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NO. W1 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

GOVERNMENT ADVERTISING IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

What amount has the Government paid in respect of advertising to any registered newspaper since the last answer in this House, giving a breakdown by month and newspaper?

ANSWER

The information requested is set out in the table below.

	Nov-07	Dec-07	Jan-08	Feb-08	Mar-08
Gibraltar Chronicle	£13,807.50	£0.00	£200.00	£8,658.25	£3,223.80
Gibsport	£0.00	£0.00	£340.00	£102.00	£150.00
Panorama	£0.00	£7,022.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,530.33
7 Days	£1,512.00	£3,358.00	£1,690.00	£1,481.00	£3,874.00
	£15,319.50	£10,380.00	£2,230.00	£10,241.25	£14,778.13

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CM'S VISITS OVERSEAS

Can the Government give a breakdown of the cost of all travel by the Chief Minister on Government business since the last answer in this House to date stating:

- a) what the purpose of travel was;
- b) who travelled with the Chief Minister;
- c) who the Chief Minister intended to meet on each of the journeys undertaken; and
- d) a breakdown of the travel expenses incurred?

ANSWER

The information requested is set out in the attached table.

ANSWER TO QUESTION W2/2008

Date	Purpose	Persons Travelling with CM	Met with	Air Fares	Accommodation	Subsistence, & Other Costs
13.12.07 - 18.12.07	UN 4th Committee	MD, CS		£2,445.10	£620.23 (approx)	£1,338.41
21.10.07 - 23.10.07	Gibraltar Day in London	MD, PS(P)	Meeting with Minister Murphy, FCO	£1,073.10	£1,067.13	£730.00
05.11.07 - 06.11.07	Forum of Dialogue - Castellar	CS, PPS, MD, SPS, Bodyguards, Driver				
27.11.07 - 28.11.07	New London Office	FS	Lawyers, Surveyors etc	£1,083.00	£1,097.82	£590.00
16.12.07 - 20.12.07	New London Office (signing of purchase contracts)	MD	Lawyers	£1,082.70	£1,777.98	£640.00
31.1.08 - 03.02.08	Airline Meetings	PS(P), MEDT	Various Airlines	-	£314.13	£597.24
04.03.08 - 06.03.08	FAC	PPS, PS(L)		£1,073.10	£735.51	£410.00

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NO. W3 OF 2008

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PAYMENTS TO LAW FIRMS – LEGAL ASSISTANCE/LEGAL AID

Can Government give a breakdown of the amounts paid so far in this financial year to each law firm (or Barrister) in respect of civil legal assistance and criminal legal aid, giving a breakdown by firm and showing what are legal fees and what are disbursements?

ANSWER

The information requested is set out in the attached table.

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Name of Firm	Legal Assistance		Legal Aid	
	Disbursements	Fees	Disbursements	Fees
Attias & Levy	£ 97,553.89	£ 78,255.66	£ 147.60	£ 16,621.50
C A Gomez & Co		£ 4,084.12		
Caelano & Co			£ 883.00	£ 1,213.00
Charles Utley	£ 962.50			
College Clinic	£ 100.00			
Cruz & Co	£ 500.00			
Dr E Levine	£ 2,000.00			
Fiona Marsh				
Gold Law	£ 2,954.90	£ 16,336.72	£ 500.00	
Hassans	£ 19,554.95	£ 76,694.85		£ 2,040.00
Ian Watts	£ 10.00			£ 895.00
Isolas	£ 6,006.00	£ 15,736.80		£ 1,995.00
J Leighton Williams QC	£ 29,609.05			£ 8,332.00
J Oton			£ 431.60	
J A Evans	£ 18,079.60	£ 73,035.36	£ 11.15	£ 1,189.00
Maggie Sargent	£ 2,400.00			
Marrache & Co	£ 70.00			
Northern Medical Services	£ 22,657.98	£ 5,327.20	£ 8,298.00	£ 11,243.00
Phillips & Co	£ 3,202.00			
Quadrant Chambers	£ 563.02	£ 90,017.54		£ 305.00
S J Bullock	£ 15,571.80	£ 45,047.44	£ 621.30	£ 14,217.00
S R Bossino	£ 1,859.00	£ 35,213.44		£ 9,198.50
Triay & Triay	£ 48,542.88	£ 52,041.60	£ 37,079.00	£ 390.00
Triay Stagnetto Neish	£ 950.00	£ 6,996.00		
Verralls				£ 4,005.00
	£ 273,147.57	£ 498,786.73	£ 47,971.65	£ 71,644.00
		Total Financial Year 07/08		£ 891,549.95
		Less Legal Assistance recovered =		-£ 3,465.04
				-£ 56,067.79
				-£ 88,471.92
				-£ 7,077.09
				-£ 575.00
				£ 735,893.11

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NO. W4 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 2 STATUS

How many individuals have surrendered Category 2 status since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

A total of seven individuals have surrendered their Category 2 status since the last answer in this House.

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NO. W5 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 3 STATUS

How many individuals have surrendered Category 3 status since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

A total of 29 individuals have surrendered their Category 3 status since the last answer in this House.

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NO. W6 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 4 STATUS

How many individuals have surrendered Category 4 status since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

A total of eight individuals have surrendered their Category 4 status since the last answer in this House.

NO. W7 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 2 STATUS

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 2 status in Gibraltar as at the end of each of the months since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

The total numbers of individuals who joined the register of people with Category 2 status in each month since the last answer in this House are as follows:

December 2007	5
January 2008	5
February 2008	3
March 2008	2

There is a total of 387 active Category 2 individuals together with High Net Worth Individuals (HNWI's). There are 11 applications pending. The number of Category 2 individuals joining the register are as follows:

January 2007	8
Februray 2007	7
March 2007	14
April 2007	8
May 2007	6
June	3
July 2007	7
August 2007	2
September 2007	4
October 2007	5
November 2007	4

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THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 4 STATUS

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 4 status in each month since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

The total numbers of individuals who joined the register of people with Category 4 status in each month since the last answer in this House are as follows:

February 2007	2
March 2007	0
April 2007	6
May 2007	0
June 2007	1

After the 26th June 2007 no further applications for Category 4 status were possible as this status was abolished in the Budget speech.

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NO. W9 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

CATEGORY 3 STATUS

Can Government state how many individuals joined the register of people with Category 3 status in Gibraltar in each month since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

The total numbers of individuals who joined the register of people with Category 3 status in each month since the last answer in this House are as follows:

February 2007	1
March 2007	4
April 2007	7
May 2007	3
June 2007	24

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FINANCIAL SERVICES - CONFERENCES

Can Government give the cost, with a breakdown, of attendance at all and any conferences which related or were considered to relate to financial services in the months from the last answer in this House to date, giving the name of the conference and the offices of those who might have attended as part of the Government delegation?

ANSWER

The Finance Centre Department held seminars over three days for Insurance, Funds and Private Clients at the Grange Hotel in London during 12th – 14th February 2008.

Attended by: Mr James Tipping – Finance Centre Director
Mr Joseph Macano – Director Licensing Unit
Ms Veena Purswani – Marketing & Administration
Ms Mireille Alsina – Administrative Officer

Flights & Accommodation	£ 4,145.00
Subsistence	£ 614.58
Expenses	£ 876.49
Conference costs	<u>£35,970.52</u>
Total:	£41,606.59

The private sector from Gibraltar contributed to the costs of the seminars in London with a total payment of £43,850; being a contribution of £300 per attendee from Gibraltar and £25 per guest.

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THE HON F R PICARDO

PROTECTED CELL COMPANIES

Have any applications to form a Protected Cell Company been submitted in the months from the last answer in this House which remain pending consideration or which have been rejected?

ANSWER

No applications to form a Protected Cell Company remain pending consideration and none have been rejected since the last answer in this House.

NO. W12 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

PROTECTED CELL COMPANIES

Can Government state how many Protected Cell Companies were registered in Gibraltar in each of the months since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

Consent has been granted to register 18 Protected Cell Companies since the last answer in this House.

March 2007	2
April 2007	4
May 2007	0
June 2007	0
July 2007	3
August 2007	0
September 2007	1
October 2007	1
November 2007	2
December 2007	2
January 2008	2
February 2008	0
March 2008	1

Of the above, eight have been established as EIF's and two as Insurance companies.

NO. W13 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

TAX EXEMPT COMPANIES

How many tax exempt companies have terminated their tax exemption certificates in each month from the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

The number of tax exempt companies which have terminated their tax exemption certificates in each of the months from the last answer in this House are as follows:

December 2007	21
January 2008	13
February 2008	37
March 2008	35
Up to 3 April 2008	1

“Terminated” their tax exempt certificates is interpreted by the Finance Centre Department as companies which have returned their certificates and no longer require exempt status. Accordingly, these figures do not include companies that have lost their exempt status by compulsion, that is, by operation of the Appropriate Measures Agreement with the EC Commission.

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NO. W14 OF 2008

THE HON F R PICARDO

COMPANIES REGISTER

How many companies have been removed from the companies register in each of the months since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

The list of companies removed from the companies register in each of the months since the last answer in this House are as follows:

December 2007	136
January 2008	124
February 2008	100
March 2008	8

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THE HON F R PICARDO

COMPANIES REGISTER

Can Government list the companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

The list of companies formed in Gibraltar in each of the months since the last answer in this House are as follows:

December 2007	129
January 2008	161
February 2008	218
March 2008	101

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THE HON F R PICARDO

COMPANIES REGISTER

Can Government state how many companies have been re-domiciled out of Gibraltar in each of the months since the last answer in this House and how many of these asked for their registrations to be cancelled?

ANSWER

The number of companies re-domiciled out of Gibraltar in each of the months since the last answer in this House are as follows:

The registrar gives consent 30 days after the notice is issued and consent is given almost without exception.

December 2007	9
January 2008	11
February 2008	7
March 2008	3

It is impossible within the time frame given to give an accurate figure on how many companies have asked for their registration to be cancelled within the months of December 2007 to date.

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THE HON F R PICARDO

BANKING LICENCES

Can Government state whether any new banking licences have been issued in the months since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER

There have been no new banking licences issued in the months since the last answer in this House.

During this period, an e-money institution has been authorised under the Financial Services (Banking) Act.

NO. W18 OF 2008**THE HON F R PICARDO****BANKING SECTOR**

Can Government state how many persons were employed in the banking sector in Gibraltar, giving a breakdown by bank and by nationality (showing how many are Gibraltarian) in the months since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER**Banking**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC
December-'07	15	787	512	162	41	1	67	4
January-08	15	783	507	163	41	1	67	4
February-08	15	779	505	163	41	1	65	4
March-08	15	775	501	163	42	1	64	4

These figures have been provided by the ETB and might be slightly inflated as some employers do not always deregister employees once they leave the company. However, we have been informed by the ETB that the insurance industry and banking sector are generally compliant.

NO. W19 OF 2008**THE HON F R PICARDO****INSURANCE INDUSTRY**

What is the total number of persons employed in the insurance industry in Gibraltar giving a breakdown by company and by nationality (showing how many are Gibraltarian) in the months since the last answer in this House?

ANSWER**Insurance**

Month	No. of Employers	No. of Employees	Gib	Other British	Spanish	Moroccan	Other EEC	Other Non-EEC
October-'07	31	214	121	76	4	0	8	5
November-07	30	216	121	81	3	0	6	5
December-07	30	215	120	80	3	0	5	5
January-08	30	216	118	83	3	0	7	5
February-08	30	216	118	83	5	0	5	5
March-08	30	219	121	83	5	0	5	5

ETB statistics are prepared quarterly.

These figures have been provided by the ETB and might be slightly inflated as some employers do not always deregister employees once they leave the company. However, we have been informed by the ETB that the insurance industry and banking sector are generally compliant.