has yet not been issued.

In respect of (b), no outline planning permission has been granted nor a decision taken by DPC in respect of reference BA 10678, 91 Queensway.

ORAL

NO. 243 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PLANNING PERMISSION OCEAN VILLAGE WATERSIDE VILLAS

Can Government say whether planning permission has been granted to Ocean Village Waterside Villas for the proposed construction of 72 waterside villas and apartments with associated berthing (application 10723) at Marina Bay, and if so on what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

No planning permission has been granted to BA 10723 for the construction of 72 waterside villas. This application is still under consideration.

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NO. 244 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PLANNING APPLICATION MID-TOWN DEVELOPMENT

Can Government say whether planning application 10674 by Commercial Developments Investments for a mid-town development consisting of offices, residential apartments, parking and a park remains pending and if so for what reason?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

A decision to approve the application has been taken by the DPC but the planning permit has not been issued.

NO. 245 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PLANNING APPLICATION SUNRISE MOTEL

Can Government say whether the application for planning permission to construct an extension to the Sunrise Motel in Devil's Tower 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

The application BA 10841 to construct an extension to Sunrise Motel is pending the completion of the public participation exercise period. No representations have been received to date. The DPC will consider the application once the applicant has provided details of the Notices and confirmed the expiry date.

NO. 246 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

PLOT OF LAND 7 EUROPA ROAD

What is the area in square metres of the plot of land at 7 Europa Road for which Gardens of Beauty paid £1.6 million for a 150 lease?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The plot of land at 7 Europa Road for which Gardens of Beauty paid £1.6 million is 5,300 square metres in area. This land was not purchased by Gardens of Beauty from the Government. It was purchased from the owners of the Casino. The £1.6 million payment to the Government was in respect of development rights and lease extension.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 246 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can Government say how much was left on the old lease before they extended it?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, the existing lease was for a 99 year term and that commenced on 1st November 1965 and, therefore, had still 57 years to run.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the 150 years on the new lease is that from now or dating back to the original lease, to 1965?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, I think that if there is an existing lease already in place it would be common practice for that to start the moment the transaction is concluded. If it was a new development there would be a building licence which would then be subject to the lease at the time of completing the development. But in this case, like in a lot of

others, it would be from the date of the transaction having been concluded in respect of the extension.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

My question is, if this lease is concluded in 2008, whether we start counting 150 years from 2008, or do we start in 1965 when the original lease was agreed?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I would have to confirm that but I think that it was an extension to bring it up to 150 years. That is correct, I am sure that is the case but I do not have the information here before me. That would be the normal practice to extend it from the 57 years that were left over from the existing lease and bring that up to 150 years, so there would be a balance only.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to the actual development itself, can the Minister give an indication of the number of storeys.....

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Off the top of my head I think it is about nine or ten storeys and roughly about 9,000 square metres of development.

NO. 247 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OCEAN VILLAGE ADDITIONAL LEASED AREA

What is the exact location of the additional leased area of land at Marina Bay for which Ocean Village Investments paid a premium of £1.4 million in March 2007 and what is the surface area in square metres of the land in question?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The additional leased area for which Ocean Village Investments paid a premium of £1.4 million in March 2007 was for an area of water surrounding the leased waters of Marina Bay. It includes a strip of water between Sheppards Marina and Marina Bay, a strip of water between Marina Bay and the Airport Runway, and extends further west by approximately 110 metres. The surface area of the seabed involved is approximately 38,000 square metres.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 247 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does that include having the right to reclaim land in any of that sea?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Well, obviously, subject to planning, yes that is correct.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Would they not have to pay anything more in relation to development rights or depending on the kind of projects or not?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I think they would and I think that this gives them the surface area. One must understand that originally Ocean Village owned what used to be Sheppards Marina. They then purchased Marina Bay next to it and what they wanted to do was have continuity of area. In respect of the building of, for example, the seaside, sea villas or

seafront villas, that was subject to another negotiation. So if they had to build anything, they would be subjected to additional premium. Let me say that as far as the views of the Planning Commission is concerned, the marinas are there to stay, the idea of reclaiming into that is not something that the Planning Commission would accept.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Regardless of what happens here the marina at Sheppards will reappear somewhere along that front and Marina Bay will also continue as a marina to service yachts, regardless of what happens in relation to these areas of land. Is that the case?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

That is correct.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In granting the additional lease for this area of the sea, have the Government applied any conditions in terms of its use? That is to say, it can only be used as a marina, it can only be used for any specific purpose.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I am not involved in the actual detail of this but I think that that would be the case, absolutely. There was not any change of use or anything agreed by that so the lease would be for the lease of the marina and nothing else.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

And in relation to the type of marina, that is to say, whether it is super yachts or whether it is smaller vessels, I suppose there is no restriction on that, any kind of vessel would be allowed to dock at these marinas?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, there is no distinction between the size of boats or whatever they apply. It really is a commercial decision for the operator.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The operator will be free to say, this marina will only be for super yachts, for example. Is that the position?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

It would be highly unlikely because of its location and the geography of the place. They may have facilities for maybe a few but the majority of it will be the normal type of size yachts.

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NO. 248 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

What is the current composition of the Development Aid Advisory Committee?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The Development Aid Advisory Committee is comprised of the following members:

Mr Dilip Dayaram Tirathdas – Financial Secretary

Mr Martin Figueras – Private Secretary to the Chief Minister

Mr Peter Canessa – Principal Private Secretary Ministry of Enterprise

Mr Ernest Francis is the Secretary of the Development Aid Advisory Committee.

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NO. 249 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Can Government list the dates of the meetings of the Development Aid Advisory Committee in 2007 and 2008 to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

During 2007 the Committee met on the following dates:

20th February 2007
5th September 2007

During 2008 to date the Committee met on 5th February 2008.

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NO. 250 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

DEVELOPMENT AID EXTENSIONS TO APPLICATIONS

Can Government confirm whether the four applications for extensions to Development Aid pending consideration by the Development Aid Committee in December 2007 were all made in time before the existing licences had expired?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question No. 251 of 2008.

NO. 251 OF 2008**THE HON DR J J GARCIA****DEVELOPMENT AID EXTENSIONS TO APPLICATIONS**

Can Government say which are the four entities that have applied for extensions to applications for Development Aid showing the date on which they applied for the extension, in respect of which project, and whether such extensions have been granted or rejected?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY**

The four applications for the extension of the Development Aid Licence pending consideration by the Development Aid Advisory Committee during December 2007 were all made prior to the expiry of licences. The four entities are as follows:-

Entity	Project	Application Date	Expiry Date	Extension granted until
Longhorn Properties Ltd	Office and commercial building to be constructed at ex-MOT Centre at 2 Europort Avenue North Mole Road	11/10/07	31/03/08	30/06/08
Environmental Waste Management Services Ltd	Construction and running of crematorium at Governor's Cottage	10/10/07	31/12/07	30/04/08
Slop Oil Reception Treatment Ltd	Upgrade of former MOD sullage plant, Western Arm, North Mole	05/12/07	31/12/07	31/12/09
Dolby Investments Ltd	Construction of 2 luxury town houses at 10/12 Rodger's Road	14/12/07	31/01/08	31/03/09

NO. 252 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – TOURIST TRADE ROAD SHOW, BRIGHTON

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of the tourist trade road show that took place in Brighton on Wednesday 20 February, how many persons made up the official Gibraltar delegation and what posts do they hold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The cost with a breakdown of the tourist trade road show that took place in Brighton on Wednesday 20th February is as follows:-

	£
Invitations	602.46
Dinner	5,688.90
Hotel Accommodation	568.75
Sound	1,392.38
Courier	120.50
Flights	186.10
Taxi and Train	94.50
Miscellaneous	27.58
Support Staff	500.00
	<u>9,181.17</u>

Six persons made up the official Gibraltar delegation as follows:

Mr Albert Poggio	Director, Gibraltar Government Office in London
Mr Nicky Guerrero	Chief Executive, Gibraltar Tourist Board
Mr Ian Leyde	Sales Manager, Gibraltar Tourist Board, London
Miss Claire Lerner	Marketing & Events Co-ordinator, Gibraltar Tourist Board, London
Miss Kelly Bensadon	Information Officer, Gibraltar Tourist Board, London
Miss Tracey Poggio	Redleaf Associates, UK

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 252 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

How many persons attended the dinner that cost £5,688? How many person attended that event?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I do not have the information here with me but I think it will be somewhere in the region of about 80 to 100 people, considering the usual invitations that are sent out, it would be this sort of turnout. At least eighty companies represented, it may have been a bit more.

NO. 253 OF 2008**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, how many persons made up the official Gibraltar delegation and what posts do they hold?

ANSWER**THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY**

The cost with a breakdown of Gibraltar's participation in the Seatrade Cruise Shipping Convention in Miami is as follows:

Gibraltar Delegation

Mr Albert Poggio	Director, Gibraltar Tourist Board, London
Mr Nicky Guerrero	Chief Executive, Gibraltar Tourist Board
Miss Claire Lerner	Marketing & Events Co-ordinator Gibraltar Tourist Board, London

Seatrade

	£
Registration	365.78
Courier	165.00
Subsistence	1,083.55
Stand	13,550.00
Flights	3,759.58
Hotel	3,150.33
GRAND TOTAL	<u>22,074.24</u>

NO. 254 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – LONDON BOAT SHOW

Can Government say how many persons made up the official Gibraltar delegation at the London Boat Show and what offices do they hold?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The following individuals manned the Gibraltar stand on alternate days.

Mr Ian Leyde – Sales Manager – Gibraltar Tourist Board London
Miss Claire Lerner – Marketing & Events Co-ordinator Gibraltar Tourist Board London
Miss Kelly Bensadon – Information Officer Gibraltar Tourist Board London

The following persons visited the stand on one day whilst in London for a meeting of the UKGTA:

The Hon J J Holliday
Mr Peter Canessa – Principal Private Secretary to the Minister
Mr Nicky Guerrero – Chief Executive Gibraltar Tourist Board

Mr Albert Poggio also visited the stand on the same day.

ORAL

NO. 255 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GTB – LONDON BOAT SHOW

What was the cost, with a breakdown, of Gibraltar's participation in the London Boat Show in January?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

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

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 255 OF 2008

LONDON BOAT SHOW

STAND		19,577.50
SPACE		5,068.95
STAFF OVERTIME		
Ms Lerner	150.00	
Ms Bensadon	150.00	
TOTAL		300.00
STAFF EXPENSES		
Ms McFayden & Mrs Bensadon	23.75	
Mr Leyde	72.47	
Ms Lerner	24.43	
		120.65
REFRESHMENTS/MEALS		121.40
TRANSPORT		270.50
GRAND TOTAL	£	25,459.00

NO. 256 OF 2008

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 purposes and when?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

It is impossible to compile the information requested in the time given to do so.

However, as on previous occasions I hand over a summary of the expenditure incurred.

SCHEDULE TO QUESTION 256

MARKETING, PROMOTIONS & ADVERTISING	Vote	Expenditure	Balance
	2007/2008	To date	Available
Literature	£92,600.00	£61,884.21	£30,715.79
Activity (Trade)	£26,300.00	£6,116.03	£20,183.97
Activity (Media)	£26,300.00	£25,655.51	£644.49
Advertising	£291,410.00	£352,280.92	-£60,870.92
Promotional Material	£15,000.00	£5,959.75	£9,040.25
Trade/Consumer Fairs	£221,190.00	£217,461.21	£3,728.79
Other	£15,000.00	£5,232.43	£9,767.57
Events	£98,600.00	£103,066.96	-£4,466.96
Recurrent Expenditure	£103,600.00	£98,454.01	£5,145.99
Contingencies	£10,000.00	£11,096.72	-£1,096.72
GRAND TOTAL	£900,000.00	£887,207.75	£12,792.25

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 256 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Looking at the figures which say expenditure to date £887,000, might there be anything else coming in which would make this go over budget?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, I am informed that that was the figure that was finally submitted to Treasury at the end of the financial year. Obviously, there could be some reconciliation to be done that may alter that figure slightly but that should not be the case.

NO. 257 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

RENT ARREARS – NEW HARBOURS/EUROPA BUSINESS CENTRE

Can Government say what was the total amount of rent arrears owed by tenants in:

- (a) New Harbours;
- (b) Europa Business Centre,

as at the end of February 2008, with a breakdown showing how much of the sum due is over one year old and over three years old?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The total amount of arrears owed as at the end of February 2008 by tenants is as follows:

- (a) New Harbours is £310,941.29 of which £36,284.01 is over one year old and £160,106.39 is over three years old.
- (b) Europa Business Centre is £64,864.75 of which £18,066.09 is over one year old and £30,203.03 is over three years old.

NO. 258 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORTS – COMPUTER HARDWARE

What was the value and number of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since September 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The value of computer hardware imported into Gibraltar on a monthly basis since September 2007 was as follows:

	Value of Computers (£ thousands)
September 2007	626
October 2007	895
November 2007	623
December 2007	168
January 2007	982

The Customs Department does not record import data on the number of computer components imported into Gibraltar.

NO. 259 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

GBC TRANSMISSION PROBLEMS

What resources are being made available to the GBC to enable it to deal with the transmission problems it has recently suffered?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

In the Improvement & Development Fund ending March 2008 £122,500 were spent in the purchase of new transmission links and associated equipment.

The allocation of I&D funding for the 2008/2009 year should allow for the replacement of antennae and ancillary equipment. The amount requested by GBC's I&D estimates submission for this work is £124,000.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 259 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

Is the Minister aware whether this is, in fact, intended to deal conclusively with the problems that have recently affected GBC and which were referred to recently by their Chief Engineer in the local press as requiring provision to be made for transmission difficulties to be dealt with?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

My understanding is that once the relevant replacement of antennae and ancillary equipment is actually done, hopefully during this financial year, that will address the issue. What has been spent so far during the last financial year only partly addressed the issues and may not solve the problem in its totality. However, the second stage, which hopefully will be done this financial year, will address them.

NO. 260 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NEW FLAME

Can Government say when it is envisaged that the operations for the removal of the wreck of the New Flame will be completed?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The completion date of the removal of the wreck of the New Flame is not known as these operations are complex and can be easily affected by a number of determining factors, not least weather conditions.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 260 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is there an estimate around which the firm or the Government are working on?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

There is an estimate of how long each phase of the operation should take, assuming that there are no interruptions and lost days. In other words, there is not so much an estimated completion date as so many days should be taken to do this, assuming no interruptions and no contre temps.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the Minister able to give the House an idea of what that estimate is? I suppose if one adds up each phase we get the total completion.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the Government will be making public statements in Gibraltar at appropriate times but is not in a position to give that information now. We have had that information in the past in respect of the position as it was before, but we are waiting for confirmation of it. I do not mind telling him privately when we have the information but at the moment it is not a statement that I would like to give either publicly or in

this House. For example, there is this barge Bigfoot that has arrived after some delay, itself suffered a mishap en route, so there is now a little bit more delay and the fitting out of the barge is delayed. So we need to make sure that the durations for the cutting up of the bits of the hull and also for the extraction of the cargo that we had been given about three or four weeks ago, remain good. We are just waiting for confirmation of that. I will share with him the information that we had so long as he understands subject to the qualification, that it is subject to confirmation in the new environment. It was going to take 30 days for the removal of the cargo and 60 days for the removal of the hull. That is working days, that is implicit in the structure of the first answer I gave him. Those are uninterrupted working days.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The recent reports relating to the delay or some kind of delay caused at the border by the frontier authorities to scrap from the hull, some parts of the ship which were crossing the border overland, is that expected to cause any delay to these estimates?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It is not delaying, it would not delay the salvage operation. This is not a matter that affects the Government, it is a commercial arrangement between the owners of the scrap, which is probably not even the salvor it is probably the insurance company. It is entirely a commercial arrangement and so long as they comply with the laws, both of Gibraltar and in Spain for cross-frontier trans-shipment of that sort of material, there is no problem. The Government have not been involved in any of the issues that are reportedly highlighted in the press. Frankly, nor do I see why anyone should have a problem in Spain with this. It is just another manifestation of the sort of irrational shark-feeding frenzy with which this issue is dealt with by certain sectors of Spanish society. Mainly, it has to be said, ill-informed so-called environmental lobby groups.

NO. 261 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NEW FLAME

Can Government provide the cost to the taxpayer, if any, with a breakdown, of the operations in relation to the removal of the wreck of the New Flame?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

The Government of Gibraltar do not expect to have any costs as a result of the removal of the New Flame as certain expenditure incurred to date, such as legal advice and specialist consultants' fees, will be paid by the P & I Club.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 261 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Have they made any disbursements to date which should be returned by the P & I Club?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes, the initial expenditure submissions that we put the claim against have been settled by them.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Would the Minister be able to give the House that amount?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I can give an amount of what has been reimbursed, £16,723.

NO. 262 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

NEW FLAME

Has the Government received any official notification or service of legal action/s or proceedings being commenced against the Government or any of its officers in respect of the environmental impact of operations relating to the vessel New Flame?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

No, Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 262 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

Have the Government made any independent, or have the Government attempted independently to ascertain for themselves whether there are any such proceedings as have been reflected in the press against the Government or any of its officers, in respect of the matters referred to in my question?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

No, Sir.

NO. 263 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

GBC REVIEW

What action has the Government taken to ensure that its announced review of the GBC has progressed as much as possible?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

As the Minister with responsibility for broadcasting I have held meetings with managers and staff representatives of GBC for initial discussions.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 263 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

Did the Minister say "initial discussions"?

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

Yes I did.

HON F R PICARDO:

Given that the review of GBC has now been pending for some considerable time, in excess of nine months I think, when does the Minister expect that matters will proceed beyond the initial discussion stage? Although I see he is being instructed on what to answer.

HON J J HOLLIDAY:

I think that the Government will proceed as soon as they are ready to do so. However, the Chief Minister has already made known publicly that the review will take place during the course of this year.

HON F R PICARDO:

I appreciate that, but given that we are already still being told that we are at the stage of initial discussions, do the Government not attach to this matter some considerable importance given that this is a public broadcaster wholly funded by this House, and that people are dependant on that broadcaster for its independent news service et cetera? Are the Government not keen to ensure that this is resolved as soon as possible, and if necessary as early as possible during the course of this year?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member incorrectly suggests that the things that he has just listed, the important things that he has just listed, such as the fact that people depend on GBC for its news, by the way, other elements of the media may take a different view, that some of that is prejudiced by however long it takes to do the review. GBC has been doing all the things that the hon Member has just described for the last several decades without such a review and the hon Member should not, therefore, link the delay in what is a Government policy review, which they did not have in their manifesto, so it would not have happened at all had they been elected. Now suddenly, if we do not tell them exactly how it is going to be done in a time frame it somehow calls into question the ability of GBC to carry on. The review of GBC is taking place because the Government want to review GBC, not because there is any need to review GBC so that it can carry on broadcasting. We want all stakeholders and the Government, and indeed a public debate, to consider whether there is a case for GBC operating differently in the future to the way that it has operated in the past. I have already indicated publicly that that review will be as deep as it is wide, its technology, its statutory framework, whether it should operate in the context of a broadcasting regulatory framework, it includes staff structures, managerial structures, programming, what sort of programming are people interested in, taxpayers' money being used to build them up, that is the nature of the debate. Whilst it takes place, which we have already said it will be this year, nothing is happening which is prejudicing GBC from doing the things that it does and the way it wants to do them, indeed as it has always done.

HON F R PICARDO:

Can I take it from the Chief Minister's answer and perhaps he can also tell me where else I can get broadcast news in Gibraltar in respect of Gibraltar matters, that he thinks therefore that GBC operating without a General Manager is not an issue of concern to him or to anybody else?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

GBC is not operating without a General Manager.

HON F R PICARDO:

With respect to the Chief Minister, as we all know, GBC is operating with a troika of acting General Managers because the appointment of a General Manager has been delayed until the review is over. Is the Government not concerned that there is no

General Manager at GBC, apart from this troika of acting General Managers? Even in a period as important as during a General Election.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Self-evidently the Government are not concerned.

HON F R PICARDO:

Should the Government not be attaching concern to this matter, given that GBC is the only source of broadcast news available in Gibraltar and the only community broadcaster available in Gibraltar, and, I am sure we all agree, that organisations best run when they have a General Manager?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

If the Government felt that it should be concerned it would be concerned, but it is not because it does not.

ORAL

NO. 264 OF 2008

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 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Answered together with Question No. 265 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 265 OF 2008

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 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE MINISTER FOR ENTERPRISE, DEVELOPMENT & TECHNOLOGY

I now hand the hon Member the statistical information requested.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 265

Answer to Question 264

The number and value of goods vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since September 2007 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 2007	0	0	17	232
October 2007	1	1	33	407
November 2007	1	4	9	72
December 2007	0	0	1	6
January 2008	1	0	37	494

The statistics for February and March 2008 are still in the process of being prepared.

Answer to Question 265

The number and value of private motor vehicles imported by individuals and licensed dealers on a monthly basis since September 2007 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 (£ thousands)</u>
September 2007	20	93	554	7.2
October 2007	14	25	784	9.7
November 2007	24	79	550	7.0
December 2007	14	29	361	4.6
January 2008	16	28	687	9.2

The statistics for February and March 2008 are still in the process of being prepared.

NO. 266 OF 2008

NOT ALLOCATED

NO. 267 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

THEATRE ROYAL

Can Government state at what stage they are in relation to the consultation process to ascertain the viability of rebuilding the Theatre Royal?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government is not currently actively involved in any consultation process to ascertain the viability of rebuilding the Theatre Royal, except of course, that from time to time people express their views to the Government on the subject.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 267 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

Is it not correct that the Government recently announced that this was a project that they were actively considering?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the hon Member may be recollecting an exchange that we had in this House, not necessarily involving him but one of his colleagues, in answer to a question on the same subject almost in the same terms, in which we had a discussion about the nature of the consultation process that was taking place, that would take place and that would not take place. So we had quite recently a pretty full exchange in this House. There will be some sort of consultation process. He may recall that we debated whether it would be formal, in the sense that it would be written or not written. Government have not yet made those decisions but at some point, when the Government want to proceed with the Theatre Royal project, either in that site or another, the Government will somehow provoke the debate so that we make sure that we have the latest public sentiments on the matter. Whether that takes the form of a formal consultation paper or whether it takes the form of informal soundings with stakeholders by the Minister or others, that remains to be decided. The Government will proceed with the Theatre Royal project, either on the site of the Theatre Royal or elsewhere. What remains to be finally decided is whether the Government stick to their hitherto preference of the original site, or whether they decide to abandon the

site, use that site for something else and build the theatre. That issue is still undecided.

HON G H LICUDI:

With regard to the decision by the Government to proceed with this project, can the Government say whether it is their intention or whether they have decided that that project will proceed during the next financial year?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, no such decision has been made.

ORAL

NO. 268 OF 2008

THE HON N F COSTA

(On behalf of the Hon S E Linares)

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT REVIEW

Can Government state whether the review of the Customs Department is at the stage of implementation and at what stage the negotiations with the Union are currently?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The review is not yet complete and is thus on-going. The Government do not consider it appropriate to comment on on-going negotiations.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 268 OF 2008

HON N F COSTA:

Can the Government give an indication of when the review will be complete?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No Sir but both sides want it completed as soon as a mutually agreeable arrangement can be come to. Again, as I think I have indicated in the past, this is a deep and wide review, it is sort of starting with a blank sheet of paper where all sides can put all issues that they would like to see accommodated in a review. So it is not a review designed to address a particular grievance, it is a general once in every forty years xxxxxx gazing look at an area of life in Gibraltar to see whether it can be modernised and improved, for the benefit of the taxpayer and, indeed, the employees alike.

HON G H LICUDI:

Can Government say whether that review includes consideration of the location of Customs Headquarters which is currently at Waterport?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No it does not because the decisions about the physical accommodation of Customs have already been taken in the context of the new airport and all of that, where part of the works involve the re-provisioning at or near the new air terminal building of a new commercial land frontier Customs commercial gate facility, and the remainder of it will remain on site where it is now, perhaps extending a little bit into the adjoining ex-WSM depot to enable them to expand some of the activities that they currently have scattered around Gibraltar. But the actual geographical location will remain there, albeit that it might grow a little bit on the site.

HON G H LICUDI:

So are we to take it from that that we are not going to have a centralised headquarters for Customs, which is based exclusively within the air terminal or just adjoining the new air terminal?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The reverse would have been more likely. In other words, at one point there was some consideration given to whether all of Customs could not be located on one site in the Waterport area. That turned out to be apparently unworkable without complicated technology because it was important that the commercial gate and entry processing unit for overland commercial traffic should be located near the frontier to prevent people having to come and go with bits of paper and things of that sort. So, the answer is no.

ORAL

NO. 269 OF 2008

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% 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. 270 and 271 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 270 OF 2008

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% 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. 269 and 271 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 271 OF 2008

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% 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

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

Answer to Question 271

Development	Purchaser ownership share											Total	
	50%	55%	60%	65%	70%	75%	78%	80%	82%	85%	88%		100%
Bayview Terraces	5	0	6	1	28	4	0	5	0	0	0	25	74
Cumberland Terraces	42	0	21	0	22	3		5	1	1	1	21	117
Nelson's View	16	2	11	1	21	4	1	4	0	1	0	50	111
Total	63	2	38	2	71	11	1	14	1	2	1	96	302

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 269 TO 271 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

Can the Chief Minister tell me if the statistics take into account situations where a purchaser, say from Nelson's View, who has now been allowed to purchase Waterport Terraces, do the statistics take this into account? I know of some situations where this has happened.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I would hope that the statistics, assuming that they are accurate as provided, I have no reason to doubt that they are not, are the position as they are today. So if a buyer has terminated his arrangements in one estate and becomes a buyer to some percentage or other of co-ownership or full ownership in another estate, he will disappear from the original estate and become part of the statistics of the second estate. What I cannot tell him is whether there have been any, he appears to think that there are, and if there have been whether it has been on the same basis or not. In other words, whether the co-ownership proportions have varied as part of the transfer.

HON C A BRUZON:

A specific case is known to me and this constituent is concerned about the £1,000 deposit paid to OEM and when the okay was given to this purchaser to purchase Waterport Terraces, they were asked to pay £500 deposit. Can the Chief Minister, as being ultimately responsible for all these various affordable schemes, guarantee that the £1,000 deposit will be in fact returned to the purchaser?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I regret that I am not in a position to give the hon Member any such guarantee. If somebody puts down a non-refundable reservation fee from one purchaser and then chooses to abandon that and instead pursue a different purchase from a different purchaser, that is what non-refundable deposits or reservation fees are for. What I can tell generally buyers of ex-OEM developments is, of course, that they will get full credit from GRP for any monies that they have paid to OEM. But where there has been a transfer, no one has suggested to me from within the Government that the Government should contemplate some sort of refund of the reservation fee. I am not aware of the case although others in my office might be. I personally am not aware and a political steer has not been sought about whether to refund but, in principle, reservation fees are described as being non-refundable. So it does not surprise me, if the hon Member is saying that he is aware of a case in which it has not been refunded, it does not really surprise me to learn that.

HON N F COSTA:

Can the Chief Minister say, with reference to purchasers of Nelson's View, Cumberland Terraces and Bayview Terraces, whether these purchasers have

entered or will be entering into bridging loan arrangements, as is the case with Waterport Terraces owners?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the financing arrangements by each purchaser in respect of that part of the purchase price that they have to provide is a matter for the decision and individual circumstances of each purchaser. Some may pay it from a mortgage, others may pay it from their own financial resources. Obviously, the Government are aware that many, I cannot tell him how many, are relying on mortgages and those that are relying on mortgages need to get bridging finance for the instalments, unless they can afford the instalments in the pre-completion instalments from their own savings or financial resources. Again, that depends on the personal financial circumstances of each individual. The hon Member may be aware that the Government facilitates, or where the Government company is the developer, that company facilitates those bridging arrangements by sending letters of comfort to the bank. Of course, as far as the bank is concerned they are usually unsecured for those bridging arrangements, because their borrower, our purchaser, does not yet have any real estate interest to provide to the bank as security. So there is an arrangement whereby GRP gives a letter of comfort.

HON C A BRUZON:

Can the Chief Minister confirm whether or not the developer has been approached in an attempt to purchase an affordable house but contributing under 50 per cent?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I cannot say for sure whether we have or we have not. It would not surprise me if we had, but if we had I think the answer would almost certainly have been no. The basis of the current scheme is that it is a minimum xxxxxx. The view that we take, I suppose, is that if somebody cannot afford at least 50 per cent of the property, and 50 per cent of a property sold at much less than real market value, which is the second benefit. This is not 50 per cent of a property at market value. This is 50 per cent of a property sold at prices way below market value. If a person cannot afford at least 50 per cent then the view is that they are not really in a socio-economic category such that they are really home owners, because if they cannot afford that, will they then be able to afford the service charges et cetera. So those are more likely to be candidates for Government rental accommodation.

HON C A BRUZON:

Does the Chief Minister not remember that a few years ago when we were discussing the meaning of affordability he did say that they would consider whatever proportion a particular purchaser could afford, even if it was less than 50 per cent?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I do not remember but if he assures me that I expressed views of that sort then no doubt I must have. But it has not found its way into the scheme.

ORAL

NO. 272 OF 2008

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. 273 to 276 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 273 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – ALBERT RISSO HOUSE

Can Government state what is the current estimated date for completion of "Albert Risso" House for Senior Citizens?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 272 and 274 to 276 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 274 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – BAYVIEW TERRACES

With reference to Bayview Terraces, can Government state what is the current estimated date of completion?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 272, 273, 275 and 276 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 275 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – CUMBERLAND TERRACES

With reference to Cumberland Terraces, can Government state what is the current estimated date of completion?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 272 to 274 and 276 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 276 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – NELSON'S VIEW

With reference to Nelson's View, can Government state what the current estimated date of completion is?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

According to the latest information provided to us by the contractor, and indeed confirmed and committed at the highest level in the contractor company, the following are the currently estimated completion dates for Waterport Terraces:

Phase I in May of this year. Phase II in July of this year and Phase III in October of this year.

Albert Risso House, which is part of Waterport Terraces, part of the Government's housing rental stock, is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year.

According to the contractor of the three ex-OEM sites, these three developments are, subject to any adverse Court ruling in a pending matter, scheduled for completion also by the end of this year.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 272 TO 276 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

I have got in front of me the Waterport Terraces newsletter where the information that the Chief Minister has just given me is contained. The blocks that are referred to there in the three phases do not mention Albert Risso House. Is Albert Risso House not one of those blocks, obviously it has its own specific name, all the other blocks are named, what number is Albert Risso House?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Albert Risso House is not the subject matter of the Waterport Terraces newsletter because the Waterport Terraces newsletter is for purchasers of affordable purchase homes. Albert Risso House is a Government rental development, and therefore, it is not included or referred to in newsletters which are for purchasers. No, it has not been given for reference purposes a number in the same series.

NO. 277 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – NEW SITE FOR RENTAL FLATS

With reference to the outstanding balance of 210 rental flats that are not now scheduled to be constructed opposite HMS Rooke, has Government identified other sites, and if so, where?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No site has yet been identified.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 277 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

Can the Chief Minister say whether any action has been taken by the relevant Department in an attempt to identify a relevant site?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The issue is not so much identifying a relevant site as designating a relevant site. Obviously the Government know where are the available sites in Gibraltar, it is a question of making a policy decision to say that site is allocated to that project. So it is not so much identifying, sort of people driving around or staring at a map to see where could we do this. The available development sites are known and it is just a question of making a policy decision to say there or there. But the answer is that that policy decision has not been taken.

ORAL

NO. 278 OF 2008

THE HON C A BRUZON

HOUSING – SALE OF 50 PER CENT SHARE OF CO-OWNERSHIP HOMES

Can Government state if there has been any sale of the Government 50% share of co-ownership homes as from November 2007, providing a breakdown by month and estate?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

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

Answer to Question 278

	SWJG	Montagu Gardens	Westview Park	Harbour Views	Montagu Crescent	TOTALS
Nov 07						
Dec 07						
Jan 08		£9,044.60		£36,452.86	£8,150.00	£53,647.46
Feb 08						
Mar 08						
Totals	-	£9,044.60	-	£36,452.86	£8,150.00	£53,647.46

HON C A BRUZON:

Could the Chief Minister clarify this doubt in my mind? When I asked him about the block number of Albert Risso House, because I wanted to establish without a shadow of a doubt that Albert Risso House comes under Phase 3 of Waterport Terraces. Now, in the written answer for Phase 3 of Waterport Terraces, I was told that completion would be October. In the verbal answer to my question concerning a supplementary about Albert Risso House, the answer was the end of the year. So, does that supplementary answer regarding Albert Risso House, the end of the year, also refer to the whole of Phase 3?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I have given him specific answers about the various phases of the affordable houses for sale. I have told him that information did not relate to Albert Risso House because that was not part of that scheme. So the information I gave him earlier this morning about the completion dates for the phases is what applies for the sales. The end of the year is what applies only to Albert Risso House.

NO. 279 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT – G1

What assessment did the Government carry out of the environmental impact of choosing the vehicle now registered as G1?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

None.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 279 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

Why none?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, obviously because the Government did not consider it appropriate to do so and is under no obligation to.

HON F R PICARDO:

Given provision No. 8 of the Environmental Charter, which is the guiding principle which the Government have adopted and which provides that the Government are committed to encouraging activities and technologies that benefit the living environment, why did the Government think it was not appropriate to choose a vehicle that was more environmentally-friendly than the one that has been chosen, or at least to carry out an environmental assessment of that vehicle's emissions?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

We could have chosen vehicles that were much less environmentally-friendly than this one.

HON F R PICARDO:

Yes, indeed, or he could have chosen much more environmentally-friendly vehicles than this one, even luxury vehicles which are much more environmentally-friendly. The vehicle which has been chosen emits 264 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometre. There are luxury vehicles of a similar class that emit 219 grams of carbon dioxide per kilometre. Why was not one of those that emitted less carbon dioxide chosen or even considered to be chosen?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I was particularly fond of this car.

HON F R PICARDO:

Good, it is that frivolous, so be it.

NO. 280 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

COMPANIES ACT – WHITE WASH PROVISIONS

Given the importance in respect of the provision of financial services from Gibraltar using Gibraltar companies 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

No, Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 280 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

Do the Government ever expect to reach a conclusion in respect of this matter, given that I have been asking the same question for three or four years now and I seem to get the same answer every time?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

As I keep on telling the hon Member, the fact that he asks questions is not what motivates the Government to do things or not do things or how long it takes to do it. Obviously, notwithstanding the premise of his question, the Government do not consider that making a decision on white wash provisions in the Companies Act is as important to the Finance Centre as he, for reasons that he has not disclosed, considers them to be. A proposal has been put, the Government get many legislative proposals in relation to financial services and other matters and this is not one to which the Government are giving priority.

ORAL

NO. 281 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

What is the total amount paid by the Government as advertising to the publication "7 Days," giving a breakdown by month, since that publication was first published?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The total amount was £62,885.50 and the breakdown is provided in the schedule I now hand to the hon Member.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 281 of 2008

Month	Months Paid	Total
August-06	Official Notices July 06	£2,096.00
September-06	Official Notices Aug-06	£3,993.00
October-06	Official Notices September-06	£7,414.00
November-06	Official Notices October-06	£4,318.00
December-06	Official Notices November-06	£3,616.00
January-07	Official Notices December-06	£3,118.00
February-07	Official Notices January-07	£2,548.00
March-07	Official Notices February-07	£1,860.00
April-07	No Payments Made	£0.00
May-07	Official Notices March-07 & April-07	£4,809.60
June-07	Official Notices May-07	£2,972.20
July-07	Official Notices June-07	£3,076.50
August-07	Official Notices July-07	£1,990.00
September-07	Official Notices August-07	£4,915.20
October-07	Official Notices September-07	£4,244.00
November-07	Official Notices October-07	£1,512.00
December-07	Official Notices November-07	£3,358.00
January-08	Official Notices December-07	£1,690.00
February-08	Official Notices January-07	£1,481.00
March-08	Official Notices February-07	£3,874.00
Grand Total:		£62,885.50

NO. 282 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Has a date for the delivery of the judgement 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?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 282 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

Do the Government have an indication of when a judgement may be delivered?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is the same sort of question by a different word. The answer remains, no Sir.

HON F R PICARDO:

No, it is not the same question with respect. The question that I asked and that is on the Order Paper says, has a date now been fixed, which asks for a particular date. I have asked now whether the Government have an indication of when it may be that the judgement may be delivered. An estimate, not the same question. Have the Government had such an indication.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I have answered it.

HON F R PICARDO:

Professionals in the industry will be delighted to have that sort of clarity from the Chief Minister.

NO. 283 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

THIRD MONEY LAUNDERING DIRECTIVE

Has the Government progressed the reconsideration of its implementation of the Third Money Laundering Directive in the Criminal Justice (Amendment) Act 2007 to allow for reliance on the due diligence carried out by Company Managers?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes Sir.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 283 OF 2008

HON F R PICARDO:

What is the outcome of that progress?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Progress does not deliver outcomes, conclusions deliver outcomes. The progress is that I have had the matter looked into, as I told him at the last meeting of the House that I would, a paper has been produced for me and I have not yet had the opportunity to consider it.

ORAL

NO. 284 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OEM – PREMIA PAID FOR VARIOUS SITES

Can Government say what premium was paid by OEM or it's associated companies in respect of each of the following sites, showing the date of payment and the surface area of each site in square metres:

- (a) Rosia Tanks;
- (b) Cumberland Terraces;
- (c) Bayview;
- (d) North Gorge;
- (e) Buena Vista;
- (f) Aerial Farm (for cement factory)?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 285 to 287 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 285 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OEM – RECOVERY OF PREMIA

Has Government agreed with OEM what proportion of the premium paid, if any, they will receive back in respect of each of the following sites which were repossessed:

- (a) Rosia Tanks;
- (b) Cumberland Terraces;
- (c) Bayview;
- (d) North Gorge;
- (e) Buena Vista?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 284 and 286 to 287 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 286 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OEM – BUENA VISTA AND NORTH GORGE

Can Government say whether the plots of land at Buena Vista and North Gorge, which were previously allocated to OEM, will be put out to Tender again?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 284, 285 and 287 of 2008.

NO. 287 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

OEM – AERIAL FARM

Can Government say whether the plot of land at the aerial farm in Devil's Tower Road which was allocated to a company linked to OEM for the purposes of a cement factory has also been repossessed and if so on what date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The tender related to North Gorge and Buena Vista. OEM bid £15 million, £1.5 million (being 10 per cent deposit) was paid in October 2005 and a further £3 million was paid in January 2006.

The site areas are as follows:

Rosia Tanks	3,350 m ²
Cumberland Terraces	3,680 m ²
Bayview Terraces	1,390 m ²
North Gorge	9,900 m ²
Buena Vista	14,000 m ²

The OEM bid included the commitment to build 200 affordable homes on the Cumberland Terraces site. During the negotiation Government obtained OEM's commitment to build a further 200 homes on the Rosia Tanks site. At the planning stage it was felt that the sites were not large enough to acceptably accommodate 400 apartments and so some were transferred to the Bayview Terraces site, which as the hon Member knows is just across the street. The negotiated commercial agreement then attributed £3 million out of the £15 million total premium to these three sites, on the basis of £1 million for each.

No site was sold to OEM at the Aerial Farm and thus no premium paid. That arrangement, now also revoked, which is one of the things he asks for in one of the questions, was for a licence to operate a cement plant on a site at the Aerial Farm for a few years. That arrangement, in turn, had been in consideration of OEM's agreement to reduce the selling prices of the flats at the three affordable home sites by a total of £3 million to make them more affordable.

There has not yet been any agreement between the Government and OEM as to what proportion if any, of the premium, and what proportion of the sums spent by them in construction (the benefit of which has now been inherited by the Government) will be reimbursed to it. That process is on-going.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 284 TO 287 OF 2008

HON C A BRUZON:

Can the Government confirm the number of flats still available for sale, concerning those three developments in the South District?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

When I last heard I think there was between 105 and 110. There has been a tender process, an advertisement process for those. The Government are waiting before allocating them for the outcome of this Rights to Light challenge which is pending judgement. The Supreme Court of Gibraltar is due to give judgement on that matter.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can the Chief Minister say, the 105 that remain available are in respect of all three? Can he say how they break up between the three sites?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I have not got that information but the lion's share is Nelson's View, yes Rosia Tanks.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I am not sure I may have missed parts of the Chief Minister's answer. The site area of the Aerial Farm does he remember giving me that information?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I did not give that because it was not, contrary to the premise of the question, a site that had been sold or made available. From memory it was a few thousand square metres, two, three, four, something like that.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

The other one which I did not catch was the date of revocation of the Aerial Farm site.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I have not got that but they were all revoked together on the dates in which the Government went public on it. It was all one act, one legal act.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In Question No. 286 of 2008, whether the sites at Buena Vista and North Gorge will be put out to tender again?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I would prefer not to answer the hon Member's question because of the on-going nature of the discussion. The answer will almost certainly give a hint about the Government's willingness to settle or not settle with OEM. Let me put it this way, those sites would either form part of a settlement discussion with OEM or if not they would be put out to tender again. It is one or other of those two. The hon Member can rest assured, particularly given the circumstances in which these licences were revoked. If the Government do come to an agreement with OEM then full public particulars will be provided. This is not a deal that can be done because people would need an explanation as to the circumstances and the reasons why Government were doing a deal if we do it. At the moment there are discussions on-going but at the moment the chances are more likely that they will not be than that there will be. But if there is a deal certainly there will be full particulars provided.

NO. 288 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ROSIA TANKS – LEGAL ADVICE

What was the nature of the advice regarding the Rosia Tanks that the Government paid Triay Stagnetto Neish £2296.80 for on 25 July in the financial year 2006/2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government does not consider it appropriate to divulge the advice it has obtained in the context of litigation or disputes.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 288 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Would it be possible to say what it was in relation to, without going into the detail of the advice itself?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, I believe it related to right to light issues.

ORAL

NO. 289 OF 2008

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 1,796 persons were employed by 19 companies as at 31 March 2008. The breakdown requested by the hon Member is set out in the schedule which I now hand to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 289

REMOTE GAMBLING COMPANIES - EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS AS AT 31 MARCH 2008

	Gibraltarian	Other British	Spanish	Other	Total
Ladbrokes (Gibraltar) Limited	19	71	4	9	103
Victor Chandler (International) Limited	59	161	17	34	271
Stan James (Gibraltar) Limited	14	154	13	56	237
bwin International Limited	15	38	16	89	158
Eurobet (Gibraltar) Limited	11	14	1	3	29
Carmen Media Group Limited	8	4	2	7	21
32 Red Plc	22	15	0	5	42
St Minver Limited	26	26	15	45	112
Digibet Limited	0	1	0	9	10
888 Holdings Plc	49	123	18	85	275
Globet.com Group Limited	0	9	0	7	16
International Betting Association Limited	0	0	0	6	6
PartyGaming Plc	72	143	16	104	335
Mansion (Gibraltar) Limited	10	101	4	26	141
Futuresbetting.com Limited	1	8	0	0	9
Partouche Interactive (Gibraltar) Limited	0	1	1	3	5
William Hill (Gibraltar) Limited	0	9	0	1	10
Hillside (Gibraltar) Limited	1	7	0	1	9
Petfre (Gibraltar) Limited	1	5	0	1	7
Overall Total	308	890	107	491	1796

Source : Ministry of Finance, Gambling Division

ORAL

NO. 290 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

INFRACTION PROCEEDINGS – EU DIRECTIVE 2003/108

What was the content of the post-judgement Article 228 Reasoned Opinion that was issued regarding the infraction proceedings against the United Kingdom for the non-implementation in Gibraltar of EU Directive 2003/108 on waste electrical and electronic equipment?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 291 to 293 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 291 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NON-IMPLEMENTATION – EU DIRECTIVE 2004/38

Can Government say, in general terms, what is the defence entered by the United Kingdom over the non-implementation in Gibraltar of Directive 2004/38 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family to move and reside freely in the EU?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 290, 292 and 293 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 292 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

ECJ CASES

Can Government say whether the two cases before the European Court of Justice for the non-implementation in Gibraltar of two EU Directives have been heard and if so with what result?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 290, 291 and 293 of 2008.

NO. 293 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

INFRACTION PROCEEDINGS

Can Government say, of the 2 EU Directives that were under infraction proceedings before the European Court of Justice for non-implementation in Gibraltar, as on 30 November 2007, whether there is a policy reason as to why they have not been transposed in each case and if so what is it?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

According to Government records there were two cases before the ECJ for non-implementation in Gibraltar of EU Directives as at 30th November 2007.

These related to:

- (1) Directive 2004/38 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family to move and reside freely within the EU; and
- (2) Directive 2003/108 on waste electrical and electronic equipment.

In respect of (1) above, that is to say Directive 2004/38, the case has not yet been heard and no defence has yet been entered by the UK in the court proceedings.

There are no policy reasons for the non-transposition of the Directive in Gibraltar. Draft legislation is almost complete and transposition will take place in the usual way.

In respect of the second known as the WEE Directive, waste electrical and electronic equipment hence the acronym WEE, in respect of that the Directive's non-transposition was passed to the ECJ under Article 226 in March 2007. The Court found in favour of the Commission, that is to say in the initial stages, and the infraction was progressed to Article 228 in October 2007.

The content of the post-judgment Article 228 Reasoned Opinion that was issued regarding the non-implementation in Gibraltar was as follows:

The Article 228 Reasoned Opinion was issued by the Commission on 23rd October 2007. It drew attention to the judgment of the European Court of Justice dated 1st March 2007 (Case C-139/06). It stated that no notification had been received about the measures taken to comply with the judgment, the Commission took the view that HMG had failed to fulfil its obligations under Article 228(1) of the Treaty establishing the Community. The Commission invited HMG to submit its observations on the foregoing (in accordance with Article 228(2)), within two months of receipt of its letter.

The Commission was informed on 21st December 2007 that Gibraltar had transposed Directive 2003/108 on waste electrical and electronic equipment by Legal Notice No. 125 of 2007, which was published in the Gibraltar Gazette on 29th November 2007.

ORAL

NO. 294 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

INFRACTION PROCEEDINGS

Can Government say, of the 5 EU Directives that were under infraction proceedings at the Reasoned Opinion stage for non-implementation in Gibraltar, as on 30 November 2007, whether there is a policy reason as to why they have not been transposed in each case and if so what is it?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 295 and 296 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 295 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

INFRACTION PROCEEDINGS

Can Government say, of the 23 EU Directives that were under infraction proceedings at the Article 226 letter stage for non-implementation in Gibraltar, as on 30 November 2007, whether there is any policy reason as to why they have not been transposed in each case and if so what is it?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 294 and 296 of 2008.

NO. 296 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

INFRACTION PROCEEDINGS

Can Government say whether the European Commission has opened any new infraction proceedings against the United Kingdom for the non-implementation of EU Directives in Gibraltar and if so when, what Directives does it relate to, and at what stage are the proceedings?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

None of the infraction cases as at 30th November 2007 raise any policy issues, except two where we are questioning their applicability to Gibraltar.

In answer to Question No. 296 of 2008, I now hand the hon Member a schedule setting out the information requested.

Answer to Question 296

New infractions issued by the Commission since the last Parliament Q&A session

Date of infraction	Directive No.	Directive name	Status
23 Oct 2007 (communicated late to GoG).	2003/35	Providing for public participation in respect of the drawing up of certain plans and programmes relating to the environment and amending with regard to public participation and access to justice Directive 85/337/EEC and 96/61/EC	Transposed.
31 Jan 2008	2003/20/EC	Relating to the compulsory use of safety belts in vehicles of less than 3.5 tonnes.	Transposed
28 Jan 2008	2005/60/EC	On the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purpose of money laundering and terrorist financing.	Transposed.
28 Jan 2008	2006/70/EC	Laying down implementing measures for Directive 2005/60/EC (see above) as regards the definition of a 'politically exposed person'.	Transposed.
28 Nov 2007	2005/65/EC	Enhancing port security.	Reasoned Opinion
28 Nov 2007	2005/35/EC	On ship source pollution and on the introduction of penalties for infringements.	Reasoned Opinion
31 Jan 2008	2004/35/EC	An environmental liability with regard to the prevention and remedying of environmental damage	Reasoned Opinion
31 Jan 2008	2005/29/EC	Concerning unfair business-to-consumer commercial practices in the internal market.	Reasoned Opinion
27 Nov 2007	2005/36/EC	Recognition of professional qualifications nurse, dental practitioner, veterinary surgeon, midwife, architect, pharmacist and doctor	Article 226 Letter
27 Nov 2007	2005/45/EC	Mutual recognition of seafarers' certificates.	Article 226 Letter
27 Nov 2007	2006/15/EC	Establishing a 2nd list of indicative occupational exposure limit values.	Article 226 Letter
28 Jan 2008	2004/113/EC	Implementing the principle of equal treatment between men and women in the access to, and supply of, goods and services	Article 226 Letter
17 Mar 2008	2006/40/EC	Relating to emissions from air-conditioning systems in motor vehicles.	Article 226 Letter
27 Nov 2007	2006/77/EC	Maximum levels for organochlorine in animal feed.	GoG querying applicability to Gibraltar

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 294 TO 296 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In the list of infraction cases can the Chief Minister say which are the two Directives which the Government are questioning the applicability to Gibraltar?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

One is Directive 2006/77 on maximum levels of organochlorical in animal feed. From the information in front of me I can only identify that one. That is as helpful as I can be. When we say that we are challenging, this is not in any sense at Ministerial or political level, this is part of the to-ing and fro-ing at draftsman level before the matter even gets to us. So that explains why I do not have first hand knowledge about which they are.

NO. 297 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS

Can Government list all the international conventions to which the EU's adherence had been obstructed before 2008 because Spain has raised Gibraltar related objections?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

According to the information available to the Government in so far as it is aware the international conventions in question are as follows:-

1. The Convention on the jurisdiction, applicable law, recognition, enforcement and cooperation in respect of parental responsibility and measures for the protection of children, 1996.
2. The Unidroit Cape Town Convention on international interests in mobile equipment audits aircraft protocol, 2001.
3. The International Maritime Organisation Protocol to the Athens Convention on transport of passengers and goods by sea, 2002.
4. The United Nations Protocol on civil liability for damages caused by industrial accidents on transboundary waters, 2003.
5. The Council of Europe Convention on contact with children, 2003.
6. Convention for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of maritime navigation, 1988.
7. Convention on the marking of plastic explosives for the purpose of detection, 1991.
8. International Convention on prevention of terrorist bomb attacks/suppression of terrorist bombings, 1997.
9. International Convention for the suppression of the financing of terrorism, 1999.
10. International Convention for the suppression of acts of nuclear terrorism, 2005.
11. Protocol for the suppression of unlawful acts of violence at airports servicing international civilian aviation, 1988.
12. Protocol for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of fixed platforms located on the continental shelf.
13. Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 297 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is No. 12, the Protocol for the suppression of unlawful acts against the safety of fixed platforms located on the continental shelf an admission that we have a continental shelf?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I suppose the easiest way for me to answer is to allude the hon Member to the Speaker's written ruling of earlier this morning, about asking for opinions and things. I am not sure that there is anything in these particular 13 specifically. It just happens to be the ones that were caught in the time frame since the matter became controversial. We have not looked particularly at any of these, we are familiar with the one on children because that became publicly controversial in the context of the UK Foreign Affairs Committee, a member of it, Mr John Stanley. The Leader of the Opposition will recall Mr Stanley asking him about that when he gave his evidence. But for the others I cannot answer the hon Member's I suspect half tongue in cheek question.

NO. 298 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

POST-BOXING ARRANGEMENTS

Can Government say how often and on what dates the post-boxing arrangements via the United Kingdom were made use of each year since April 2000, in either direction, with a breakdown showing the country originating or receiving the communication?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

In total there have been 767 post-boxing notifications since the arrangements came into operation in April 2000.

I will now hand the hon Member a schedule with the information requested, except the date of each notification, since this would require the examination of each file and is administratively too onerous.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 298

As at 28th March 2008

	2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006		2007		2008	
	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In
Austria	0	-	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	5	0	4	1	1	3	1	0
Belgium	0	-	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	1	3	1	2	1	4	9	0	4
Bulgaria	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	0
Cyprus	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	4	0	0	0
Czech Republic	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	2	0	4	0	0	0
Denmark	0	-	0	0	2	0	4	1	2	0	4	0	2	0	4	1	1	0
Estonia	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
France	1	-	0	0	4	0	6	2	5	1	6	3	6	2	5	1	2	0
Finland	0	-	0	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
Germany	0	-	1	0	4	0	5	0	3	2	8	3	6	6	7	2	2	0
Greece	0	-	0	0	1	0	3	0	3	0	2	0	3	1	4	0	0	0
Hungary	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	0	2	0	3	0	0	0
Iceland	0	-	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Ireland	1	-	0	0	3	4	7	1	4	1	7	3	8	1	8	1	1	0
Italy	0	-	0	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	2	6	1	5	4	2	1
Latvia	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
Liechtenstein	0	-	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lithuania	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	0	0	0
Luxembourg	0	-	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	3	1	4	1	1	3	1	1
Malta	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	0	0
Netherlands	0	-	0	1	2	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	3	4	5	7	2	0
Norway	0	-	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	4	0	1	0	0	0
Poland	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	5	0	5	0	0	0
Portugal	1	-	0	0	2	0	7	0	4	0	13	1	7	1	11	0	0	0
Romania	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	1
Slovakia	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	2	5	1	0	0
Slovenia	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
Spain	7	-	8	4	7	3	18	2	14	2	35	1	15	5	29	27	7	6
Sweden	0	-	0	1	0	0	5	3	2	3	4	1	5	1	4	1	1	0
UK	0	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	10	-	9	6	43	9	78	11	63	13	134	19	108	28	137	61	22	15

ORAL

NO. 299 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

MINISTERS' AIR TRAVEL

Can Government list the cost of air travel incurred by each individual Minister and the Chief Minister on official business since 11 October 2007, 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 299 OF 2008

CHIEF MINISTER'S AIR TRAVEL

Destination	Dates	Amount	Travel Agent
New York	13.10.07 – 18.10.07	£2,445.10	Blands
London	21.10.07 – 23.10.07	£1,073.10	Blands
London	27.11.07 – 28.11.07	£1,083.00	Blands
London	16.12.07 – 20.12.07	£1,082.70	Blands
London	31.01.08 – 02.02.08	-	Blands
London	04.03.08 – 06.03.08	£1,073.10	Blands

Notes:

1. The Chief Minister travels Club Class.

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MINISTER'S AIR TRAVEL

Minister	Destination	Dates	Airline	Seat Category	Amount	Travel Agent
Minister Holliday	London	21-23 October 07	GB Airways	Club	£592.00	GB Airways
	Madrid	23-24 October 07	Iberia	Business	Nil	Iberia
	London	13-15 January 08	GB Airways	Club	£574.50	GB Airways
	Madrid	29-30 January 08	Iberia	Business	£329.00	Tourafrika
Minister Beltran	London	6-10 January 08	GB Airways	Club	£1,113.00	Blands

NO. 300 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

MEETINGS WITH AIRLINES

Can Government confirm that the airlines that the Chief Minister met with during his visit to London in February were Monarch, British Airways and Easyjet or whether meetings were also held with other airlines intending to fly here?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

I met with the three airlines that he has mentioned and with one other.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 300 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Chief Minister say, I am not going to ask him for the one other because I am assuming he would not say, whether the position of any of the airlines, without saying which airline, was that they would discontinue their flights to Gibraltar or look at the position again unless the matter of landing charges was resolved?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Could the hon Member repeat the last bit?

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Yes, unless the matter of landing charges was resolved.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, he has done himself out of information. Were he to have asked who the other airline was I would not have minded telling him. BMI is the other one. It is a difficult question to answer because many conversations have been had by different parties in the Government with different parties in the airlines and I could never be absolutely certain that none of them have ever indicated that their willingness to continue to fly depended on this or that. So I cannot underwrite at every level what may or may not have been said in all conversations at various meetings, but that was not the position

that they were adopting, because they all knew that the Government were intending to lower landing charges because we have been flagging this up publicly for some time. So they were all proceeding on the assumption that there would be a fall in landing charges and, therefore, it was not necessary for them to be actually quite so crude as to put the pistol at the Government's head. I think they were just waiting for the Government's decision as to the extent and the new structure, which is what those meetings were basically consultations about. But I think, if I can just be allowed to speculate for a moment, had the Government not reduced landing charges, at some stage my assessment is that one or more of these airlines might well have ceased operating to Gibraltar because of the very untypically high costs at the Gibraltar airport, compared to others in what is becoming a very rapidly changing economic model that airlines work to these days.

NO. 301 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

COST OF NEW ROAD SYSTEM AND PARKING FACILITIES

Can Government state the estimated cost of the new road system and parking facilities in the area of Devil's Tower Road, Eastern Beach and the airport?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No Sir, it would not be appropriate to do so for commercial and procurement reasons until the construction contracts have been awarded. We are right in the middle of the procurement process now for these projects.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 301 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

Does the Chief Minister appreciate that I am not asking in respect of specific projects, and unless there is one negotiation in respect of the whole of the project, then I can understand the reluctance by the Government to give the information. Can the Chief Minister confirm that the Government themselves have their own estimate and in their own minds they have an idea of the overall cost involved in all of the projects, and whether we are talking of various procurement contracts being negotiated?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well yes, the Government clearly have advice about the ballpark of what these projects should cost. We do not think it is appropriate to give that because even though it may not provide information to him and I, the industry extracts from that information of how much the Government is expecting to pay. We are very close now, this information could be in the public domain quite soon, because these are EU procurement processes, and therefore there is an obligation to publish certain information. But just to answer the part of his question that I think I can, there are two packages. One is for the air terminal and a small bit of road, a small bit of road basically from the commercial gate, a new roundabout that there will be near the commercial gate to a new roundabout that there will be at the present vehicular gate, and the terminal. A second package is from that roundabout, that is to say roughly from the current commercial gate to the end of the runway, north of it, the tunnel underneath and then the new road parallel to Eastern Beach Road turning into Devil's Tower Road through the Aerial Farm and then the doubling up of the Aerial

Farm road itself. Those are the two works packages and then there are separate packages. For example, there is a separate contract, although this question does not relate to it, oh yes, parking facilities in the area, this question does relate to it. The multi-storey car park near the Cross of Sacrifice, that is a separate package, a separate tender.

HON G H LICUDI:

Once again, I understand the reluctance to give even the overall figure. Although there is a figure that has been mentioned to me or that I have in my mind, I will not mention that for the reasons given by the Chief Minister. I certainly would not want to compromise the discussions taking place with the Government. Can the Government confirm that the cost that the Government have received advice on, includes the cost not just of the roads and the two phases that the Chief Minister has described, but also cost of reproviding appropriate MOD facilities, and also cost in dealing with any difficulties which may be caused by, I understand there were some wells near the air terminal and there may be some costs associated with that. Can the Chief Minister confirm whether those costs are involved as well?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the first part of his supplementary, that is to say the bit linked to MOD relocations, is a separate exercise because those are relocation costs that derive from the land sale, the agreement between the Government and the MOD for the relocation. It is not part of the procurement package for the construction of the new facility. Yes, the Government have detailed advice about how much each reprovision should cost, indeed some of the reprovision is already underway. So, yes, the answer is that that is the fourth, not procurement package but a fourth area of costs for which the Government have advice.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Chief Minister has said that that part the MOD facility, I am not sure whether he answered the part of the dealing with the difficulty of the wells, if indeed there are costs involved, perhaps he could answer that. If the cost of reproviding the MOD facilities is not included in these procurement negotiations, is the Chief Minister in a position to be able to tell us what the cost of that reprovision will be?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The answer to this question right now is that I cannot because I do not have the information with me. But if I had it I would have to consider whether it raises similar considerations. Each package then goes out to procurement unless it is done by JBS, in which case it does not always go out to tender. Certainly we can consider whether that information, at least of a global sum for all the MOD reprovisions, there are quite a lot of bits and pieces scattered around the north of the runway, mainly which are coming south, and there is quite a lot of reprovisioning to facilitate the road, the Eastern Beach Road. I will give that some thought and come back to him on that.

ORAL

NO. 302 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

EXTRA DAYS OFF AT CHRISTMAS

Can Government state which categories of Government employees benefited from the extra days off it provided during the Christmas period of 2007 and which of its employees did not?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 303 of 2008.

NO. 303 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

EXTRA DAYS OFF AT CHRISTMAS

Can Government state whether it proposed to provide Government employees with extra days off during the Christmas period of 2008 as it did during the same period in 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

All Government employees benefited from the extra days off during the Christmas period of 2007. In relation to 2008, no decision has yet been taken.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 302 AND 303 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

Can the Chief Minister say in which way the teachers benefit?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, I suppose it is arguable that the teachers do not specifically benefit, but those employees that work in the Government, perhaps he is right in pointing that out, on standard leave entitlement terms, benefited. Those who could not take those days off in that period were allowed to bank other days. Teachers have wholly different and much more extensive leave arrangements and they have not benefited. The hon Member is right.

HON G H LICUDI:

Given that the Chief Minister has now confirmed that not all Government employees did benefit, and there was a category of employee that received no benefit at all, can Government justify the discrimination treatment?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, the Government feel, if discrimination is indeed the right word, I am therefore using it only because he has not because I am adopting it, I believe it would be

justified. I think those people would argue that the spirit of the measure would not naturally inure to the benefit of teachers, who were not working during that period anyway as a structural, collective position. They were already not working then and also have leave arrangements which are markedly different from the rest. So, whilst welcoming the hon Member's correction of the technical inaccuracy of my first answer, I do not agree with the view that it would be right to extend these arrangements to teachers, thereby giving every teacher an extra three days off, which, in accordance with the sentiment that he points out, although I do not know if he holds it as his own, would inflict severe disruption on the functioning of our schools.

HON G H LICUDI:

I would not make the sort of suggestion that is implicit in the last remark by the Chief Minister. But will the Chief Minister accept that those persons who were working as a normal day had extra days off, those Government employees who were on leave were given extra days off, those who were on shift were also allowed extra days off, the only category that did not benefit at all were teachers. Whilst we can understand that it is simply impracticable and impossible for teachers to be allocated extra days off when the school is actually in session, that would not be possible. Does he not accept that there was a clear difference in treatment and did the Government consider giving this category of employees some sort of other benefit in kind. Such as the payment in lieu of the days off that everybody else was receiving.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, the hon Member presumably for political effect, is simply repeating the position to which I have already answered. No, I do not think any of that but I should remind the hon Member, that it is not the first time Civil Servants get an extra day off. The fact that it was three on this occasion, this is not the first time that Civil Servants get days off during the Christmas/New Year bridge period. So, although it may have been for slightly longer on this occasion than in the past, it is not exactly a re-invention of the wheel and I am not sure that the alleged discrimination that the hon Member identifies has ever been thought necessary to do anything about in the past when this has happened.

NO. 304 OF 2008

THE HON G H LICUDI

KING'S BASTION LEISURE CENTRE

Can Government give full details of all tenders received for concessions at the King's Bastion Leisure Centre and provide the terms and parties involved in all concessions awarded?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

A total of 15 tender bids were received variously for one, some or all of the amenities at the Leisure Centre.

The Government has retained the operation of the Ice Rink and the Youth Lounge/Disco (which are operated by the Sports & Leisure Authority) and the Amusement Arcades (which are operated by Kings Bastion Leisure Centre Limited itself).

The agreement for the operation of the cinema has not yet been concluded, although Film Exhibitors Limited is the designated preferred bidder. There was, in fact, no other compliant bid for the cinema.

Accordingly, to date, only two amenities have been awarded out. The bowling alley to a company in the International Franchises Limited Group and the Restaurant on the ground floor and the south bar on the first floor to Rock Bastion Limited.

Details of all the tenders, terms and parties, as requested, are set out in the schedule that I now hand to the hon Member.

The Restaurant was awarded in the premium sum of £20,000 and the sum of £2,000 per month rental subject to annual review. In respect of the first floor south bar a sum equivalent to 10 per cent of turnover is payable to the Government.

In respect of the bowling alley, the annual payments element of the winner's bid was negotiated to make it still more advantageous to the Government, even though it was already the highest bid. Instead of 10 per cent of revenue up to £300,000, 12½ per cent thereafter up to £750,000 and 15 per cent thereafter, the following was agreed namely:-

Firstly, 12½ per cent of revenue up to £750,000 after agreed costs and management provisions are met. Also, 50 per cent of revenue (after deducting the first 12½ per cent) until the Government receive £200,000 per annum under this head. Then, 15 per cent of revenue thereafter.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 304/2008

Bid Number	Bidders	Amenities Bid for							Financial Bid			
		Bowling	Ground Floor Restaurant	Amusement Arcade	Cinemas	Ice Skating Rink	Disco / Terrace Bar	Premium	Fixed Annual Amount	% of Turnover	Other	
1	Fortunato Azopardi & Junajo Cuenca	Y		Y				nil	nil	5	nil	
2	International Franchises Limited The Family Entertainment Centre Limited	Y						£ 100,000	nil	10% up to £300,000 12.5% £301,000 to £750,000 and 15% 750,000+	nil	
3	Joseph Berrito & Solomon Marrache			Y				nil	nil	nil	£1,100 per month	
4	Solomon Marrache					Y		£ 30,000	nil	nil	£2,200 per month	
5	J Logan Young							£ 100,000	nil	nil	£1,000 per month	
6	Film Exhibitors Limited		Y		Y			£ 20,000	£1,000	nil	nil	
7	Rock Blaston Limited		Y					nil	nil	nil	nil	
8	Lewis Stagnetto Limited		Y					£ 30,000	£18,000	5% of turnover over £300,000	nil	
9	Natalie Jane Merrison		Y					not stated	£24,000	not stated	not stated	
10	Lotus House (Gib) Limited		Y					nil	£15,000	or 6% of turnover which ever is the greater	nil	
11	CONSORTIUM BID Messrs J Isola, J Requena, M Rammage, D Mathews, R De Haro, R Emerson, C Sanguinetti, J Berrito	Y	Y	Y				nil	£60,000	in addition 5% when turnover exceeds £1,250,000	nil	
12	CONSORTIUM BID Messrs J Requena, M Rammage, D Mathews, R De Haro, R Emerson	Y						nil	£24,000	or 6% of turnover which ever is the greater	nil	
13	Joseph Berrito & Peter Caetano							£ 15,000	nil	or 5% of turnover which ever is the greater	nil	
14	Jason Olivero	Y						nil	nil	nil	unspecified monthly rent	
15	Stage One Productions	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	GOG PAYS £300,000	GOG PAYS £300,000	50% of Bowling ticket sales, Ice Skating Ticket Sales, Hall Hires, Special Event Tickets and Themed Night Tickets + 30% Turnover of Cinema Tickets		

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 304 OF 2008

HON G H LICUDI:

The Chief Minister has mentioned 15 bids received in total in respect of various matters, can the Government confirm whether any of those bids related to the Ice Rink?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, the hon Member now has the information in front of him but I will talk him through it whilst he identifies it. The table that he has been provided lists each amenity in a column and indicates with a "Y" which of the bidders bid for which. So where there is a "Y" the bidder bid for that amenity, and where there is a blank the bidder did not. There was, in fact, the hon Member should disregard bid No. 15 because that was not really a bid at all, that was the opposite of a bid. The Government was invited to pay out large sums of money for the privilege of allowing the bidder to manage the facility for it. So No. 15 is on the list because it was submitted but it was non-compliant, it was not a response to the tender that the Government had put out. So he is looking really at the first 14 and of those, if he follows his finger down the column marked "Ice Skating Rink", he will see that there was only one bid from something called a consortium bid which wanted to run the whole Centre except the cinema. There is a "Y" across every box adjacent to that bidder. Then what each bidder bid for what they were bidding is set out on the right hand side of the page.

HON G H LICUDI:

The Chief Minister also mentioned in the original answer King's Bastion Leisure Centre Limited, which is retaining some of the amenities. Can we take it that that is a wholly owned Government company that is involved in the actual running of the Centre?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, King's Bastion Leisure Centre Limited is wholly Government owned and will remain so. There was a two-phased approach to the amusement arcades. The Government were never minded to just give away the franchise for the arcades and told bidders this almost as soon as their bids had been received. The hon Member may have seen in the press, I think it was November or December last year, that we put out an advertisement inviting people to rent space for their machines. In other words, rather than just give out the space so that the business was just for the benefit of the machine operators, the Government said, "look there is space available here, if you want to put your machine on our space, and it was takeable per machine, then the Government want 50 per cent of the revenue from the machine". None of the established machine operators took that up and the Government having decided that they would keep an expensive to run part of the Leisure Centre, namely the Ice Skating Rink, which consumes quite a lot of electricity, the Government then decided that they would keep for themselves the amusement arcades as a means of providing revenue to defray the cost of running the Ice Skating Rink and staff that it

involved. That explains how we ended up keeping the amusement arcade for the benefit of the Government.

HON G H LICUDI:

With regard to the disco terrace bar, I just want to make sure I understood the answer. This is not something that has been given as a concession to anyone. Can the Government confirm that is indeed the case? Can the Government say why that is the case in the light in particular of a bid with a premium of £100,000?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The hon Member needs to distinguish between the youth lounge bar, which is the north bar and the other one which is the south bar. The south bar and the north bar with a disco in the middle which can be used, subject to permission from the Sports & Leisure Authority, by either. The north bar and the disco facility and the south bar were going to be run by the Sports & Leisure Authority. They retain responsibility for the north bar because the north bar, being the youth bar, does not dispense alcohol and the Sports & Leisure Authority felt they had no conflict of objective being involved in the operation of a bar that does not dispense alcohol. They were less happy about the prospects of being involved in the running of the south bar, which does dispense alcohol and which they thought was not xxxxxx. So that was then added to the award in favour of Rock Bastion Limited on the terms that I have given him in the answer to the question, the written not in the schedule. But there is not a bid of £100,000 for running the south bar as he has suggested.

HON G H LICUDI:

There is.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Where? But that is not for the running of the bar, that is for the running of the disco as well. The Government decided, in discussion with the Sports and Leisure Authority and the Youth Service, that we would not have an ordinary private sector commercial operated disco, because in a sense it was intended as a leisure facility mainly for the youth. The Government felt they could keep better control of what went on there if it was run by the Sports and Leisure Authority/Youth Service, which is how it is happening, I think it started last week or the week before last. So, the bid for £100,000 was not for the bar it was for the disco. Therefore, the disco was not available, technically the bar by itself might have been available.

ORAL

NO. 305 OF 2008

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 November 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 306 of 2008.

NO. 306 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

IMPORT DUTY COLLECTED – NON-COMMERCIAL GATE

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 November 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The amount of import duty collected on building materials on a monthly basis since November 2007 is as follows:-

November 2007	£ 72,304.56
December 2007	£ 70,271.17
January 2008	£164,671.69
February 2008	£211,174.78

The amount of import duty collected from persons entering Gibraltar through the non-commercial gate at the land frontier on a monthly basis since November 2007 is as follows:-

November 2007	£18,612.06
December 2007	£25,513.19
January 2008	£16,716.16
February 2008	£14,497.31

ORAL

NO. 307 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – BUS TO/FROM LA LINEA

Can Government say how many arriving passengers on the flight from Madrid to Gibraltar boarded the bus to La Linea after landing here on a monthly basis from November 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 308 to 311 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 308 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – BUS TO/FROM LA LINEA

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 November 2007 inclusive?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 307 and 309 to 311 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 309 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – BUS TO/FROM LA LINEA

Can Government say what was the cost of operating the Gibraltar Airport Shuttle bus to and from La Linea and the smaller buses that operate between terminals on a monthly basis since November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 307, 308, 310 and 311 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 310 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – TERMINAL 2

Can Government provide the construction costs, with a breakdown, of the building which is presently used by passengers who travel by air to and from Madrid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 307 to 309 and 311 of 2008.

NO. 311 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – TERMINAL 2

Can Government provide the operating costs, with a breakdown on a monthly basis since it became operational, of the building which is presently used by passengers who travel by air to and from Madrid?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The number of passengers on the shuttle bus Gibraltar to La Linea:

November – 42
December – 51
January – 24
February – 32
March – 30

In the other direction:

November – 28
December – 117
January – 25
February – 10
March – 46

The operating costs for the Gibraltar Airport Shuttle Bus, route La Linea –Gibraltar Airport – La Linea:

November 2007 -	£2,200.00
December 2007 -	£2,200.00
January 2008 -	£2,200.00
February 2008 -	£2,200.00
March 2008 -	£2,200.00

The total construction costs of the Gibraltar Airport Terminal 2 used by passengers who travel to and from Madrid is £391,580.48

The detailed breakdown is contained in the schedule which I now hand to the hon Member.

The operating costs of the Gibraltar Airport Terminal 2 are not met by Government.

ANSWER TO QUESTION NO. 311**Answer to Question 310**

<u>Construction Costs of Gibraltar Airport "Terminal 2"</u>	
Site Preliminaries	Cost £
Safety, Health & Welfare Documentation	1,500.00
Scaffolding	1,000.00
Temporary Fencing	2,801.55
Design/Construction drawings	420.00
Project Management and Contract Administration	4,000.00
Site Supervision	9,000.00
Overtime	9,714.00
Temporary Departure Terminal – "Terminal 2"	
Demolition/alteration/renovation of boundary wall	2,787.19
Groundworks	8,487.40
Concrete	35,404.11
Masonry	4,495.47
Carpentry	39,198.86
Roofing	13,763.60
Surface finishes	21,589.14
Plumbing	1,445.45
Electrical Systems	35,231.99
Modular building system	175,513.72
Portable toilet facilities	7,600.00
Miscellaneous	17,628.00
Total	391,580.48

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 307 TO 311 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Who pays for the operating costs of Terminal 2?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Terminal 2 is basically operated by Terminal Management Limited using its existing staff.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is Terminal Management paid for providing this facility by the Government or by the airline?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I think it has just been added. I suppose if one wanted to be 100 per cent accurate, there must be some electricity costs or something that are paid for by the Government but that is the answer that has been provided to me. I do not think there has been any renegotiation of its contract in order to accommodate this, they have just taken it on board. The answer to the question is that the Government do pay through the contract formula, it pays all the costs. For example, if there were additional staff, that would eventually filter through to the Government as a cost in the cost plus formula of the Terminal Management Agreement.

ORAL

NO. 312 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

RESIDENTIAL TENDERS AWARDED

Can Government list the residential tenders they have awarded since September 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 the payment was made?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 313 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 313 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

LAND AND PROPERTY SALES

Can Government give a breakdown of the revenue collected from land and property sales during the period from September 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

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

Answer to Question 312/2008

Residential Tenders From 1 October 2007 to 29 February 2008 (Government-Owned Companies)

<u>Tenderer</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Reservation</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Deposit</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Total paid for period</u>
Z Bennenworth	Flat 1 F Block, 14 Naval Hospital Rd			£28,575.00	21/02/2008	£28,575.00
I Miles	Flat 2 F Block, 14 Naval Hospital Rd			£32,015.00	21/02/2008	£32,015.00
H Benitez	Flat 3 F Block, 14 Naval Hospital Rd			£28,750.00	21/02/2008	£28,750.00
M & S Olivero	House 1, 3 Calpe Rd	£500.00	21/02/2008			£500.00
C Figueras & D Thompson	House 4, 3 Calpe Rd	£500.00	21/02/2008			£500.00
J & S Oakes	House 5, 3 Calpe Rd	£500.00	21/02/2008			£500.00
C Wilsol & M I Burgos Segura	House 9, 3 Calpe Rd	£500.00	21/02/2008			£500.00
R Tobelem	Apt 4, 14 Flat Bastion Rd	£500.00	21/02/2008			£500.00
C & G Noon	Apt 6, 14 Flat Bastion Rd	£500.00	21/02/2008			£500.00
A Hendrich & D Mauro	Apt 7, 14 Flat Bastion Rd	£500.00	21/02/2008			£500.00
M & M Azzopardi	Apt 8, 14 Flat Bastion Rd	£500.00	21/02/2008	£3,397.00	21/02/2008	£3,897.00
N Gonzalez & J White	Apt 9, 14 Flat Bastion Rd	£500.00	21/02/2008			£500.00
C Macevily	Apt 10, 14 Flat Bastion Rd	£500.00	21/02/2008	£3,916.00	21/02/2008	£4,416.00
						£101,653.00

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Answer to Question 313/2008

Residential Property Sales From 1 October 2007 To 29 February 2008 (Improvement And Development Fund)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Oct-07	M Pitaluga, E Santos & T Cruz	Premium iro tender for 30 Lower Castle Rd	£3,000.00
Oct-07	M Figueras	Premium iro tender for 47 Naval Hospital Hill	£1,000.00
Oct-07	J & M Canepa	Premium iro extension of term of lease for 6 Mount Road	£44,461.54
Oct-07	N & K Ramagge	90% Balance iro sale of Upper Elms, 1 Centre Pavilion Road	£652,500.00
Nov-07	D & J McGrail	Sale of 10 Poca Roca, Upper Rock	£99,700.00
Dec-07	S & N Gulraj	55% Premium iro extension of lease for 13 Trafalgar House	£4,673.68
Dec-07	J & A Revagliatte	55% premium iro extension of lease for 17 Trafalgar House	£3,008.94
Dec-07	R Melvani	55% premium iro extension of lease for 7 Trafalgar House	£3,484.58
Jan-08	Karnani	55% premium iro extension of lease for 11 Trafalgar House	£4,653.00
Jan-08	Khatwani	55% premium iro extension of lease for 306 Trafalgar House	£6,281.55
Jan-08	Karnani	55% premium iro extension of lease for 18 Trafalgar House	£3,634.51
Jan-08	Budhrani	55% premium iro extension of lease for 14 & 15 Trafalgar House	£8,158.26
			£834,556.06

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Answer to Question 313/2008

Commerical Property Sales From 1 October 2007 To 29 February 2008 (Improvement And Development Fund)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Nov-07	Casino Calpe	Part payment of 51 Line Wall Road	£1,964.00
Jan-08	Casino Calpe	Part payment of 51 Line Wall Road	£1,964.00
			£838,484.06

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Residential Property Sales From 1 October 2007 To 29 February 2008 (Government-Owned Companies)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Tenant</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Jan-08	Mauro & Galligan	Sale of 10% Government Share of 3 Chelsea Close	£8,150.00
Jan-08	Horne & Lopez	Sale of 10% Government Share of 28 Almond Lodge	£9,044.60
Jan-08	Day & Ballester	Sale of 50% Government Share of 22 Antwerp Court	£36,452.86
Jan-08	Segui	Shortfall on previous sale on June 2007 of 13 Montreal Court	£80.00
Feb-08	Z & J Benneworth	10% Deposit on Tender for Apartment 1 F Block	£28,575.00
Feb-08	I & D Miles	10% Deposit on Tender for Apartment 2 F Block	£32,015.00
Feb-08	H & A Benitez	10% Deposit on Tender for Apartment 3 F Block	£28,750.00
Feb-08	M & M Azopardi	3% Deposit on Tender for Unit 8, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£3,897.00
Feb-08	R Tobelem	Reservation Fee on 3% Deposit on Tender for Unit 4, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£500.00
Feb-08	G & G Noon	Reservation Fee on 3% Deposit on Tender for Unit 6, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£500.00
Feb-08	A Hendrich & D Mauro	Reservation Fee on 3% Deposit on Tender for Unit 7, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£500.00
Feb-08	N Gonzalez & J White	Reservation Fee on 3% Deposit on Tender for Unit 9, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£500.00
Feb-08	C Macevilly	3% Deposit on Tender for Unit 10, 14 Flat Bastion Road	£4,416.00
Feb-08	M & S Olivero	Reservation Fee on 3% Deposit on Tender for Unit 1 Calpe Married Quarters	£500.00
Feb-08	C Figueras & D Thompson	Reservation Fee on 3% Deposit on Tender for Unit 4 Calpe Married Quarters	£500.00
Feb-08	J & S Oakes	Reservation Fee on 3% Deposit on Tender for Unit 5 Calpe Married Quarters	£500.00
Feb-08	C Wilson & M Burgos Segura	Reservation Fee on 3% Deposit on Tender for Unit 9 Calpe Married Quarters	£500.00
			£155,380.46

ORAL

NO. 314 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TENDER – ‘F’ BLOCK, 14 NAVAL HOSPITAL ROAD

Is Government now in a position to say whether ‘F’ Block, 14 Naval Hospital Road has been allocated by tender, giving the name of the successful tenderer, the amounts bid in each case, the date on which the tenders were awarded and the number of tenders received?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 315 to 317 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 315 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TENDER – LOWER ELMS AND ST STEPHEN’S

Can Government say whether Lower Elms and St Stephen’s have now been allocated by tender to someone else, giving the name of the successful tenderers and the amounts in question?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 314, 316 and 317 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 316 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TENDERS – 12 CASTLE STEPS/CALPE MARRIED QUARTERS/14 FLAT BASTION ROAD

Can Government say who was awarded the following residential tenders and in what amount:

- (a) the four units at 12 Castle Steps;
- (b) the ten units at Calpe Married Quarters;
- (c) the ten units at 14 Flat Bastion Road?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 314, 315 and 317 of 2008.

NO. 317 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

TENDER – SANDPITS APARTMENTS

Can Government say whether the 12 apartments with garage at Sandpits, which were advertised in February, have now been allocated by fixed-price tender and list the criteria that has been applied in determining the award of this tender?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Details of the successful bidders for the four units at F Block shall shortly be published by way of an Official Notice.

Lower Elms is in the process of being offered to the next highest bidder.

As regards St Stephen's, after the highest bidder did not proceed with the purchase, the current occupier of the property has offered to match the next highest bid and the Government have accepted this offer.

Details of both purchases shall shortly be published by way of an Official Notice.

Twelve of the 24 units that he identifies in Question No. 316 of 2008 have been allocated at the prices published in the tender adverts. Details of the successful bidders shall shortly be published by way of an Official Notice.

The apartments at Sandpits have not yet been allocated.

I could provide the hon Member with the names of the four successful bidders at F Block. I would urge the hon Member to consider whether it is appropriate to bandy people's names across the floor of the House. I am happy to tell him privately.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 314 TO 317 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Are the Government going to publish the names anyway or not, when they publish the Official Notice of Tender Award?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Is he willing to wait for that?

HON DR J J GARCIA:

I have noticed already that I have some of the information in the information he gave me on land and property sales. So I have the names here.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well then, fine.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

What I did not hear was the number of tenders received for these properties. Did the Chief Minister say that?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

For the ones at F Block. I am afraid that information has not been provided but they were substantial. I remember seeing a long list, probably more than a page full. I can provide him with that information if he wants it. For some reason they had given me that information in respect of Question No. 317 of 2008, which is the 12 units that had been allocated 33 at Sandpits received.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In answer to Question No. 316 of 2008, the Government said 12 of the units had been allocated at the published price. What about the other 12, have they been allocated or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, sorry, that is not to suggest that they have been allocated at a price other than xxxxxx, just that they have not been allocated. This is only a tender as to the selection process of who buys because these were advertised with a fixed price. There is no sense of tendering for price. The others are back in the pot of things to be re-advertised to be re-sold, for which there were no bidders.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Did the Chief Minister say the other 12 had not been allocated or they are back in the pot to be allocated or to be put out to tender again?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

They have not been allocated because there were not takers.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

In relation to the F Block tender, it was the first time I have seen in any tender document for an MOD property, it may have been there before, I have not seen it before, this clause that the tenderer would be required to give their consent to the police to release details of any conviction if the RGP are requested to do so by the Government or any authorised company or agency. Can the Government say why that clause was introduced in the terms and conditions of tender of F Block?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I cannot I am afraid, except to speculate that part of the process may be assessing whether the purchaser is likely to be money laundering, I do not know whether they run a test of some sort. I cannot tell him why it is there or why it is specifically there for F Block, whether it was decided to insert it in future in all cases. I cannot think of any reason specific to F Block why it should be there for F Block and not for the others.

HON DR J J GARICA:

The money laundering, these are quite small apartments, I think they are 80 odd square metres or whatever, one would have thought the money laundering point would have applied to the larger single dwellings that are released and not these apartments, which is why we tabled the question. Can the Chief Minister enlighten us on that or not?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am afraid I do not know. I can ask and let him know but I do not know the reason.

NO. 318 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

NEW HARBOURS INDUSTRIAL PARK

Can Government say on what date tenants of New Harbours were notified of Government plans to sell the industrial park and by which date has a reply been requested from the tenants?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government notified tenants of the intention or willingness to sell the industrial park to the tenants through their legal representative in late 2006.

Letters were sent out to tenants in early March 2008 asking them to re-confirm previously stated interests in buying and they were asked to express that interest by the 1st April 2008.

During this period further correspondence has been entered into following the replies received from these parties who had expressed their interest, and the Government is asking tenants, those who are interested in pursuing the purchase, to complete the purchases of their units by 31st December 2008.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 318 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is it the case that some tenants are interested in purchasing the units and others are not interested, is that the position?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes, correct, and others may be interested in purchasing but not at the price that the Government want them.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Can the Government say why this developed? I remember in 2006, if I remember correctly, when we were discussing this in the House the Government were interested in selling New Harbours to a private company that may have been

interested in purchasing the whole lot. That seems to have changed now to selling them to individual tenants. Can the Government explain the change in policy?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I do not recall the Government saying or ever having been in negotiations to sell, it may have been that is not to say it did not happen. But I think this particular initiative was started by the tenants themselves, who formed themselves into a group and wrote to the Government saying that they were interested in buying. That is how I think it originated.

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Would the Chief Minister be able to say how many tenants were interested in buying the units and how many there are in the complex?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am afraid I cannot help him with that. I think it is a pretty fluid sort of thing, until they actually sign on the dotted line and pay they are all potential interested and potential uninterested. This is the way these negotiations tend to go. This is why the Government have put a deadline on it. We do not want to be engaged in a process which is sort of open-ended and forever. Management time spent on it if people are not really interested in pursuing for purchase

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Is the position for those who do not wish to buy that they can continue renting as at present?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes and indeed the Government itself is tenant of some of these apartments so the structure will remain. What they will buy is a long lease where they presently have a short tenancy. But the structure remains the same and, indeed, short-term tenancies as well. That is what I meant by the structure, the rental structure.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Do the Government have a minimum number that they would require to buy, or if there is only one tenant they would sell to one tenant and that is it?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, this is something we have given some thought to because at the moment we are avoiding making a hard and fast rule because we are hoping that it will not come to that because there will be a minimum number. If there was just one interested party, we would have to give serious consideration to whether it was worth having a

hybrid regime, so to speak. If there was only a very small take-up, we are not there yet, but if that turned out to be the case then we would have to give serious consideration to whether we agreed to proceed with those lonely sales or not.

ORAL

NO. 319 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

GIBRALTAR AIRPORT – NEGOTIATIONS WITH MOD

Can Government say on what date they completed their negotiations with the MOD which would allow the Government to take a greater role in the running of the airport?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Agreement was signed on 10th August 2007 but the negotiations had concluded some time before and had been effective from 1st January 2007.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 319 OF 2008

HON DR J J GARCIA:

Does the Chief Minister mean that the subsidy, to call it something, would apply backdated from 1st January, is that the position?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes.

ORAL

NO. 320 OF 2008

THE HON DR J J GARCIA

**TENDERS FOR MARINE SURVEYORS ANNUAL BUSINESS TRAVEL
INSURANCE**

Can Government say how many tenders were received for the Marine Surveyors Annual Business Travel Insurance, who was the successful tenderer and in what amount?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

QUESTION WITHDRAWN

NO. 321 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

MOD LAND TRANSFER RELOCATION COSTS

Can Government state what have been the total relocation costs to date arising out of the 2004 MOD land transfer?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

This information is not readily available to the Government. An attempt is being made to collate the principal costs from the various records where they are held, which I will pass to the hon Member when it is ready. In other words, there is not a sort of register of costs that relate specifically, so that people are trying, by identifying the projects from the various annual capital expenditures, to create it for him and I will pass it to him when it is possible.

NO. 322 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

MOD LAND RELOCATION COSTS

Can Government state what costs, other than publicly funded costs, have been borne by private developers who have acquired MOD land for development since 2004?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

We had some trouble being certain that we were understanding this question. On the basis of our understanding of it the answer is that the information requested by the hon Member is not available to the Government. Since by definition it would be private developer costs spent on their land.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 322 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

What I am trying to establish is, perhaps I should have said relocation costs because it follows from the previous one. Is it that all the relocation costs have all been publicly funded and then the developers have put a price for that without having to bear any of the relocation costs, or are there instances where the price that they paid is less than that they have taken responsibility for relocating MOD facilities? That is the question, it is linked to the previous one.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

I am just trying to recall whether there are any cases of the latter. The latter being where the developer provides the relocation. I hesitate to say there have been none but it would be exceptional. The model tends to be the first of the two. That is to say, where the Government collect the premium and then assume responsibility on any consequent MOD relocation costs. I am just trying to recall the 2004 land deal, of course there have been quite a few, there have been one or two since. The principal relocation costs in the 2004 deal related to the work that xxxxxxxx has just finished doing in the refurbishment of the blocks inside the North Front estate, and then relocation works which are presently being done in relation to the relocation of the Marine Squadron and the Watermanship Club, there by No. 4 Dock, which is the site for the new housing estate. In all of those cases it is publicly funded, all the others, I think, were private villas which were just sold. There were no relocation costs. From

memory, all the relocation costs under the 2004 deal were Government borne, because they were to facilitate Government projects.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Presumably in the exercise that the Chief Minister has said will be undertaken to answer Question No. 321 of 2008, it might be possible to see if there is indeed any there.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It would have to be carried to the list of projects in the lands deal.

ORAL

NO. 323 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ECA – PAYMENTS

Can Government now state what have been the payments made by the Elderly Care Agency for the last financial year to 30 September 2007 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. 324 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 324 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ECA – RECEIPTS

Can Government now state what have been the receipts of the Elderly Care Agency for the last financial year to 30 September 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 323 and 325 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 325 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SPORTS & LEISURE AUTHORITY – RECEIPTS

Can Government now state what have been the receipts of the Sports and Leisure Authority for the last financial year to 30 September 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 323, 324 and 326 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 326 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SPORTS & LEISURE AUTHORITY – EXPENDITURE

Can Government now state what have been the recurrent expenditure of the Sports and Leisure Authority for the last 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. 323 to 325 and 327 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 327 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GEA – EXPENDITURE

Can Government now state what has been the operating expenditure of the Gibraltar Electricity Authority for the last 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. 323 to 326 and 328 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 328 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GEA – REVENUE

Can Government now state what has been the operating revenue of the Gibraltar Electricity Authority for the last financial year to 30 September 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 323 to 327 and 329 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 329 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – RECEIPTS

Can Government now state what have been the receipts of the Gibraltar Health Authority for the last financial year to 30 September 2007 with a breakdown by Social Assistance Fund, GPMS, Consolidated Fund and other receipts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 323 to 328 and 330 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 330 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GHA – PAYMENTS

Can Government now state what have been the payments made by the Gibraltar Health Authority for the last financial year to 30 September 2007 with breakdown by personal emoluments, industrial wages, other personnel and other recurrent expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 323 to 329 and 331 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 331 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDC – EXPENDITURE

Can Government now provide the total estimated Gibraltar Development Corporation expenditure for the last 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. 323 to 330 and 332 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 332 OF 2008

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 last financial year to 30 September 2007 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. 323 to 331 and 333 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 333 OF 2008

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 last financial year to 30 September 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 323 to 332 and 334 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 334 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CONSOLIDATED FUND – REVENUE

Can Government now provide the total estimated Consolidated Fund revenue for the last financial year to 30 September 2007, giving a breakdown by Head of Revenue?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 323 to 333 and 335 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 335 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CONSOLIDATED FUND – EXPENDITURE

Can Government now provide the total estimated Consolidated Fund expenditure for the last financial year to 30 September 2007, giving a breakdown by Head of Expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 323 to 334 and 336 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 336 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

I & D FUND – REVENUE

Can Government now provide the total estimated Improvement and Development Fund revenue for the last financial year to 30 September 2007 giving a breakdown by Head of Revenue?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 323 to 335 and 337 to 338 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 337 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

I & D FUND – EXPENDITURE

Can Government now provide the total estimated Improvement and Development Fund expenditure for the last financial year to 30 September 2007 giving a breakdown by Head of Expenditure?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 323 to 336 and 338 of 2008.

NO. 338 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDC – REVENUE

Can Government now provide the estimated total Gibraltar Development Corporation revenue for the last 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

I 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, Corporations and the Social Insurance Fund, which are normally effected by the Treasury at the end of the financial year.

Answer to Question 338 of 2008

Answer to Question 323/2008

ELDERLY CARE AGENCY – PAYMENTS

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

PAYMENTS

Personal Emoluments	£1,877,915.11
Industrial Wages	£551,103.30
Other Personnel	£8,094.71
Employer's Contributions	£282,463.26
Other Recurrent Expenditure	£557,751.22
	<u>£3,277,327.60</u>

Answer to Question 324/2008

ELDERLY CARE AGENCY – RECEIPTS

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008-05-09

RECEIPTS

£335,731.69

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Contd Answer to Question 338 of 2008

Answer to Question 325/2008

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – RECEIPTS

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£5,355.00</u>
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Answer to Question 325/2008

SPORTS AND LEISURE AUTHORITY – EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

EXPENDITURE

Personal Emoluments	£471,637.89
Other Recurrent Expenditure	<u>£484,144.06</u>
	<u>£955,781.95</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 338 of 2008

Answer to Question 327/2008

GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – OPERATING EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

EXPENDITURE

Personal Emoluments	£3,076,062.61
Employer's Contributions	£193,832.34
Other Recurrent Expenditure	£9,174,388.65
	<u>£12,444,283.60</u>

Answer to Question 328/2008

GIBRALTAR ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY – OPERATING REVENUE

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>£8,811,624.20</u>
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Contd Answer to Question 338 of 2008

Answer to Question 329/2008

GIBRALTAR HEALTH AUTHORITY – RECEIPTS

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

RECEIPTS

Social Assistance Fund	£0.00
GPMS	£13,237,303.99
Consolidated Fund	£0.00
Other Receipts	£235,669.45
	<u>£13,472,973.44</u>

Answer to Question 330/2008

GIBRALTAR HEALTH AUTHORITY – PAYMENTS

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

PAYMENTS

Personal Emoluments	£12,177,224.56
Industrial Wages	£1,196,362.33
Other Personnel	£2,055,051.09
Other Recurrent Expenditure	£13,031,704.81
	<u>£28,460,342.79</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 338 of 2008

Answer to Question 331/2008

GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Expenditure

Employment	£261,154.95
Training	£995,747.60
	<u>£1,256,902.55</u>

OTHER DIVISIONS

Expenditure

Other Divisions	<u>£1,783,144.59</u>
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Contd Answer to Question 338 of 2008

Answer to Question 332/2008

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – PAYMENTS

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

EXPENDITURE

Personal Emoluments	£1,507,091.49
Industrial Wages	£197,017.24
Other Personnel	£157,079.65
Employer's Contributions	£173,853.09
Other Recurrent Expenditure	£223,644.24
	<u>£2,258,685.71</u>

Answer to Question 333/2008

SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY – RECEIPTS

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

RECEIPTS

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Contd Answer to Question 338 of 2008

Answer to Question 334/2008

CONSOLIDATED FUND REVENUE

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
1 Income Taxes	£51,145,436.09
2 Duties, Taxes and Other Receipts	£22,978,813.66
3 Gambling Fees	£2,933,038.39
4 Rates and Rents	£8,585,486.01
5 Departmental Fees and Receipts	£7,211,355.37
6 Government Earnings	£4,258,517.22
	<u>£97,112,646.74</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 338 of 2008

Answer to Question 335/2008

CONSOLIDATED FUND EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
1A Education	£10,723,644.44
1B Training	£270,852.45
2A Heritage and Culture	£793,030.19
2B Youth	£169,493.07
2C Broadcasting	£857,635.00
2D Sport and Leisure	£36,624.98
3A Housing - Administration	£938,014.45
3B Housing – Buildings and Works	£3,224,242.85
4A Environment	£6,114,815.94
4B Technical Services	£2,371,087.83
4C Utilities	£4,307,038.18
5 Social Affairs	£2,765,450.49
6A Trade and Industry	£652,383.48
6B Tourism	£1,378,508.89
6C Port	£1,112,675.30
6D Maritime Administration	£286,687.24
6E Airport	£1,997,830.75
6F Employment	£251,622.39
6G Transport - Traffic	£618,832.98
6H Postal Services	£1,229,802.34
7 Health	£0.00
8A No. 6 Convent Place	£3,260,599.03
8B Human Resources	£341,837.42
9A Ministry	£153,489.09
9B Treasury	£2,083,786.14
9C Customs	£2,079,540.92
9D Income Tax	£850,168.73
9E Finance Centre	£753,523.85
10A Supreme Court	£293,499.24
10B Magistrates' and Coroner's Court	£177,195.19
10C Attorney General's Chambers	£246,035.90
10D Civil Status and Immigration Service	£975,581.17
10E Civil Contingency	£3,351.47
10F Police	£4,747,810.16
10G Fire Service	£1,705,156.04
10H Prison	£575,758.29
10I Justice and Home Affairs - Miscellaneous	£27,898.14
11 Parliament	£513,504.26
12 Gibraltar Audit Office	£270,950.71
13 Supplementary Provision	£0.00
14 Contribution to Social Insurance Funds	£0.00
15 Non-Recurrent Expenditure - Reserve	£0.00
	<u>£59,159,958.99</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 338 of 2008

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CONSOLIDATED FUND CHARGES

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
01 Statutory Offices	£218,306.43
02 Judicature	£428,616.71
03 Pensions	£10,216,044.08
04 Employer's Contributions	£1,440,961.15
05 Public Debt Charges	£2,733,197.79
06 Public Services Ombudsman	£79,607.32
07 Revenue Repayment	£162,367.41
08 Public Debt Repayment	£0.00
	£15,279,100.89

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Contd Answer to Question 338 of 2008

Answer to Question 336/2008

IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – REVENUE

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
101 Contributions and Loans	£0.00
102 Sale of Government Properties and Other Premia	£1,678,422.99
103 Grants	£211,840.99
104 Reimbursements	£66,104.34
	<u>£1,956,368.32</u>

Answer to Question 337/2008

IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT FUND – EXPENDITURE

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

<u>HEAD</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>
101 Departmental	£4,113,786.77
102 Central Public Administration and Essential Services	£454,817.38
103 Projects	£5,017,423.71
	<u>£9,586,027.86</u>

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Contd Answer to Question 338 of 2008

Answer to Question 338/2008

GIBRALTAR DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – REVENUE

1 APRIL 2007 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2007 – TENTATIVE FIGURES AS AT 28 MARCH 2008

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

Revenue

Training Levy	£1,269,554.30
Contribution by European Social Fund ESF	£162,914.00
Contribution from Consolidated Fund – Head 1B	£0.00
Miscellaneous	£80,231.00
	<u>£1,512,699.30</u>

OTHER DIVISIONS

Revenue

Other Receipts	<u>£1,783,279.47</u>
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ORAL

NO. 339 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GOVERNMENT COMPANIES – CASH BALANCES

Can Government now confirm that the cash balances of Government Companies on 31st March was £10M and give a breakdown by company?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The cash balances of the companies on that date is estimated to be around £1 million. This is broken down as follows:

GRP Investments Company Ltd	£609,000
KIJY Parkings Ltd	£362,000
Gibraltar Community Projects Ltd	£ 29,000

NO. 340 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

WATERPORT DEVELOPMENT – AMOUNTS RECEIVED

Can Government state since the 5th December 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

Amounts received from the purchasers from the date cited in the question is £4,000.

Amounts paid out are £3,674,288 to the contractor; £27,118 to the Quantity Surveyors; £85,227 to the Architects and £32,029 to the Engineers. I have excluded the pennies in all cases.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 340 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is this because the purchasers have been given the option not to have to pay some of their instalments because of delays? Was not the agreement that they were required to pay a certain percentage?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

They finished by the 5th December.

ORAL

NO. 341 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – WRITTEN-OFF

Can Government state whether there has been any irrecoverable Corporation Tax written-off in the financial year 2007/08, and if so, how much and how many companies were involved?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 342 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 342 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

INCOME TAX – SELF-EMPLOYED WRITTEN-OFF

Can Government state whether there has been any irrecoverable Income Tax written-off in the financial year 2007/08 in respect of self-employed individuals, and if so, how much and how many individuals were involved?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

There have been no irrecoverable write-offs in the financial year 2007/2008 of either Corporation Tax or Income Tax in respect of self-employed individuals.

ORAL

NO. 343 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – AMOUNTS COLLECTED

What was the amount of Company Tax collected in each month since October 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 344 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 344 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – AMOUNTS COLLECTED

How much was collected in PAYE each month since October 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Corporation Tax:

	£M
November 2007	0.23
December 2007	0.75
January 2008	1.12
February 2008	17.42

PAYE (net of refunds):

	£M
November 2007	7.76
December 2007	5.13
January 2008	9.72
February 2008	6.50

ORAL

NO. 345 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX

As at the end of March 2008, 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

The information the hon Member requests is in the schedule now being handed to him.

Answer to Question 345/2008

	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Assessed	15.8	15.7	20.1	26.1	90.4	29.1
Discharged	5.8	5.2	9.4	11.5	76.6	15.9
	10.0	10.5	10.7	14.6	13.8	13.2
Paid	9.6	10.4	10.5	14.5	13.6	13.2
Outstanding	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0
No. of Companies	1446	1419	1468	1463	1550	1591

	2001/2	2002/3	2003/4	2004/5	2005/6	2006/7
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Assessed	31.7	36.7	41.5	35.6	46.6	49.3
Discharged	16.9	20.1	18.6	12.8	21.7	24.4
	14.8	16.6	22.9	22.8	24.9	24.9
Paid	14.3	15.6	22.0	20.2	21.8	22.1
Outstanding	0.5	1.0	0.9	2.6	3.1	2.8
No. of Companies	1553	1544	1606	1608	1503	1348

ORAL

NO. 346 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – OUTSTANDING ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS

Can Government state, as at the end of March 2008, 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. 347 to 351 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 347 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING

Can Government state, as at 31st March 2008, 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. 346 and 348 to 351 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 348 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – OUTSTANDING AMOUNTS

Can Government state, as at 31st March 2008, 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. 346, 347 and 349 to 351 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 349 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – OUTSTANDING ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS

Can Government state, as at the end of March 2008, how many employers had failed to submit 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. 346 to 348, 350 and 351 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 350 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING

Can Government state, as at 31st March 2008, how many of the employers who had submitted an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the tax year 2006/2007 had amounts outstanding and what was the total of such amounts?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 346 to 349 and 351 of 2008.

NO. 351 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – OUTSTANDING ANNUAL RETURN OF DEDUCTIONS

Can Government state, as at the end of March 2008, how many employers had failed to submit an annual return of PAYE deduction for employees for the tax year 2006/2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

A total of 79 employers had not yet returned their 2004/2005 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificates as at 28th March 2008.

Based on the 2004/2005 annual PAYE Employers' Returns received at the Income Tax office by 28th March 2008, 99 employers owed PAYE totalling £0.78 million.

Based on the 2005/2006 annual PAYE Employers' Returns received at the Income Tax office by 28th March 2008, 117 employers owed PAYE totalling £0.73 million.

As at 28 March 2008, 127 employers had not yet returned their 2005/2006 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificates.

Based on the 2006/2007 annual PAYE Employers' Returns received at the Income Tax office by 28 March 2008, 218 employers owed PAYE tax totalling £1.68 million.

As at 28 March 2008, 230 employers had not yet returned their 2006/2007 Employers' Declaration and PAYE Certificates.

ORAL

NO. 352 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS ON DECLARED TAXABLE PROFITS

As at the end of March 2008 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 2006/07, and what was the tax assessed and paid in each category and year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 353 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 353 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

CORPORATION TAX – ASSESSMENTS WITHOUT A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS

As at the end of March 2008 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 2006/07, 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 353/2008

Answer to Question 352

COMPANIES ASSESSED HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS

Year of Assessment	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Under £35,000					
No. of Companies assessed	231	317	382	444	443
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	0.5M	0.6M	0.9M	1.1M	1.1M
Total Paid	0.5M	0.6M	0.9M	1.0M	1.0M

Over £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	78	102	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	12.0M	13.3M	15.2M

Year of Assessment	2003/4	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
	£	£	£	£
Under £35,000				
No. of Companies assessed	461	426	440	361
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	1.1M	1.0M	1.0M	0.8M
Total Paid	1.0M	1.0M	1.0M	0.7M

Over £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	167	162	136	116
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	21.9M	21.9M	21.8M	19.4M
Total Paid	21.9M	20.8M	20.6M	19.3M

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Contd ANSWER TO QUESTION 353/2008

Answer to Question 353

COMPANIES ASSESSED WITHOUT HAVING MADE A RETURN OF TAXABLE PROFITS

Year of Assessment	1998/99	1999/00	2000/01	2001/02	2002/03
	£M	£M	£M	£M	£M
Under £35,000					
No. of Companies assessed	728	530	240	252	277
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	1.4M	0.9M	0.4M	0.5M	0.6M
Total Paid	1.3M	0.7M	0.2M	0.2M	0.2M

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	0.4M

Year of Assessment	2003/4	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07
	£	£	£	£
Under £35,000				
No. of Companies assessed	304	389	458	550
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	0.7M	1.0M	1.1M	1.5M
Total Paid	0.2M	0.3M	0.3M	0.3M

Over £35,000

No. of Companies assessed	21	25	56	93
Total assessed (i.e. total tax payable)	0.7M	0.9M	1.3M	2.9M
Total Paid	0.4M	0.4M	0.6M	1.4M

NO. 354 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PAYE – FAILURE TO RETURN DEDUCTION CARDS

Can Government state what action is initiated by the Government in respect of companies which fail to return the PAYE deduction cards by 31 July and how many companies were affected by such action in respect of the Returns due for the tax year 2006/2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

In the first instance a reminder letter is issued to those employers that have not complied by the due date.

As at 27 March 2008 a total of 468 reminder letters had been sent to employers that had failed to return the PAYE deduction cards for the tax year 2006/2007.

To date, 24 employers have been summonsed to the Magistrates' Court after failing to comply with the reminder letter.

The Commissioner of Income Tax has advised that this is an on-going exercise whereby legal proceedings pursuant to the provisions of the Income Tax Act continues.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 354 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

Given that there are 230 as at the end of March, can the Chief Minister explain how it is that 24 have been summonsed? Is there a time limit by which the warning letter converts into the summons?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, I have to say that the Government as a matter of policy do not take a particularly keen interest in the detail of the Commissioner of Income Tax's enforcements actions of his Acts. The only one that we do take an interest in is when he wants to wind up companies and then we want to have a look to see how many people are going to be made instantly unemployed. I do not have the information that he asks and I cannot even help him from my own background knowledge, because this is not an area

where I would normally ask to be kept informed or an account given to me. I can only speculate that he either picks at random or he starts and eventually gets through them all. Rather than issuing them initially or that the others may have come back, I do not know.

HON J J BOSSANO:

But there is not any sort of laid down procedure of steps from one move to the other?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, none that has been laid down by the political Government.

NO. 355 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

TAX INFORMATION EXCHANGE AGREEMENTS

Can Government state when the standing entrustment to negotiate tax information exchange agreements was concluded with UK and what agreements have been negotiated since, if any?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The letter of entrustment from the United Kingdom with regard to the negotiation of tax (tiers as they are called) is dated 1st September 2003.

No agreements have been negotiated to date.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 355 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

Was the request initiated from the Gibraltar end to enter into this agreement with the UK or was it something that the UK was doing with all the territories and therefore suggested it to Gibraltar as well?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, neither. We neither requested it nor did we suggest that they do it. We just received it in the post one day. Actually controversially a little, because we questioned whether it was needed. In other words, we would not concede that in order to enter into an exchange of information agreement with the tax authority of another country, we require the United Kingdom's permission or entrustment. So, we got this because they were issuing it to Jersey, Guernsey, Isle of Man and all the Overseas Territories and it was just automatically issued. But we have never acknowledged that it is necessary and, indeed, we have recorded the view that we do not think it is.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Therefore, from the answer the Chief Minister has given me, it suggests that it happened at the same time.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Yes. It was at the time of the OECD harmful tax which is what this comes under.

ORAL

NO. 356 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

GDP FIGURE

Is Government now in a position to provide the breakdown for the GDP figure 2005/06 which stood at £655.88 million?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information requested is shown in the table that I am now handing to him.

Answer to Question 356

INCOME METHOD, (£ million)	* 2005/06
INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT	B 384.80
INCOME FROM SELF-EMPLOYMENT	C 56.77
GROSS TRADING PROFITS OF COMPANIES	C 113.77
GROSS TRADING SURPLUS OF GOVERNMENT ENTERPRISES	A 3.72
RENT	C 98.00
TOTAL DOMESTIC INCOME	B 657.06
LESS STOCK APPRECIATION	C -1.18
GDP (FACTOR COST)	B 655.88
NET PROPERTY INCOME FROM ABROAD	C -1.70
NET FACTOR INCOME FROM ABROAD	B -61.10
GNP (FACTOR COST)	B 593.08

EXPENDITURE METHOD, (£ million)	* 2005/06
CONSUMERS' EXPENDITURE	B 251.00
GOVT. FINAL CONSUMPTION	A 191.10
GROSS DOMESTIC FIXED CAP. FMTN	C 84.03
TOTAL DOMESTIC EXPENDITURE	C 526.13
EXPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	C 1,084.76
IMPORTS OF GOODS AND SERVICES	B -905.54
RESIDUAL ERROR	19.00
GDP (MARKET PRICES)	B 724.35
SUBSIDIES	C 6.19
TAXES ON EXPENDITURE	A -74.66
GDP (FACTOR COST)	B 655.88
NET PROPERTY INCOME FROM ABROAD	C -1.70
NET FACTOR INCOME FROM ABROAD	B -61.10
GNP (FACTOR COST)	B 593.08

NO. 357 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

ABSTRACT OF STATISTICS

Can Government state when it expects to publish the Abstract of Statistics for 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Government anticipates that the Abstract of Statistics for 2007 will be published in July or August as occurred last year. I think last year we got it out in July. In fact, I hesitate to mention it because he will be holding me to it, but we have now got a sort of a template in respect of all the Government statistics, by the date that they should each be published. That is something that the Statistics Office is working to. There may be slippage as an exception, but as a rule people should know when they can expect it to be published.

ORAL

NO. 358 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SAVINGS BANK – CAPITAL GAINS/LOSSES

Can Government state whether any capital gains or losses were sustained by the Savings Bank in the last financial year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

It is estimated at the time that the answer was drafted, which was not yet the end of March, that a capital gain of £2.4 million was made during that financial year

ORAL

NO. 359 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SAVINGS BANK – NON-GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS

Can Government say whether the final figure for non-Government deposits in the Investment Accounts with the Savings Bank in 2006/2007 was £28 million as forecast?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 360 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 360 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SAVINGS BANK – GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS

Can Government say whether the final figure for Government deposits in the Investment Accounts with the Savings Bank in 2006/2007 was £99 million as forecast?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Non-Government Deposits stood at £29.3 million at the end of 2006/2007.

Government Deposits stood at £91.7 million at the year end.

ORAL

NO. 361 OF 2008

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 loans from local banks in each month since November 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 362 to 365 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 362 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

LOAN FACILITY

Can Government say how much has been paid to the Bank for the £100 million loan facility recently tabled, in the last financial year and whether any amount has been drawn down from the facility to date?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 361 and 363 to 365 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 363 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

DEBT FACILITY

Can Government state what is the total available agreed debt facility from banks which the Government has not yet drawn down?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 361, 362, 364 and 365 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 364 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PUBLIC DEBT – MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Can Government state what was the total level of Public Debt held by members of the public on 31st March 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 361 to 363 and 365 of 2008.

NO. 365 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PUBLIC DEBT – GIBRALTAR COMMUNITY CARE

Can Government state whether any Public Debt was held by Gibraltar Community Care on 31 March 2008, and if so how much?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

In respect of the revolving loans with Natwest and Barclays it is as he has previously seen it, it has remained at £5 million each, constantly throughout the whole of the period to which this question relates with a total of £10 million.

The front-end fee paid to the Bank on the signing of the new Loan Agreement on 20 December 2007 was £75,000. Legal fees amounted to £8,000. No drawdowns from this additional revolving facility have been made.

A non-utilisation fee on the undrawn balance of the existing Loan Facility (£50 million) is payable at the end of each interest calculation period at the rate of 0.10 per cent per annum.

The revolving loan facilities from banks total £150 million, of which £10 million has been drawn down. However, the current ceiling on overall public debt under the Borrowing Powers Act is £100 million.

The public debt level will remain at £92.8 million as at the end of March 2008. It is estimated that £78 million will be held by members of the public in Government Debentures, £4.8 million will be held by Gibraltar Community Care Limited, with the remaining £10 million being the revolving debt from banks.

ORAL

NO. 366 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PFI AGREEMENT

Can Government say whether they have entered into any PFI agreement other than that in respect of St Bernard's Hospital, and if so give a breakdown of dates, amounts and projects involved?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 367 of 2008.

NO. 367 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

PFI FINANCE

Can Government say whether there has been any need to alter the rules on qualifying PFI finance in the light of the recent moves in U.K. concerning the reclassification of PFI as public debt?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

No PFI type agreement has been entered into since the lease and leaseback arrangement for St Bernard's Hospital. The Treasury has not altered the rules it applies for establishing what is considered to be public debt. I am not sure whether that means that our Treasury does not consider it necessary given something that has happened in the UK, or whether we are being told that the UK Treasury has not altered its rules.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 366 AND 367 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

Are the Government aware that the National Audit Office in the United Kingdom has raised an issue over some of these PFI's and may be requiring that to be done in the UK as part of the public debt? What I am asking is, if our system was based on theirs, is there any read-across from any changes there to the way we do it here?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

The Government are aware that the issue exists in the UK, it has not been resolved, it has not been converted into definitive criteria. If it is something that reflects good practice, then the Government may follow suit. So far we have followed the UK practice. In other words, the rules in relation to PFI's, the risk transfer one needs, we have been following that. If there is a change of thinking in the UK as to what is sound practice, the hon Member knows that there are sceptics who regard PFI deals as little more than off balance sheet borrowing. I think that is probably a little bit too harsh. On the other hand, clearly it is possible to disguise what would otherwise clearly be public debt as PFI arrangement and I think a proper practice lies somewhere in between. If consensus, proper treatment of where that line should be drawn changes, then obviously we would look at it too.

ORAL

NO. 368 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state how much has been collected as Stamp Duty in each month since September 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 369 to 371 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 369 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

Can Government state what has been the amount collected in each month since September 2007 from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 368, 370 and 371 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 370 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

STAMP DUTY

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 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question Nos. 368, 369 and 371 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 371 OF 2008

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 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information the hon Member requests is now being handed to him in writing.

Stamp Duty collected in each month since September 2007 is as follows:

October 2007	£450,280.93
November 2007	£259,054.69
December 2007	£219,906.69
January 2008	£487,945.84
February 2008	£533,147.36

The amount collected from the £10 Stamp Duty on share issues is as follows:

October 2007	£2,137.20
November 2007	£1,810.00
December 2007	£1,770.00
January 2008	£1,760.00
February 2008	£2,220.00

The revenue yield in respect of the 1.6 per cent duty that was paid is as follows:

October 2007	£20,560.00
November 2007	£42,880.00
December 2007	£14,960.00
January 2008	£50,707.68
February 2008	£88,445.44

The number of properties which have qualified for Zero Stamp Duty on sale is as follows:

October 2007	29
November 2007	33
December 2007	16
January 2008	16
February 2008	32

ORAL

NO. 372 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

VACANT POSTS IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Can Government state whether any further vacant posts in Government departments have been filled since the answer to Question No. 916 of 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 373 of 2008.

ORAL

NO. 373 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

VACANT POSTS IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

Can Government state whether any additional posts in Government departments have become vacant since the answer to Question No. 917 of 2007, and if so, show the grade and department?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The information requested by the hon Member is in the schedules that are now being handed to him.

ANSWER TO QUESTION 373

ANSWER TO QUESTION 372

The posts filled are as follows:-

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO. OF POSTS FILLED</u>
Civil Status and Registration Office	Administrative Officer	1
Customs	Higher Executive Officer	1
	Executive Officer	1
	Assistant Officer	4
Education	School Nurse (Part-Time)	1
	Technician (Design and Technology)	1
	Cleaner (part-time)	7
Fire Brigade	Divisional Officer	1
	Station Officer	1
	Sub-Officer	2
	Leading Firefighter	2
	Firefighter	3
Gibraltar Health Authority	Personal Secretary	2
Gibraltar Port Authority	Port Officer	1
Human Resources Department	Senior Executive Officer	2
Income Tax	Higher Executive officer	1
	Administrative officer	1
Information Technology and Logistics Department	Director, IT & Logistics Department	1
	IT Officer Level 1	1
Maritime Administration	Senior Marine Surveyor	1
	Higher Executive Officer	1
	Executive Officer	1
	Administrative Officer	1
Ministry of Finance	Senior Executive Officer	2
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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 373

Answer to Question 372

No. 6 Convent Place	Senior Executive Officer	1
	Higher Executive officer	2
	Administrative Officer	1
	Cleaner (Part-time)	1
Police	Police Constable	12
Post Office	Single Operational Grade (Basic)	1
Prison	Chief Officer (Manager E)	1
	Senior Prison Officer	1
	Prison officer	1
Procurement Office	Executive Officer	1
Social Services Agency	Senior Social Worker	1
Technical Services Department	SPTO (Minor Works)	1
Transport Licensing	Senior Executive Officer	1
Treasury	Senior Executive Officer	1
	Administrative Officer	2

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CONTD ANSWER TO QUESTION 373

ANSWER TO QUESTION 373

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>NO. OF VACANT POSTS</u>
Buildings and Works	Stores Supervisor 'D'	1
	Painter	1
	Flusher Sweeper	1
Fire Brigade	Sub Officer	1
Gibraltar Health Authority	Clerk/Word Processor (Ex Typist)	3
Housing	Senior Executive Officer	1
	HPTO	1
No. 6 Convent Place	Executive Officer	1
Police	Administrative officer	1
Social Services Agency	Social Worker	1
Statistics Office	Statistics Officer Level 1	1
Technical Services Department	Mason	1
	Drainsman	1
	Labourer	1
Transport-Licensing	Higher Executive Officer	1

ORAL

NO. 374 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE FUND – ACTUARIAL REPORT

Can Government now say when it will be in a position to provide the Actuarial Report on the Social Insurance Fund of 30 March 2007?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Answered together with Question No. 375 of 2008.

NO. 375 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE FUND – ACTUARIAL REPORT

Given that the Actuarial Report 2007 on the Social Insurance Fund was compiled when pensions were still frozen, can the Government now say whether a further exercise is going to be required to assess the current position?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The Actuarial Review which was completed in March 2007 is still being studied by the Treasury, and I understand that this should be completed shortly.

The impact of the changes to the scheme from April 2007 were not addressed by the Actuarial Review.

The Government is considering a number of changes for the funding arrangements of the Social Security Funds including the amalgamation of all the Statutory Benefits Funds and further sources of funding for the new Statutory Benefits Fund. Once these changes are in place, a further Actuarial assessment may be required in order to assess the revised position.

These Actuarial Reports are of limited relevance to the funding, our scheme is in effect pay as you go and in a sense the bulk of the burden of current benefits, recipients, are being met by current contributors. The exception to that being the interest element, the interest income on the capital itself. I agree that in recent years there has been an element of erosion of capital but at the moment it is pretty much in balance.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NOS. 374 AND 375 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

Surely the Government are aware that in the past when the previous Actuarial Reviews were done, which used to be every five years before the whole thing was frozen, it was on the basis of looking not just at the revenue and expenditure on an on-going pay as you go basis, but taking into account the level of reserves and the cover that that provided. Presumably this last one will also be doing that as part of the exercise, the ones I have seen in past years have always had that.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

That is exactly what the Actuarial Report does and produces. When it tells that, one shrugs ones shoulders and one says "so what?". Gibraltar has never had a capital sum equivalent capable of providing the revenue. In a sense the capital is a buffer against the need for future increases in Social Insurance contributions. In reality, it is a pay as you go scheme, people are paid from current contributions not from some pot. This is a very substantially unfunded scheme, as he knows. If this were a private sector pension scheme it would not be adequately funded, he knows that and it has always been the case. So we will have the information, he will see it as soon as we pass that to him, all I am saying is that the relevance of that is not that the Government then rush off to build up the capital to those sorts of levels.

HON J J BOSSANO:

The Government wanted to rush off and do it even without an Actuarial Review in 1997 when the thing was re-introduced. When he said he wanted to see the reserves going back to £50 million, actually, even without the benefit of an Actuarial Review. But in fact, I think if he looks at the development of the Social Insurance Fund since 1955, he will see that one consistent element has been that, in fact, the revenue from the current workforce plus the increasing level of reserves and the revenue from the investment income, has always created at the end of the year more than was need to pay as you go. Therefore, the ratio between the buffer and the outgoing has always been either improving or static, not declining down to a point of zero where the money came in and it all went out. I think the relevance of the actuary was to judge to what degree that was happening and that has been reflected in past reports.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

What the hon Member has said has not been consistent, there have been a few years of late in which there has been some erosion of capital, because the income did not meet the outgoings. But of course, now it clearly does not because of the extra £10 million the pensions cost, which we are voting on as a Government budgetary expenditure. Whether the Government choose over the coming years to increase Social Insurance contributions by amounts designed to close that gap or not, remains to be seen. At the moment there is a £10 million a year charge on the Consolidated Fund, which he will see re-appears again in this year's Estimates when he sees it, which is paying for the whole of the increase that we announced last April.

NO. 376 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

SOCIAL INSURANCE FUND – REVALUATION OF PENSIONS

Can Government confirm that it is intended to revalue Social Insurance Pensions as from 1st April 2008?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Yes.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 376 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

Can Government say whether, in fact, the people on minimum income guarantee, of which I was given a breakdown in an earlier question, will continue not to be affected by this increase as happened last year, or is that being altered?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

Well, that is something the Government are considering as we speak. The announcements that we made at that time applied only to the effects of the 65.2 per cent increase in pension. We said that that one-off payment would not affect anybody's minimum income guarantee entitlement. But of course, the Government need to be very careful not to inadvertently and permanently distort what the minimum income guarantee scheme is about. Minimum income guarantee is not a benefit of a fixed amount of money, it is a top up to make sure that one's income from all sources reaches a certain minimum level. Hence the name minimum income guarantee. So, it is possible, although it has not yet been decided, that the Government will conclude that increases in pensions should reduce minimum income guarantee entitlement. Unless, of course, the Government also decide to increase the level of the minimum income guarantee as a reviewed threshold in line with inflation and things of that sort. Unless the Government do that, then there is certainly the possibility that the Government will decide not to disregard pensions increases for xxxxxx purposes.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, the purpose of the question is simply to establish what the policy is, whether the decision of last year was a permanent one or not. I take it that the answer is that no final decision has yet been taken, is that correct?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

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NO. 377 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

VISAS

Can Government say whether any of the 134 visas in issue in February 2007 to Moroccan widows to travel monthly to Gibraltar to collect their pensions have since been discontinued?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

Two widows have had their visas discontinued.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 377 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

Is there a particular methodology to decide when or whether to discontinue any of these visas? I know that he said in answer to the previous question that there would be no new ones, so presumably, if people reach the end of their life expectancy they will disappear. But other than for that reason, is there any other criteria for discontinuing the visa?

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

It has to be either the impossibility to benefit from it or abuse, and the two cases are actually one of each. One case involved an 82 year old lady who was simply too ill and frail to travel to Gibraltar herself and, therefore, there was no purpose in her having the visa, with the risk to boot that she could become terminally ill during one of her visits to Gibraltar and become a burden on public funds. So the visa was withdrawn and arrangements made for her to collect her widow's pension in Morocco. That happened in November. The other case involved a slightly younger lady, a 58 year old, who had been a widow since she was 50 years old. It had been established without doubt that she had abused her visa conditions and had been working illegally in Gibraltar as a domestic employee in private households over a number of years. This was a serious violation of the visa conditions and therefore it was withdrawn from her in January. She has yet to make arrangements to receive her widow's pension in Morocco. So one is a case of abuse, the second, and the first is a case of impossibility to enjoy.

ORAL

NO. 378 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

NATURALISATION

Can Government state for the year 2007 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 No. 379 of 2008.

NO. 379 OF 2008

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 in the year 2007, if any, 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

A total of 109 applications for exemption and subsequent naturalisation were received in 2007. One application, from a single male, was refused. The applicant had been legally resident in Gibraltar for eight years.

NO. 380 OF 2008

THE HON J J BOSSANO

NATURALISATION

Can Government state in respect of applications for naturalisation from spouses of British nationals which have been accepted since 1996 whether any have had the language requirement waived, and if so, how many and give a breakdown by year?

ANSWER

THE HON THE CHIEF MINISTER

The language requirement, which some people in Gibraltar appear to be mistaken about, is not a requirement of the law of Gibraltar it is a requirement of the United Kingdom British Nationality Act. It is not something that we have either introduced or are at liberty to ignore. Anyway, the language requirement for spouses of British nationals who apply for naturalisation was introduced in July 2004. No applications from spouses have had the language requirement waived since this requirement was introduced.

SUPPLEMENTARY TO QUESTION NO. 380 OF 2008

HON J J BOSSANO:

I think in answer to a previous question, the Chief Minister said that the Government of Gibraltar uniquely in the Overseas Territories had the ability to waive this and that it was normally people who were pensioners that might have difficulty learning the language.

HON CHIEF MINISTER:

No, what I said to the hon Member was that of all the Overseas Territories Governments, the Government of Gibraltar was the only one that had the conduct of applications. That all the Overseas Territories now have to send these applications into London for consideration. The grant of the exemption is statutory. If one is over 65 years old one is exempted automatically, there is no element of discretion required to be exercised, it is simply an age related exemption. I suppose on the sensible basis that elderly people cannot be expected to learn a new language.

HON J J BOSSANO:

Well, that is not the recollection I have of the answer but I will check it out.